



Online camping registration available

Would you like to be able to see if a cabin, tent site, RV site or adirondack is open for your group's camping weekend? Would it make it easier to have that information within seconds? If you answered "Yes" to these questions, then you will want to sign-up for the camp's new online registration program at <http://www.tentaroo.com/tuscazoar>.

NOTE: You will need to use a computer with the Adobe Flash program installed.

Before you can view the reservation information, you must first complete the first-time registration form on the right side of the page. After the initial registration, you will only need your user name and password to re-enter the site. If you represent a Boy Scout troop, you will choose, via a drop-down box, the council

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Maple Days set for March 19, 20

Camp Tuscazoar will host its annual Maple Days "breakfast" from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 19 and 20. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes, eggs (new this year), sausage, applesauce and orange drink. Tickets, which are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children (10 & under), are available from CTF members or at the door.

For the third consecutive year, we are participating in the Ohio Maple Madness tour, which brings folks from all over northeast Ohio to view our operation and our camp. If you see some new faces, please make them welcome!

This important fundraiser helps us keep camping fees low while our expenses for materials, electric and insurance continue to rise. You can help by joining us at this event and enjoying a delicious breakfast in return. Hopefully, if the weather cooperates, the Hoover Lodge roof project will be completed. Take a few minutes and stroll up to see it. Many of you donated funds for this project and we are extremely grateful.

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 will focus on Archaeology MB

Scouts can earn Archaeology Merit Badge at our annual **Dover Dam Weekend on April 29 to May 1**. Lots of exciting events are planned. You will see how these history detectives figure out the when's, how's and why's of the past. With guidance and instruction provided by both professional and dedicated and experienced amateur archaeologists, you will learn about the techniques and tools used to travel back in time to see what you would have seen had you been there in person. You will learn about real archaeological sites around the world, and you will get to hold real artifacts discovered at real "digs". You will also meet someone from the Revolutionary War period and tour Fort Laurens, the site of an actual archaeological dig dating from the Revolutionary War.

You will work with skilled crafters who will give hands-on instruction in the art of taking rough stone and delicately knapping away at it until it reveals the tools and weaponry critical to survival. And, divided into small groups, you will participate in a dig, where you and your friends, with the assistance of members of the Sugarcreek Valley Chapter of the Archeological Society of Ohio, will be given a plot to excavate. You'll work a screen, carefully looking for any artifacts that may be discovered among the dirt and rocks.

And, as always, you will have the chance to tour a real dam! Throw in a commemorative patch, a great dinner and an old-fashioned campfire program and it makes for a great weekend. The cost is \$15 per participant, which covers all activities, the patch and dinner Saturday night. Camping costs are extra. Volunteers have an opportunity to attend this event for no charge.

Pre-registration is required, with the event expected to be at capacity. For camping info and reservations, call 330-859-2288 or visit www.tuscazoar.org. For program and pre-registration info, visit <http://camptuscdd.weebly.com> or e-mail camptuscddd@gmail.com.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



Ready - Aim - Fire!

By Mike Bernhardt (Scoop)

The picture above is not the original Camp Tuscazoar McKinley Cannon. I couldn't find a decent picture of our old cannon, so I decided to use this one. After you read the story below you will understand why I used this picture. As you know, I do not use the names of the people who tell me these stories. The same is true with this one. I can assure you that what you read below actually did happen. The story has been written by the original author.

Years ago, before Seven Ranges, the groups of Scouts attending summer camp at Camp Tuscazoar were smaller in size than today. Consequently, the camp staffs were also smaller in size. These, combined with the smaller camp size, allowed closer camaraderie between the Scouts and staff. It was not unusual for petty pranks to exist between the two groups during the week.

On one such occasion, the camp staff planned to point the cannon at our troop at the final retreat on Saturday and fire it. The cannon was always loaded with blanks and no one could be hurt. This was carefully planned after consulting with me to permit the stunt. While I was to keep this secret so that it would be a complete surprise, I decided to not allow them to pull this stunt without some recourse. Beforehand I very quietly told our troop of the plans and we agreed that if this occurred we would all fall down and play dead after the firing.

When this took place you can imagine the shock of the staff and the other troops present at the retreat thinking that the cannon was actually loaded with a live round. While this turned out to be a funny exercise I don't believe it was ever done again.

