

Camp RV park opens

Want to spend a quiet weekend away from the TV, cell phone and computer? If you have a small camper that is waiting to get out of the snow - now you have a place to go. Camp Tuscazoar has opened an RV park across from the camp entrance, near the Stone Lodge. Sites are available for daily, weekly or long-term rental. Each site has a loose limestone base with available electric and water hookups. A grey (wash) water disposal pipe is located at each pad. Along the departure route, a black water (sewer dump) station is available for RV's and portable tanks.

The camp rules apply to the RV park. Maximum occupancy is five persons per site, with a required responsible 21 year old on site and a valid Ohio ID. Quiet times for the park are 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. RVs are not to be left unoccupied for more than 48 hours. Contact the camp Ranger for additional information, fees and site reservations.

Maple Days set for March 15, 16

Camp Tuscazoar will host its annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 15 & 16. 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've been mailed to CTF members and will also be available at the door.

The sap is running and we are busy tapping the trees and collecting sap for our Maple Syrup operation. We have been blessed with many volunteers but we could always use more to help.

This year, we are participating in the Ohio Maple Madness tour, which will bring folks from all over northeast Ohio to view our operation and our camp. Please welcome our new visitors!

As always, we'll have bottles and jugs of our maple syrup available for purchase. This important fundraiser helps us keep camping fees low while our expenses for propane, electric and insurance continue to rise. You will be pleased to hear that natural gas has arrived at the camp and several of our buildings are up and running thus allowing us to reduce expensive propane costs.

If you want to purchase tickets in advance, call the "Pancake Hotline" at 330-493-1386 to receive your tickets in the mail.

Dover Dam Weekend to focus on disabilities awareness

Persons with disabilities are our neighbors, our classmates, our family members, and sometimes us. Yet, we're not always certain how to react to those disabilities. During Dover Dam Weekend, May 2-4, scouts will gain a better understanding of the impediments the world places before persons with disabilities, how they deal with those impediments, and how we can avoid being such a barrier.

Whether scouts attend for the weekend, or just on Saturday, they will have a chance to complete all of the Disabilities Awareness merit badge requirements. Younger scouts can also complete many of the Cub Scout belt loop and academic pin requirements.

Persons with disabilities, and professionals who work in multiple ways with persons with disabilities, will be our primary instructors.

Language matters. Scouts will learn to use language that acknowledges that the person and the disability are not the same, and that the former, when properly equipped, can be better positioned to handle the latter. With expert guidance, scouts will also discuss the myths that mislead us about the capabilities of those with disabilities. An obstacle course will provide a firsthand view of how persons with disabilities may use various aids to assist them in overcoming barriers that exist around us.

Pre-registration is required. Scouts are encouraged to attend for the full weekend, but re-registered day-trippers will be accepted. Campsites can only be guaranteed with pre-registration. The \$12 per person fee (adult or scout) covers all program activities, a keepsake patch, a great dinner and the campfire program. Camping costs are extra and depend on the 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 information, pre-registration and the latest event updates, contact camptuscddd@gmail.com or visit camptuscddd.weebly.com.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Camp Tuscazoar memories

Fond memories of a Tiki god

By Mike Bernhardt (Scoop)

Down by the shallow end of the swimming pool there was once a Tiki god. Just like the pool, the Tiki is long gone.

The Tiki may be gone, but his story hasn't been forgotten. The camp staff put it down there and, because it was new, they came up with a little cheer that you were to say when you walked by. Some guys did – most guys didn't. You know how it goes.

Our new wooden-headed friend was in for a literal eye opener that will put a smile on your face. A new week at camp that summer of 1962 began with fear in the balance for the Tiki. There was treachery afoot.

Along came Wednesday evening (parent's night...do you remember?) That was when the folks brought down your midweek snack supply to get you through until Saturday. Campers went to bed with happy tummies full of junk food.

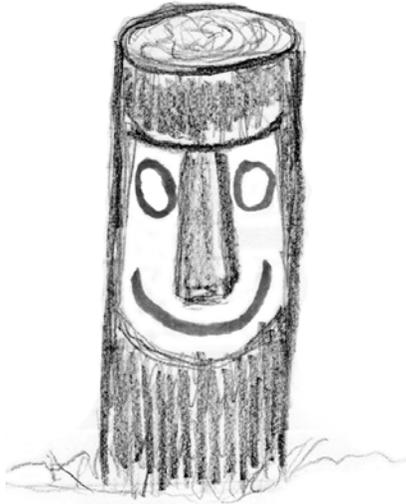
Reveille sounded on Thursday morning and the scouts made their way to the dining hall. As they passed by the swimming pool, a surprise was waiting for them. During the night someone had painted two round green eyes and a big green smile on the Tiki. Nothing was said by the camp staff at breakfast but everyone knew that they would be on the hunt to bring the guilty to justice.

