

Camp Tuscazoar clatter

The camp has a new **sign-in board**, thanks to the efforts of Jim Murray and Troop 38. Be sure to stop and sign in if you are coming to camp to hike for the day. The museum has a fresh supply of the "**Hail All Ye Old Time Campers**" cassette tapes. Introduced in 1985 by the Troop 5 Foundation, this tape features a number of camp songs sung by former Tuscazoar camp staffers. Stop by the museum on your next weekend visit and pick up a copy. Todd Lehigh is installing a small wood-burning furnace in **Troop 5 Cabin**. The furnace should be ready to go this spring. Dick Matheny and Don Selby have been working to enlarge a storage area in **Kimble Hall** to hold the steam tables that are used for event weekends. Thanks to Todd, Dick and Don for their hard work on these projects.

A **workday** is planned for April 6. Make plans to help prepare the camp for spring!

Dover Dam Weekend will offer adventures in fire safety, May 3-5

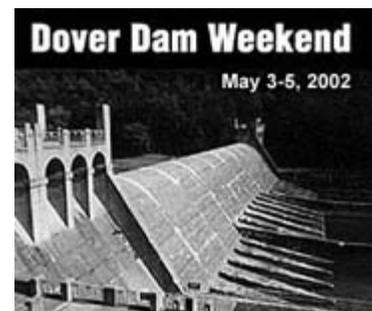
Camp Tuscazoar will once again offer a variety of fun and educational activities at its annual Dover Dam Weekend, May 3-5.

Naturally, no Dover Dam Weekend would be complete without a visit to Dover Dam. Since 1988, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has graciously led guided tours of the dam for camp visitors and this year will be no exception. On the hillside above the dam is Buzzard's Roost, which is always a popular spot to visit either before or after a tour of the dam.

The weekend will also feature an emphasis on fire safety. A variety of activities and demonstrations are planned, including fire management by the U.S. Forest Service, home fire safety, an ambulance with medics, several fire-fighting vehicles, the jaws of life and a police K-9 unit. Scout groups participating in the Saturday events will have an opportunity to earn Firemanship Merit Badge.

The organized events will begin at flag-raising on Saturday morning and will conclude with an evening campfire program at the Hoover Lodge amphitheater.

Campsites are still available. The \$7 per person activity fee includes all camp events, a souvenir patch and a BBQ chicken dinner Saturday evening. Camping and canoeing fees are additional. For more information, call 330-859-2288.



Second annual "Primitive Gathering" coming June 15-16

Camp Tuscazoar will host its second Primitive Gathering June 15 and 16. This event showcases the primitive skills of atlatl, primitive archery, flint knapping and basket weaving.

The public is invited to join in and participate in this unusual display of primitive arts. The camp gates will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Skilled craftsman will display their crafting, throwing and shooting talents. Practice and challenge ranges will be open to visitors and exhibitors to try their throwing skills. Instructors will have throwing sticks and darts to try. The event will also offer flint, atlatl and primitive archery crafts for purchase. A benefit auction with finely crafted items is scheduled for Saturday.

If you have questions, or if you are interested in exhibiting or assisting, please contact Norm Saeger via e-mail at saeger@raex.com.



Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Mark your calendars for the annual Pig Weekend, Sept. 13-15

Preparations are already underway for "Tuscazoar's greatest weekend". The Pig Gig campout will offer an assortment of outdoor activities for campers Sept. 13-15 and the Pig Roast fund-raiser will once again offer a delicious meal that can't be beat. Last year, the Pig Roast was open on both Saturday and Sunday from 3 to 6:30 p.m. By popular demand, we will offer those hours again this year. So, if you can't make it down to camp on Sunday, or if you have a family member in camp for the Pig Gig Campout and want to join them for the evening meal, then plan to head to camp Saturday evening.

This weekend is vital to the annual maintenance and upkeep at Camp Tuscazoar. As the monthly costs of electricity, propane, fuel, supplies, trash removal, insurance and other expenses continue to rise, the Pig Weekend has helped to boost our funds and enable us to keep our camping fees affordable. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support we receive for this event.

Advance tickets for the Pig Roast will be available from Camp Tuscazoar Foundation members or by contacting the camp. We will announce more details in the next issue of the Breeze.