Orienteering returns on 6/26

Once again the peaks and valleys, reentrants and knolls, creek beds and woods will fill with the sights and sounds of those wild and crazy orienteers, maps in hand, trying to find the elusive orange and white control flags placed throughout the hundreds of acres of our own very own Camp Tuscazoar. On June 26, the North Eastern Ohio Orienteering Club (NEOOC) returns to the Camp for the first time since 2013 to host a full orienteering event.

Never done an orienteering course before? Don't worry. Pick a Beginner White or Experienced Beginner Yellow course, both about a mile long, with controls placed on or very near trails. Bring the whole family. Go at your own pace whether that's a gentle walk, a breezy jog, or an all-out run. Feeling a little more adventurous? Then maybe move up to an Intermediate Orange course with many of the flags a little further off the trails. For those who think they know the camp's crevices pretty well, who want to explore, or who want the physical challenge, throw caution to the wind and go for the Advanced Green or longer Advanced Red course.

But wait...there's more. Not all orienteering courses are designed for the foot. For those who attend NEOOC's annual July Canoe-O at Walborn Reservoir, that's nothing new. How about mountain bike orienteering (MTBO)? For the first time in northeast Ohio, mountain bikers will have the chance to test their orienteering skills with courses designed just for them and their awesome machines. Working with The Dirt Line, challenging but manageable courses will be made available for biking enthusiasts.

Mark your calendars now, and follow along as more details are unveiled over the next few months on the websites for Camp Tuscazoar (www.tuscazoar.org), the NEOOC (<http://neoc.com>), and the Dirt Line (<https://www.facebook.com/TheDirtline>).

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to which your unit belongs; do not worry about filling in a district. The username can be anything you like, including an email address. *Again, this step only needs to be completed once.*

Now that you have successfully logged into our site, you can check to see which sites are available (checkmarks in a green circle). Before you actually make a reservation, you must first create a trip and give it a name. The name could be anything, e.g., polar bear campout #1, orienteering weekend, maple days, etc. This trip name will help you identify your reservations more easily, allow you to reserve multiple sites for the same time period, and will assist us in communicating with you. After you create your trip, you can reserve any site for the days you wish to use it.

Payment will still be handled by check and must be sent within fourteen days to confirm your reservation. The January Gold Rush will be blocked out and we will take those reservations manually.

For technical assistance, please contact Kevin Powell at kevinpowell6@gmail.com. Questions about the facilities and camp policies should be addressed to info@tuscazoar.org.

Help needed for summer markets

As you know, our Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup is quite popular and we enjoy brisk sales at the local farmers markets during the summer. To keep these venues working, we need volunteers. If you have an afternoon or a Saturday morning when you could help, please let us know. The more visible we become the better our sales will be. Help is needed in both the Dover and Canton areas, so you can be involved no matter where you live. At this time, we are not able to renew our booth at the Massillon Farmers Market because we do not have volunteers to be there on a regular basis. These markets are another way to inform the public about our camp and hopefully bring more hikers and visitors to our grounds. Please contact Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386 to discuss how you can help.

Recipes sought for camp cookbook

We would like to gather recipes for a Camp Tuscazoar cookbook. We'll take whatever you can send in one or more of the following categories:

Breakfast	Lunch
Dinner	Dessert/Bread/Other

Please include all information to make the dinner, such as ingredients, cooking times and preferred cooking method (wood, charcoal, camp stove, oven, dutch oven, pans, foil, etc.) We are partial to camp cooking but will take all comers.

If you have a good historical (or hysterical) anecdote about the dinner, please include this as well. Dinner sides will also be accepted, such as dinner bread, salads, or sauces.

Let us know if you want your name published with it, or if you prefer we use a pseudonym. Recipes can be e-mailed to ranger@tuscazoar.org, or can be mailed to:

Attn: Dana Powers, Ranger
Camp Tuscazoar Foundation
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Gold Rush trilogy concludes with "Ice Sledgers" course

The 2016 Gold Rush took place in January with a record 27 patrols participating in the final "Apocalypse Trilogy" event. A light layer of frosty snow and some slick icy terrain made it a true "Ice Sledgers" course as our participants ventured forth on the "Fury Trail". Amazingly all 27 eager groups that departed in the morning also completed the basic Gold Rush course. A select few chose to venture further in an attempt to better their chance for winning and trekked out onto the "Fury Trail" leading them to Buzzards Roost, Tom's Chapel and Pioneer Point. Thinking outside of the box and following the directions scrolled inside led some (with their box, plant and beads) to victory this year and a winning pan for their efforts.

