

## Dover Dam Weekend to offer Archaeology Merit Badge

*"Archaeologists are detectives who study how people lived in the past. They figure out what happened, when, how, and why. Using the clues that people left behind, they try to understand how and why human culture has changed through time"*

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 transport oneself back in time, ultimately trying 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 a gentleman from the Revolutionary War period and travel back in time with him to the early days of our country.

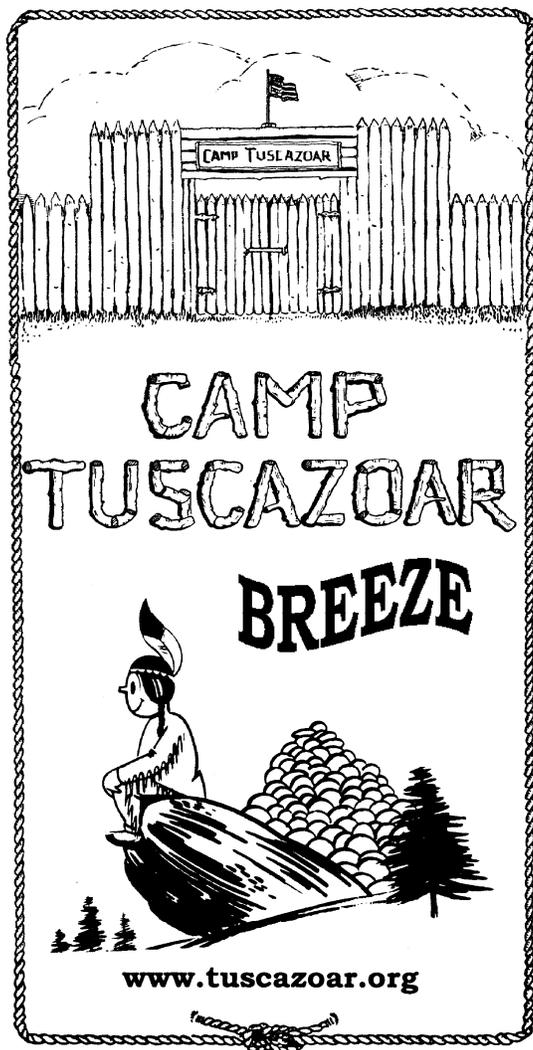
You will work with skilled crafters who will give hands-on instruction in the art of taking rough stone and delicately knapping away at it until it reveals the tools and weaponry critical to survival. And, divided into small groups, you will participate in a dig, where you and your friends, with the assistance of members of the Sugar Creek 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 since this is Dover Dam Weekend, you will also have the chance to tour a real dam! Throw in a commemorative patch, a great dinner and an old-fashioned campfire and it makes for one great weekend. The cost is \$12 per participant, which covers all activities, the patch and dinner Saturday night. Camping costs are extra. To register or learn more, contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or via email at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). Archaeology...can you dig it!

## Board considers fee increase

With the new year's arrival, the camp's Board of Directors has been reviewing our financial situation. No one wants to see price increases, but operating costs for the camp continue to rise. Most of our expenses have increased, including utilities, propane, insurance and maintenance costs. Even snow plowing hit us hard this winter. We've analyzed the costs related to each building and found that in most cases they are being rented at a loss. As you can imagine, we cannot continue to operate a camp that cannot pay its bills.

Therefore we are considering an increase in camping fees in the fall of 2011. Existing reservations will be honored at the booked price but new reservations will reflect the newer prices. We hope you will understand that we have done our best to maintain our low prices by supplementing our income with fundraisers and syrup sales, but we find this a necessary increase. Please feel free to discuss this with our Ranger or any Director during your visits. We are happy to listen to any comments or suggestions you may have on this matter. We always welcome your feedback.



## Maple syrup at markets

We had a great turnout for our annual Maple Days Breakfast in early April despite unseasonably cool temperatures. In fact, attendance was so good that we ran out of maple syrup and will have to bottle more.

If you were not able to purchase syrup at the Maple Days Breakfast, you can place an order via the camp website. Visit [www.tuscazoar.org/maplesyrup.htm](http://www.tuscazoar.org/maplesyrup.htm) for more details. Also, the camp will once again offer syrup at area farmers markets. Beginning in late June, we will staff a booth at the Massillon Farmers Market on Saturday mornings in downtown Massillon. We will also participate in both the Tuscarawas Valley Family Farm Market at the Dover Fairgrounds and the Jackson Township farmers market. These markets are great opportunities meet former campers and establish contacts for future camp events. If you would have a few hours to assist, please call Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386 to discuss the possibilities.

