



Maple syrup at markets again this summer

With the sap running and our volunteers working hard to produce our famous Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup, we're making plans to sell our syrup at local farmer's markets this summer. In recent years, this has become our main source of sales and, as a side note, it also helps us get the word out about the camp. This year, we will be selling at Massillon, Tuscarawas County, Canal Fulton and Jackson markets.

We need volunteers willing to commit a few hours a week to make this happen. No experience is needed and we will provide all the materials (bring a lawn chair). If you are interested in some fresh air, meeting and greeting all sorts of interesting people and helping us promote the camp, please give Nancy Schoenbaum a call at 330-493-1386 and let her know which market you could help out with. We really need some volunteers to help get through the summer.

Dover Dam Weekend to offer Engineering Merit Badge

The Great Pyramid of Giza, pop cans, a mess kit, Roman aqueducts, microwave ovens, video games, Golden Gate Bridge, a pacemaker, sleeping bags, the Space Shuttle, a lithium-ion battery, wind turbines, artificial limbs, every highway, Hoover & Dover Dams. Each started with an idea. But it took engineering, with the processes and materials and machinery, to make each of these.

Camp Tuscazoar will offer scouts the opportunity to explore engineering during its annual Dover Dam Weekend May 3-5. The following tracks will be offered:

Engineering Merit Badge (EMB) (*must be 13 or older, or First Class rank or higher*) - Engineers and engineering students from multiple fields will lead scouts through hands-on labs and group discussions. Scouts who complete all of the sessions and who turn in a completed blue card will earn the MB.

Engineering & Advancement with Scouting Skills (EASS) - (*open to all scouts*) - Scouts will journey to various sites throughout the camp. Each stop is designed with an engineering theme and will teach and enhance scouting skills. By the end, scouts should have completed approximately 10 rank requirements.

Engineering Activity Badge (EAB) - Cub Scouts can attend various sessions engineered just for them. These sessions will satisfy most of the EAB requirements and should be enjoyable for scouts of all ages.

Pre-registration is required for all three program tracks. Scouts are encouraged to attend for the full weekend. Pre-registered day-trippers will be accepted. For campers, campsites can only be guaranteed with pre-registration. The cost is \$12 per person (adult or scout). This fee covers all program activities, plus a keepsake patch, a great dinner and the campfire program. Camping costs are extra and depend on camp site or cabin selected.

For camping info and reservations: call Camp Tuscazoar at 330-859-2288 or visit us on the web at www.tuscazoar.org. For program info and pre-registration and the latest event updates: contact camptuscddd@gmail.com or visit us on the web at camptuscdd.weebly.com.

Maple Days set for Mar. 23 & 24

The sap is running! We have been busy tapping trees to collect the much-needed sap for our Maple Syrup operation. We have been blessed with many volunteers and can always use more help.

We will celebrate our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 23 and 24. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and orange drink. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under). They have been mailed to Foundation members and will also be available at the door.

This is an important fundraiser as we work to keep camping fees low while expenses for propane, electric and insurance continue to rise. You can help by joining us and enjoying a wonderful breakfast. If you want to purchase tickets in advance- please call the "Pancake Hotline" at 330-493-1386 and receive your tickets in the mail.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

For reservations or additional information, contact Camp Tuscazoar at 330-859-2288

My cost? Just one rock

My first time at Camp Tuscazoar was in the late 1950's. As with all Scouts, I was to take a rock up to a place called Pioneer Point. After I added my admission fee (the rock) to the huge pile of rocks that other scouts had placed before me, I sat and listened to many stories. I wish now I had paid better attention.

One of those stories was about the river that ran into the mountains. It was a special place in the world: an unnatural phenomenon. How wonderful it was to be there and to hear how the melting glacier made a huge lake and when the water got high enough, it cut a path through the hills making the Tuscarawas River that we know today.

In the past 4 to 5 years, as I make my way around camp and talk to campers, I have found out that it seems no one knows this story. Then, quite by accident, as I was surfing on the net last winter, I found the story to validate what I was told years ago. Here it is:

Backward Flowing River

Observe the direction of the current in the Tuscarawas River near the towpath. Though it now flows southeast, for 60 million years an ancestral river in this valley flowed to the northwest. Geologists have named this ancestral river Zoar Creek.