Dan Fladung, also known as Soundspirit, kept campers spellbound at the Pig Gig campfire last fall with his songs, stories and Native American artifacts.

Think Spring! It's time for our annual *Dover Dam Weekend*

Get out of the house!
Come and enjoy...

- Fire safety activities
- Tours of Dover Dam
- Campfire program
- BBQ chicken dinner
- and much, much more!



May 3-5 at historic Camp Tuscazoar

Gold Rush offered lots of fun and games, but not much snow or ice

Eleven patrols from 8 troops (4 senior units, 6 junior units, and 1 Webelos Den) enjoyed a warm and sunny Gold Rush at Camp Tuscazoar in February. Events and happenings included:

1. Inspection - After the colors were raised at the parade grounds, Patrol Leaders drew each other's names and conducted inspection.
2. Compass - A challenging course straight from the Scout compass game.
3. Fuzz & fire - The scout who bet the eggs were already hard-boiled (and cracked the egg on his head to prove it) got a free egg shampoo.
4. Nature ID - Units were asked to identify rocks, birds, constellations, leaves, and animal tracks.
5. Knots - The groups hiked down to Blackfoot to tie clove hitches, half hitches, square knots, fisherman knots, and sheet bends, then walked a course with the Patrol tied together.
6. Casting - It was a nice spring-like day. What better way to spend it than practicing casting into a bucket?
7. First Aid - Tests of knowledge and skill
8. Light the candle - The Webelos Den beat everyone lighting a candle by making a twelve-foot paper tube and extinguishing the lit candle from twelve feet away!
9. Archery - Three scouts hit the bulls-eye --an X on a paper plate from 15 feet.

The day ended with retreat, dinner, campfire with songs and skits from the patrols, and first place awards. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done.

Howard Rubin, Jr

St. Patrick's Day brings green to Tuscazoar

by Ranger Dana Powers

The signs of spring are edging out of the ground at our camp. The unstoppable Multiflora Rose is greening, the trees are showing buds and some smaller plants are peeking out from their cover of leaves. St. Patrick's Day also starts our spring hours. The camp will be open for visitors and members for daily use from 8:30 a.m. to **6 p.m.** now – a change from the current 4 p.m. All camp daily visitors need to be out of camp at that time. Sunset at this time of year is about 6:30 p.m. Remember to use the sign-in sheet as you visit camp. This helps us identify who is in camp if there is an emergency. Also, we can show camp usage figures when we apply for grants and other items to help support the camp functions.

We receive requests daily for information on daily, overnight and some week usage rates at camp. The usual process for this is...

- 1) First, call the camp ranger to inquire about date and site availability. Have a first and second choice for dates and sites to inquire on.
- 2) Verbally confirm a date and site with the ranger.
- 3) A camping application is mailed to the guest about that time.
- 4) From that verbal confirmation date, the guest has 14 days to pay for their reservation and return the application, or the reservation is not guaranteed. Typically, we will attempt to contact you by telephone to inquire about payment before any cancellation.

Reservations cannot be made more than a year in advance. Groups in camp have until Sunday at checkout (11:30 a.m.) to make reservations in their current location for the following year. Here is a brief price structure for weekend camp lodge rentals (for youth groups only).

\$50 Hoover Lodge
\$60 Hoover Lodge & field
\$45 Keppler Lodge
\$55 Keppler Lodge & field
\$40 Jamboree Lodge
\$30 Troop 5 Cabin
\$25 Duryee Lodge (ground floor)

Colonel Henry Bouquet in the Tuscarawas River valley

by Dave Tschantz

Colonel Henry Bouquet of the Royal American Regiment of the British Army was a major military figure in colonial American history. His campaigns were significant to the historical development of the Ohio Valley. Had Bouquet not broken the power of the Indians, the Americans would have had no foothold beyond the Appalachian Mountains to help fight the Revolutionary War and begin the country's westward expansion



Bouquet was born in 1719 to a respected family in Switzerland. He began his military career early, enlisting at the age of seventeen in one of the professional regiments hired by various European powers. While serving in the Swiss Guards of the Prince of Orange, he polished his military skills and won promotion to lieutenant colonel. The French and Indian War brought Bouquet to America in the spring of 1756, the year after the disastrous defeat of Major General Edward Braddock near Ft. Duquesne (now Pittsburgh) Pennsylvania. That defeat undoubtedly weighed heavily on the mind of the 37-year-old lieutenant colonel. Bouquet was successful in recruiting men among the German settlers of Pennsylvania and Maryland to serve in his regiment and they were sent in 1757 to Charlestown, South Carolina to improve that colony's defenses.