The six cities this year offered participants a variety of new challenges testing their skill at throwing grappling hooks at cargo nets; lashing poles to tubes to maneuver a ball through it; identifying stars and animal tracks; manipulating a staff with orienteering knowledge; and spinning a wheel to decide what challenge they would face. The wheel was exciting to watch as the sledgers tested their luck and spun the wheel to see what challenge they would have to face: Alligator Hurdles; Buzzard Ring Toss; Arctic Anaconda Slalom; Snapping Turtle Balance; or the Armadillo Toss. A huge "Thank You!" to the city mayors and judges who assisted with scoring and running our apocalyptic event again this year. Without their efforts to maintain the day's challenges, Gold Rush would not be possible. Thanks to all who helped that day!

This trilogy of events all started with a single item in a single city site challenge in 2013. The item was a toxic bio-hazard filled container (just a prop, not real) in a life-sized Kim's Game. It ended this year with every patrol carrying and caring for a small plant in a box for a chance to win and start a new era. All groups put forth an amazing effort. Our winners completed The Event with the fastest time of 36 minutes after all the times and nuggets were tallied. Congratulations to the Raccoon patrol of Troop 42 for taking best patrol and Troop 42 for winning 1st Place. Congratulations also to Troop 124 for 2nd Place and Troop 16 for 3rd Place. The winning sled belonged to the Jalapeno Patrol from Troop 10. Great job and nice work to our winners. They received extra nuggets for the auction and special hand-painted cast iron pans with their placing on them. Thanks to Myron Mullett for his artistic, beautifully painted artwork on each of the winning pans. Myron has been hand-painting award pans for Klondike Derbys and Gold Rushes for many, many years, and this year's winners now have Myron's final editions to this long history of pan painted awards. Thank You, Myron, for so many inspiring images given to our winners over the years!!!

Saturday concluded with the usual awards and auction, along with John Sigler's account of the balled of Sam Magee and a music accompanied movie slide show of the day's competition and happenings. Thanks to Ed Carter and Jill Young for comprising the day's participants and events into an enjoyable show for us. Oh, if you see Jon Karns, tell him "nice job" on winning the Old Sap Bucket award. Congrats Jon! The food was good again, like we knew it would be. A "good job" to Bob and his cooking staff. Thanks!!

And, with that, the Tuscazoar Gold Rush Apocalypse Trail, Revenge of the Prospectors Daughter, Ice Sledgers Trail of Fury Trilogy comes to an end! Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the ride and is ready for next year, as the Gold Rush starts with a new beginning!

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Last call for members

By now, those who renewed their Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) membership prior to December 31 should 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 the camp open. We are extremely grateful for your 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 you soon!

Coming Events:

Mar 19 & 20	Maple Days "Breakfast"
March 19	Heritage Trail Hike
April 30	Heritage Trail Hike
Apr 29-May 1	Dover Dam Weekend
May 21	Heritage Trail Hike
June 18	Heritage Trail Hike
June 26	NEOOC Orienteering
July 16	Heritage Trail Hike
Aug 13	Heritage Trail Hike
Sept 9-11	Pig Roast Weekend

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

Doug Rizert - Life membership

Update on Hoover Lodge improvements



Contractors visited camp in early February to obtain final measurements on the roof of Hoover Lodge. Roof replacement is scheduled to begin in late February. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is now working to obtain additional grant monies to fund replacing the lodge's original windows.

Heritage Trail hikes resume March 19

Hikers can tour Camp Tuscazoar on Saturdays again this year. Led by volunteer Mike Bernhardt, our Heritage Trail hikes will include several historic sites at the camp and will feature stories about the area's rich history. Meet at the camp's W.C. Moorhead Museum, next to the parking lot, at 11 a.m. The hikes are designed for people of all ages. Participants are encouraged to register by sending an email to info@tuscazoar.org. The 2016 hikes are scheduled for:

March 19	May 21	July 16	September 17
April 30	June 18	Aug 13	October 15

Those planning to attend should visit the camp's website at www.tuscazoar.org before traveling to the camp to make certain the hike will proceed as planned. We hope to see you there.