Buried Valley

If you were instantly transported back in time 200,000 years, you would find yourself suddenly 50 to 100 feet in the air above the banks of Zoar Creek. After 60 million years of eroding, the valley of Zoar Creek was at its lowest point. Sand and gravel outwash from two glaciers eventually filled in this valley to its current elevation. You are standing on this outwash now.

Records of well-drilling show that, near Zoar, this outwash of sand and gravel is 50 feet deep above the old valley floor. Near Bolivar the outwash is 120 feet deep and further north near Navarre it is 210 feet deep. How do these numbers relate to the direction of flow of the ancient Zoar Creek?

About 20,000 years ago, the Wisconsin Glacier made its maximum advance into this part of Ohio. The ice sheet never reached this location, but it did dam up Zoar Creek just north of Bolivar. Water rose behind this glacial dam filling the valley with a lake. When the water backed up deep enough, it overflowed through a low spot in the hills. This overflow cut a narrow gorge-like valley between Zoarville and Dover. The newly eroded valley was low enough so that even when the ice left, the river continued in its current direction. It must have been quite a sight to see --- from a safe distance of course.

Scoop

Hey, how about a good turn for old Scoop? We are losing lots of the old history of the Camp. So, if you have a story from days gone by, could you shoot me an email? I'd love to talk to you. Send it to Scoop at bernhardtm@sbcglobal.net.

Orienteering event returns Oct. 5 & 6

Camp Tuscazoar and the North Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club are again teaming up to present a great orienteering opportunity to Scouters this fall. Mark your calendars for the Northeast Ohio Scout Orienteering Championships (NOSOC) 2013 on October 5 and 6. NOSOC is open to Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts and their adult leaders. The event coincides with the Fall Flapjack Flip. On Saturday, scouts can complete several fun courses, even a Night-O, to hone their skills. Expert instruction is available. On Sunday, the championships will be run, with scouts and adults joining in friendly competition against scouts and adults of similar ranks. There will be patches and individual awards, as well as "team" points for a Sunday auction.

Each day is set up as a stand-alone event, so you can come either Saturday or Sunday, or both days, but pre-registration is required. For details and to register, visit our web page at: www.ScoutsOrienteering.weebly.com. For specific inquiries, contact us at ScoutsOrienteering@gmail.com. For more on orienteering opportunities throughout the year in Northeast Ohio, check out the full schedule at www.neoc.com.

Free camping at clean-up weekend Aug. 16-18

Your group can spend a weekend at Camp Tuscazoar for NO CHARGE! We are accepting free camping reservations (including a hot lunch on Saturday) for groups who complete a project in camp. Does your group need service hours? We have a variety of small projects. Litter clean-up, trail clean-up or firewood cutting are some options. Do you have a favorite cabin or tent site you like and want to fix up? We are looking for scouts, adults, laborers, and skilled contractors. We need your skills. Reservations are first-come, first-served. If you have tools or equipment to assist with your project, please plan to bring them with you. For more information, call the camp at 330-859-2288 or email us at info@tuscazoar.org.



Thanks to your contributions, the Stone Lodge is getting a new metal roof.

New Stone Lodge roof nearly complete

A new steel roof has almost been completely installed on the Stone Lodge and it looks great. With grants from the Haman and Moomaw Foundations, plus donations from many of our members who purchased "bundles of shingles", the repairs are being completed and we are paying cash for this work! A big "thank you" to the many folks who gave so generously to this project. Our next project at the Stone Lodge will be a much-needed replacement of the sliding-glass doors and the double entry doors. If you can assist with this project, please let us know.

Time has come for latrine upgrades

It's a dirty job but the latrines at camp need to be upgraded. We are installing an exhaust system to vacate the odors out of the latrines. Critters chewing on essential areas is a bigger problem to tackle. The diagram below is a prototype of what we are considering for all the latrine seats. We appreciate your understanding as we work through the design and installation issues with our latrine upgrades. We hear you and are working as fast as time, funds, volunteer laborers and the weather will allow. Each latrine presents its own installation challenges, but in time we intend to upgrade all of them. We're currently seeking grants to assist with funding. As always, we appreciate your patience and any assistance you or your group could provide.