However, in 1758 he was recalled to Pennsylvania where he was named second-in-command under Brig. General John Forbes for the capture of Ft. Duquesne. Bouquet was responsible for supervising the construction of the Forbes Road, which the army used to travel from Carlisle, Pennsylvania to the French fort at the forks of the Ohio. The British captured the fort after the French abandoned it on November 24, 1758 and Forbes renamed Ft. Pitt and later Pittsburgh, in honor of the great British statesman, William Pitt. Bouquet engaged in other expeditions against the French until the war ended with the Treaty of Paris on February 7, 1763.

Bouquet's important service to the Ohio Valley and the Camp Tuscazoar area began after the French and Indian War. In the spring of 1763 the Indians, whose relations with the British swiftly deteriorated in large measure due to British arrogance, broke the peace and attacked all of the British posts in the western country. This series of attacks is now called Pontiac's War, from the name of the Ottawa chief who besieged Detroit. Forts Pitt, Niagara and Detroit held out during the siege, but all of the other posts between them were overrun or surrendered by the end of June 1763. Bouquet, still in America after much of the British Army had been withdrawn following the cessation of hostilities with the French, was ordered to march with a force of 400 troops to relieve Ft. Pitt. They set out in July and, near Bushy Run, a few miles north of Jeannette, Pennsylvania, the little army was ambushed on August 5th and 6th by a similar force of Indians composed mainly of Delaware and Shawnee warriors.

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Camp website returns

After a two-month absence, the Camp Tuscazoar website has returned to the worldwide web. The site was inadvertently shut down in December when our previous host chose to dedicate their server to other projects. The Foundation has since located a new host, and the site went "live" again in early February. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Visit www.tuscazoar.org to check out our new format and to get the latest camp information. Also, be sure to send us your inputs on how we can improve the site.

Coming Events:

April 7	CTF Board Meeting
May 3-5	Dover Dam Weekend
May 5	CTF Board Meeting
June 2	CTF Board Meeting
June 15-16	Primitive Gathering
July 14	CTF Board Meeting
August 4	CTF Board Meeting
Sept. 8	CTF Board Meeting
Sept. 13-15	Pig Weekend

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This summer, plan to hike one of the trails that pass Tuscazoar

Besides the trails and paths within Camp Tuscazoar's perimeters, several trails pass close to and through the camp.

The **Buckeye Trail** passes through camp along the railroad bed. The Buckeye Trail is more than 1,200 miles long and encircles Ohio in a continuous loop. The trail passes through forests, state and local parks, small towns and urban areas where traveling on foot, offering a unique perspective. For more information on the Buckeye Trail, visit www.buckeyetrail.org.

The **Zoar Valley Trail (ZVT)** is a 17-mile excursion from Fort Laurens past Zoar, Zoarville, Camp Tuscazoar and ending at Schoenbrunn Village in New Philadelphia. This trail travels through Ohio history, past canal locks, old railroad beds, among tall sycamores and quiet trilliums. The trail is provided as a public service of the Ohio Historical Society. For more information on the Zoar Valley Trail, visit the Camp Tuscazoar website at www.tuscazoar.org/zoarvalleytrail.htm.

The **Ohio-to-Erie Trail** is a multi-purpose recreation and transportation trail linking Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland. The trail follows lands formerly occupied by railroads and canals. Hikers, bikers, and other groups including bird watchers, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, and nature lovers enjoy the Trail as they pass through quiet woods, lush fields, charming small towns, and dynamic urban centers. For more information, visit www.ohio-to-erie-trail.org.

The **North Country National Scenic Trail** is a premier footpath that one day will stretch more than 4,000 miles to link communities and wilderness areas across seven northern states. Already, almost 1,700 miles have been completed. For more information, visit www.northcountrytrail.org.

All four trails will travel across the Zoarville Station Bridge, when the bridge is completely restored. Why not plan to hike one of these trails with your group this summer?