One troop in camp that week always set up their own World War II U.S. Army surplus tents when they were in camp. It just so happened that they had painted their troop number on their tents earlier in the week. The paint color that was chosen was exactly the same color of green as the paint on the Tiki.

It didn't take too long to put out the dragnet and round up "The Green Gang". It was full of notorious wise guys such as R.B., S.L., J.S. and a few others. I will only use initials so I can protect the innocent.

Friday at noon was the deadline for camp honors. Friday afternoon was free time to do whatever you wanted until dinner. That particular afternoon, "The Green Gang" had a job to do. They were down at the Tiki with sandpaper and paint scrapers removing the green paint. They had to pass a meticulous inspection before dinner or NO camp honors would be awarded.

The seventh point of the Scout Law says a scout is obedient. They all received their camp honors.



Pig Gig to feature Wilderness Survival

The hearty volunteers at Camp Tuscazoar are busy working on Wilderness Survival Merit Badge for our Pig Gig, Sept. 5-7.

The full merit badge will be offered with no cutting of corners. Scouts may have the opportunity to fish the Tuscarawas River without a rod, reel or even a hook; garden the White Eyes for the vegan in you; hunt the Netawatwes valley and sample the products of the camp's brooks and streams. Along the way, you'll learn skills you hope you will never have to use.

The only prerequisite will be that each Scout must bring a homemade survival kit to discuss in class:

Req. #5. Put together a personal survival kit and explain how each item in it could be useful.

Scouts must also be prepared to spend the night in a shelter they craft themselves (see req. #8). Merit badge cards will be issued Saturday night to those that spent Friday night roughing it. Cards will be issued Sunday morning to those that stay in their shelter Saturday night.

A scout leader and Scoutmaster meeting will be held at Troop 5 Cabin Friday night at 8 p.m. where weekend details will be discussed.

Planning is also in the works to offer the following requirements for Cub Scouts:

Webelos	Forester & Outdoorsman
Bear	Savings and Chips & Tying It All Up (Bring a folding knife, sharpening stone and rope)
Wolf	Your Flag & Your Living World
Tiger	Making My Family Special – 1G Where I Live – 2D Let's Go Outdoors – 5F, D & G

A meeting for Cub Scout leaders will be held following flag-raising on Saturday morning. Watch for more information on the camp website at www.tuscazoar.org and in future issues of the *Breeze*. We hope to see you there!

Natural gas comes to Camp Tuscazoar

Visitors to camp in recent months have no doubt noticed all the trenching in and around the Central Camp buildings. The reason? The camp, at long last, is moving from expensive propane to relatively cheap natural gas. And the phrase "relatively cheap" can be used because natural gas is 66% cheaper per BTU than propane.

The total cost of this project, which includes the costs of converting existing appliances to burn gas, and replacing several aging furnaces, is around \$85,000. The good news is that almost \$63,000 of the expense has been donated by Sound Energy (CTF Life members Bruce and Nate Levengood), which provided all the pipeline needed, Henry's Heating & Cooling, which provided a new furnace, Local 18 of the Operating Engineers, which has done and expects to complete all the trenching, and Foundation project co-chairs VP Marty Warther, Ranger Dana Powers and Attorney Dave Tschantz, who handled all the paperwork and necessary coordination with all the organizations providing services to us on this project.

The Foundation is also applying for a grant to assist with project expenses. The gas coming to the camp is being piped out of three wells: one on the Dessecker Farm, one on camp property, and one located on the Vickery Farm to our north. With regard to the well on the Vickery Farm, the Foundation was unexpectedly able to lease a few acres along Boy Scout Road which permits us to obtain a limited amount of free gas every year for four camp buildings: the Ranger's House, the W.C. Moorhead Museum, the Stone Lodge and Belcher Lodge. The gas from the wells in the southern part of the camp is being piped, by agreement between Sound Energy, Red Hill Development and Advantage Energy, through a dormant pipeline already in place in the railroad bed. As a backup, if needed, the camp's supply system will draw gas from a Buckeye Franklin Company pipeline north of the camp.