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

## Icky's Point of Interest



### Railroad Bed

The first railroad to operate in Tuscarawas County was the Bayard (Columbiana County) branch of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh line, which ran its first trains to Dover and New Philadelphia in 1854. This original railroad bed lies at a lower elevation along the river and is now a trail of road cinders. The closest station to camp was in Zoarville. Scouts would disembark there and then hike to camp. The railroad bed was elevated in the 1930's because of plans to construct Dover Dam on the Tuscarawas River immediately below camp for flood control. Construction of the elevated railroad bed forced the relocation of many of Tuscazoar's buildings, which created the present central camp area. The upper railroad bed, which was abandoned in the late 1970's, now serves as a trail to Dover Dam and Buzzard's Roost.

## Finishing touches complete new lodge

The Richard W. Belcher Memorial Lodge, the newest addition to the camp's facilities, is now complete.

Construction began in 2005 with funds provided by family and friends of Dr. Belcher, a Canton native who served as a dermatologist in the area for many years. The lodge is designed to serve the needs of physically disabled campers.

Belcher Lodge has been open to camping for several years while work continued on interior plumbing, electrical wiring and other furnishings. The lodge was built on the site of the former camp tool shed, which was destroyed by fire in 2005.

Several Eagle projects helped to complete the lodge. Most recently, Janson Taylor of Troop 108 in Alliance constructed upper and lower decks, connected staircases and railings and built an access ramp. He also installed a parking barrier by the well head, finished off the top ramp's railing and added steps to the area under the second floor balcony.

The cabin now offers sinks, flush toilets, and cooking facilities on both levels and is heated during the winter months. Each level can house 8 to 10 campers.

Our thanks to all those who devoted time, effort and resources to complete this project. The Richard W. Belcher Memorial Lodge will serve campers at Tuscazoar for many years to come.



*Photo of completed decks, stairs, railings and ramp at the recently-completed Richard W. Belcher Memorial Lodge.*

## Pig Gig to offer outdoor games on Saturday, Sept. 10th

Boy Scout Troop 44 from Louisville will be coordinating a day of activities for campers at the annual Pig Gig on Saturday Sept. 10. A variety of outdoor games and activities are being planned (with indoor options in case of bad weather). The theme will be: Try your LUCK at our games of SKILL. Watch for upcoming announcements. For information, contact Kraig Ossler, Scoutmaster of Troop 44 at 330-875-5932.

## Scouts return for Gold Rush event

More than 100 Scouts pushed their Klondike sleds from Buzzard's Roost to Mingo campsite in search of six cities and valuable gold nuggets during Camp Tuscazoar's Gold Rush competition in January. This was the first Gold Rush held at Camp Tuscazoar since 2003.

The Scouts followed the Tuscazoar Gold Rush trail as laid out by Brian Quinn and staffed by Tuscazoar volunteers. At each city, the Scouts completed a task using a Scout skill. The teams experienced six hours of cold weather fun using skill, endurance, strategy and luck. Several inches of snow added to the fun.

Camp Tuscazoar Foundation President Bob Spencer led the volunteers who provided a Friday evening cracker barrel and three square meals to the participants. The patrols fixed their warm lunch meal on the trail at a city of their choice. The nuggets they earned in the competition were thriftily spent at the auction held after the evening supper and awards announcements.

All the leaders were enthused by the winter event, so much so that they began planning for next year's fun. Watch for upcoming announcements!



Scouts from Troop 217 from New London pull their Klondike sled toward Buzzard's Roost during the 2011 Gold Rush competition at Camp Tuscazoar.