Snow, sleds made the 2013 Gold Rush a true winter event

The 2013 Gold Rush was truly a winter outdoor competition! This year brought chilly temperatures and an ample supply of slippery snow. The amusing Friday night preview didn't prepare the challengers for what faced them the following day, but it did set their minds a-wondering. The next morning, 23 patrols joined in raising the U.S., Ohio and Alaskan flags. After having their sleds judged, the patrols took their map, scorecard and skills and raced off onto the trails to prove their skills.

This year's city challenges saw old favorites such as gold panning, fire building, orienteering and wildlife identification. New challenges like snapping turtles and a life-sized Kim's Game with a parachute offered greater challenges. No one expected to find a parachute in the woods, let alone one big enough to hold so many items you couldn't possibly remember them all in a minute, even as a group, but there it was!

The snow made the sleds move so quickly (downhill anyways!) that participants raced about in every direction to see who could best display their version of SKILL-ENDURANCE-STRATEGY & LUCK. These words have become synonymous with the Tuscazoar Gold Rush because, in order to win, a patrol needed to have all four things working on their side that day.

Cooking chili for the city mayors was a necessity not only for the good eats but to have their cooking skills judged for nuggets. Actually, those gold nuggets were the prize on everyone's mind. The more nuggets earned the closer somebody came to winning. Those with nuggets would be at the Saturday evening auction not only for the cool prizes and sweets, but to find out who won.

After a satisfying dinner of stew and cornbread cooked by Bob Spencer and his kitchen crew, everyone was ready for the campfire. It started with a short demonstration of the lost art of "fire by friction" from Ed Teeters, and then moved on to an awesome rendition



Brian Quinn is awarded the Old Sap Bucket

of the poem "The Cremation of Sam McGee" by John Siegler. The Tuscazoar Hymn was sung and an interesting song about that day's Gold Rush was sung too, but then came the time to award the coveted frying pans. Myron Mullett again painted some beautiful scenes onto cast iron skillets for our Gold Rush awards. One of the pans was actually found left in a campsite and still had the rust on the inside. Brian Quinn was even given an old Sap Bucket (painted up much like the pans) as a "thank you" for coordinating the Gold Rush again. A BIG thank you to all of our city mayors for their help and CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners! Best Sled went to troop 42's Raccoon Patrol and Best Patrol went to Troop 108's Rednecks. Overall winners for the "Gold Rush" event were: 3rd place- Crew 217; 2nd place-Troop 177 and 1st place- Troop 108. To view more photos, visit: <http://www.tuscazoar.org/2013grpage.htm>.

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CTF officers elected

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has elected new officers for 2013. They are:

President	Mike Snider
Vice-President	Marty Warther
Secretary	Jim Wright
Treasurer	Nancy Schoenbaum

Also, Brent Milburn and Todd Lehigh, new camp directors, assisted Treasurer Nancy Schoenbaum in the internal audit of the Foundation's books in January. The financial information and all records were found to be correct as reported to the board. Thanks to all for their hard work!

Coming Events:

Mar 23 & 24	Maple Days Breakfast
April 7	CTF Board Meeting
May 3-5	Dover Dam Weekend
May 5	CTF Board Meeting
June 2	CTF Board Meeting
July 7	CTF Board Meeting
Aug 4	CTF Board Meeting
Aug 16-18	Clean-up Weekend
Sept 6-8	Pig Gig/Pig Roast

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Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

The following have helped ensure the future of Camp Tuscazoar with their contributions to the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund.

Joel Hamsher – Life Membership

Greg Bilek - Life Membership

Nancy Schoenbaum - In memory of Sherry Lee

Bob Spencer - In memory of Sherry Lee

The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund was established to ensure that maintenance and improvement projects have an ongoing source of funds. Please consider sending a gift!

Board modifies Camp Tuscazoar Foundation membership policy

Recently the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Board of Directors revised the policy for membership payments. In order to simplify our record-keeping and to assist our printer in the production of new membership cards, all memberships will be due in September of each year with cards to be mailed as soon as they are printed.

As you are well aware, Camp Tuscazoar receives no monies from any organization and relies totally on camping fees, memberships and our three annual fundraisers for the funds needed to keep this wonderful place open. We are extremely grateful for your continued support. Membership also ensures that you continue to receive our calendar, tickets to our events (thus saving you \$\$) and our newsletter, the Breeze.

Please watch for your renewal letter which should be mailed in August and thank you for helping to "keep the spirit burning."