Kimble Hall and Duryee Lodge have already been converted to natural gas, and the next few weeks will see the conversion of Belcher Lodge, the Sugar House evaporator, the museum, the Ranger's House and the Stone Lodge to gas as well. We will continue to keep you updated on this exciting project!



Gold Rush patrols survive heavy snow, apocalyptic trail

"PARTICIPANTS.....are you prepared?" Those words rang throughout the camp of Tuscazoar amidst a snowy apocalyptic 25th day of January in the year 2014. Accompanied by the sounds of an Air Raid siren and visions of apocalyptic figures, twenty five patrols faced biohazards, radiation fall out, mutations and countless other challenges in their quest to survive and triumph over the **Gold Rush Apocalyptic Trail**.

The rules hadn't changed, but this year's participants had to find cities that each included an apocalyptic twist to its challenge. Not only did they have to find cities that had been moved, but they also had to carry with them a toxic vial to dispose of at the appropriate city. Some survival skills came into play and some group effort was a must, but all patrols finished in the allotted time for the event. The city mayors all did an awesome job of evaluating the very exuberant participants, especially considering both groups were handling contaminated nuggets all day long.

Congratulations to the following groups for winning pans this year: Troop 108 for earning the 1st place pan and having the best patrol (the Red Neck patrol); Troop 127 for earning 2nd place; and Troop 44 for coming in 3rd. Congratulations also to the Honey Badgers from Troop 42 for having the best apocalyptic transport unit, aka their sled. Bob Spencer received this year's Sap Bucket Award and he and his cooking staff are to be commended for feeding the ranks with CDC approved gear and ingredients. Thanks go out to Myron Mullett for painting all the award pans and a special for this year; apocalypse pheasant painted inside our 1st place pan.

A unique event ended the competitive day: an auction in the wasteland appropriated dining hall using the contaminated nuggets earned earlier at city challenges. Before the auction, however, John Sigler retold the haunting yet appropriate *tale of Sam Magee*. Then, a modern music-themed picture show let everyone relive the day through photos of

Tuscazoar's Apocalyptic Trail.

Parting through the dining hall doors left all participants safe from harm by decontaminating them in blue strobe and blinking lighting.

"Let's do this!" an apocalyptic figure said, and so our participants did! Congratulations and "thank you" to all for a truly fantastic event.



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Memberships needed

By now, most of you who renewed your Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) membership prior to December 31 have received new membership cards. If you missed the fall renewal, reminders were mailed with your Maple Days tickets. Camp Tuscazoar relies entirely on camping fees, memberships, and annual fundraisers to keep this wonderful place open. We are extremely grateful for your continued support. Membership also ensures that you receive our calendar, event tickets (thus saving you \$\$) and our newsletter, the *Breeze*. Thank you for your support and we hope to hear from all of you soon!

Coming Events:

Mar 15 & 16	Maple Days Breakfast
April 6	CTF Board Meeting
May 2-4	Dover Dam Weekend
May 4	CTF Board Meeting
June 1	CTF Board Meeting
July 6	CTF Board Meeting
Aug 3	CTF Board Meeting
Sept 5-7	Pig Gig Campout
Sept 6 & 7	Pig Roast Fundraiser

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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.

Dwight Kline - In memory of Robert Kline

Joyce Bilhary - In memory of Duane Zutavern

Dwight Kline - Matching gift

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!

Foundation receives four grants

Camp Tuscazoar has received four Gap grants from the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

The first grant funded a redesign and reprint the camp's Visitors Guide. We also received funds to set up a display at the Buckeye Council, BSA's Baden Powell Institute, which allows us to reach out to more troops and promote what our camp has to offer. And, we created a display board (a large version of our Visitors Guide) to display at future events, at area Farmers Markets and at county fairs.

The third grant enabled us to join the Ohio Maple Madness tour this year, which will bring more visitors to camp during Maple Days. Funds were also provided to advertise this event.

The fourth grant, perhaps the most needed, will benefit the W.C. Moorhead Museum. We have purchased a laptop to catalogue donated items to the museum. Also, we have obtained several archival storage containers. The best part of the grant was the availability of several interns from the Kent State University Stark Campus to assist with organizing and cataloging our collection.

We are so grateful to the Tuscarawas CVB for this opportunity to make needed purchases that otherwise would have not be possible.