

Heritage Trail hikes return in 2017

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 email their registration to info@tuscazoar.org. Hikes are scheduled for:

March 25 June 24 Sept. 23 April 22 July 15 Oct. 14 May 20 Aug. 26

Please visit the camp's website at www.tuscazoar.org before traveling to the camp to confirm the hike will proceed as planned. We hope to see you there!

Dover Dam Weekend to offer Fire Safety MB, tours, fun

Those attending Dover Dam Weekend on May 5-7 will learn valuable fire safety skills, and the critical importance of those skills. Scouts will learn to do the right things, so that fire doesn't become a problem. They will also learn how to best respond when they encounter fire situations. Demonstrations and hands-on opportunities will cover a multitude of fire safety skills, including:

- Stop, drop, roll, and cool
- Causes of burn injuries and how to prevent them
- Proper handling of flammable liquids
- The chemistry and physics of fire
- Frequent causes of fire in the home and prevention tips
- The role of human behavior in the arson problem
- Seasonal and holidays fires and how to prevent them
- Home safety survey
- Safety precautions in public buildings
- Safe lighting techniques
- Combustible versus noncombustible liquids and fabrics
- Proper fueling procedures for heating devices and lawnmowers
- · Outdoor and wildland fires and how to prevent them
- · Proper set-up and control of camping-related fires

Cubs and Webelos are welcome too. Adventure Requirements at all levels addressing fire safety will be covered. Tigers: Safe and Smart Adventure. Wolves: Council Fire Adventure #5. Bears: Paws for Action Adventure. Webelos: Camper Adventure #3; and, First Responder Adventure.

And, yes, firefighters and their equipment will be on hand. Throw in a tour of Dover Dam, a commemorative patch, a great dinner and a 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.

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://www.tuscazoar.org/2017DDpage.html or e-mail camptuscddd@gmail.com.

First Tuscazoar Adventure Race scheduled for August 19

Rugged adventure awaits in this action-packed race on August 19. Run, paddle, and mountain bike. Navigate your way around Camp Tuscazoar, the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail and the Tuscarawas River to see if you have what it takes to earn the title. Team up with a friend or tackle the challenge solo. Racers will

cover up to 17 miles over the rugged and beautiful terrain of northern Tuscarawas County, picking up checkpoints along the way.

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

It's the right thing to do

By Mike Bernhardt (Scoop)

During the 1980's and 1990's there was a fellow who did commercials on TV for the Quaker Oats Company. His name was Wilford Brimley. He was a big old Wyoming cowboy type with a well groomed moustache. For 20 years he would end those Quaker Oatmeal ads by saying, "It's the right thing to do". That phrase stuck with me all of these years and that phrase is exactly what this story is all about.

Now Jim was a mild mannered guy who took scouting very seriously. He started out with Troop 1 in North Canton. When St. Paul's Catholic Church started Troop 35 he transferred there and became the first Eagle Scout in the troop. That is quite an honor. In 1941 and 1942 he served on Camp Staff and worked along with guys like Chief Deaver, W.C. Moorhead, I.W. Delp, Jim McLinden and Duane Zutavern (Zutie). Those were the right fellows to work with.

While working on camp staff, August 15th came around. Now for Catholics that is a holy day of obligation. That means you have to go to mass on that day. Jim rounded up the other Catholic guys and went to an early mass in Dover at St. Joseph's Church. They knew by doing this they would be back to camp to get their early chores done.

Upon returning, the group he was in "The Crapper Kids", started their morning tour. Their job was to carry and use the proper chemicals in those small little buildings that we still have in camp and to make sure they were clean and sweet smelling.

Because they were running late, they decided to take a shortcut across the archery range. It was still early enough in the morning that no one should be out there doing target practice. It was worth the chance so they took it. About half way across the range Jim was hit by something in the stomach and went to the ground. Someone was up range and shot an arrow that hit him. As they were checking him out they found that a target arrow hit him on his Boy Scout belt and had skipped off, putting a nick in his stomach. There was a very small amount of blood.