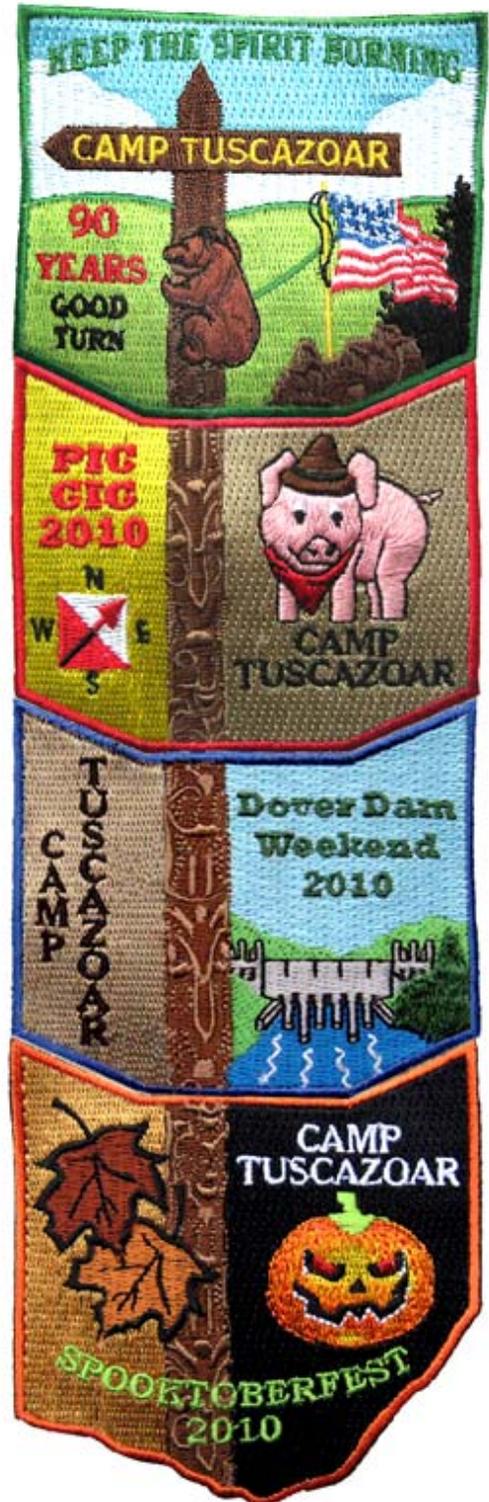
## Last call for final patch in 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch set

The final patch in our 90th Anniversary patch set can be earned by doing a "good turn" for Camp Tuscazoar. This patch will be awarded to individuals and/or groups who participate in an approved work project for the camp from now until the end of Dover Dam Weekend in 2011.

To make arrangements for your personal or group project, just give the Ranger a call and he will offer alternatives for you or your group based on work that needs to be completed.

Currently our focus is on taking down and storing the materials for our syrup operation and preparing the camp for the Dover Dam Weekend activities. Anyone with a few hours to spare is welcome to join us and since our Ranger is on site daily, we can even use help during the week. Just give the camp a call at 330-859-2288.

The four-patch set, when stacked together, forms a totem pole. If you were not able to attend one or more of our events in 2010 and did not complete your patch set, please watch for upcoming details on how your missing patches can be obtained.



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## Renew memberships

If you haven't renewed your membership in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) for 2011, now is the time. Returning your membership form will save us the time and expense of contacting you by mail, and your annual dues will once again help keep the camp open and operating. Every dollar counts! Those who are members in good standing can also camp at Tuscazoar. The CTF is an Ohio nonprofit corporation dedicated to preserving Camp Tuscazoar for future generations of youth. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership with the Foundation. Camp Tuscazoar needs your help!

## Coming Events:

<b>Apr 29-May 1</b>	<b>Dover Dam Weekend</b>
May 1	CTF Board Meeting
June 5	CTF Board Meeting
July 10	CTF Board Meeting
Aug 7	CTF Board Meeting
<b>Sept 9-11</b>	<b>Pig Gig/Pig Roast</b>
<b>Oct 1-2</b>	<b>Fall Flapjack Flip</b>
<b>Oct 1-2</b>	<b>Orienteering Event</b>

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## Endowment fund transferred to Stark Community Foundation

The CTF Board of Directors has voted unanimously to transfer the camp's Endowment Fund to the permanent control of the Stark Community Foundation (SCF). The agreement reached with the SCF allows use of the money for the purposes that the Endowment Fund was established: a) Purchase of real property used by or adjacent to Camp Tuscazoar, not already owned by the foundation, when such purchase is recommended by CTF Property Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors; b) Construction or reconstruction of Camp Tuscazoar buildings and/or structures, as recommended by CTF Property Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors; or c) Purchases or renewals of liability insurance.

Donations can still be made to the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation through Foundation representatives, but donations will now also be accepted directly by the Stark Community Foundation on behalf of the camp. The funds may not be accessed unless called for by a 75% majority of the CTF Board of Directors, and this supermajority has been the requirement since the Endowment Fund was first established. Placing the Fund in trust with the SCF allows it to be managed by professional money managers for maximum rate of return, and makes it collection-proof in the event that the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation would have a judgment taken against it in court. Placing these funds with the SCF will also allow CTF to better apply for grants under their programs.

The CTF was impressed with the reputation and professionalism of the SCF and the board is confident that this transfer will serve the camp well. Former Buckeye Council staff member and CTF Director Howard Rubin, Jr. once served as president of this organization. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with this outstanding community service agency. For more info, visit <http://www.starkcf.org>.