Now I want you to stop here and think. I have heard it said that God can do for us what we

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CTF to transfer Zoarville Station Bridge to county

After discussion, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation board voted on February 5 to transfer the Zoarville Station Bridge and the right to use accessways to and from the bridge, to Tuscarawas County. It is expected that the county's park department will assume control of the structure.

The board made this decision due to several factors: First, a 15-year usage agreement between the Foundation and the county expired in 2014 and needed to be renegotiated. Second, the Foundation supports public use of the bridge and access to it as part of several trail systems. Third, the Kimble Companies' recently-granted license to the county for public utilization of the former Penn Central railroad bed adjacent to the camp makes this transfer a natural next step in creating a permanent publicly-held link between that new portion of the Towpath Trail and the current end of the trail at SR 800. Fourth, the Foundation has neither the resources nor the expertise to inspect and maintain the bridge and its accessways into the future, and the county has both.

This transfer will allow the continued use by our patrons, while transferring future maintenance costs. No Foundation real estate will be transferred, only the right to use a portion of it.

License granted to county for public use of RR bed

On January 12, 2017, at a regular meeting of the Tuscarawas County Commissioners attended by a Foundation representative, the Kimble Companies, through its president Keith Kimble, the Tuscarawas County Commissioners, through its president Commissioner Chris Abbuhl, and the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition, Inc., through its president Dan Rice, executed a document granting a license to the county allowing public use of the former Penn Central railroad right-of-way owned by the Kimble Companies adjacent to the camp.

This will permit public use of the upper railroad bed from the Zoarville Station Bridge (Connotton Street) to State Route 416 (White Bridge). Camp patrons should expect to see improvement work on the railroad bed beginning this spring. As construction of this trail moves near to the camp, please be alert and exercise caution in construction areas.

It is anticipated that this license will eventually be extended to include the railroad right-of-way from State Route 416 and the City of Dover, which would allow camp patrons to be able to hike to Dover from the camp.

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. We have given up our spot at Massillon but there are several other markets where we would like to participate, but we need volunteers to help. 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.

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Be prepared to run about six miles for the first leg, paddle four miles for the next leg, mountain bike seven miles for the final leg, and have the time of your life. This event has been officially launched and is available for racers to sign up at:

https://registration.verticalrunnerrm.com/events/tuscazoar-adventure-race-01132017129

We are limiting the event to 100 participants to better manage all the pieces and parts. As you can imagine, this will take many volunteers to make everything run smoothly. Help will be needed with water stations, boat drop and launch, boat take out, canoe trailers, bike guards and helpers, a last runner and a last biker to make sure everyone has completed the course. If you're not able to participate, how about signing up to be a volunteer along the way? There are also opportunities on Friday with registration and parking and setup. How do you sign up to help with this amazing race? Just email info@tuscazoar.org and let us know what you would like to do.

Thirty-three patrols joined "the Rush" in January

On January 28 at our Camp Tuscazoar, "the Rush" was truly experienced by a great number of Gold Rush enthusiasts.

This year, the event brought some 340 scouts and scouters to the camp to participate in the annual winter competition. An impressive 270 youth formed 33 patrols that tested their skill, strategy, endurance



A patrol crosses a bridge with their sled during the 2017 Gold Rush Competition.

and luck. Every patrol brought a sled to the Saturday morning opening and every patrol turned in a score card by the end of the day.....they all made a GREAT showing in the tradition that has become Gold Rush.

Patrols hustled around camp planning their best strategy to find 8 (not the usual 6) Alaskan named cities and accomplish the tasks at each. Gold nuggets were earned for displaying knowledge and skill at cooking, orienteering, fire building and string burning, fish identification, Kim's memory game (featuring 30 gold items) under a parachute, showing 10 parts of an ax, lashing and using a cable trolley, attending to first-aid victims, and targeting the ol' penguins.

Some patrols even pushed themselves to do better by locating the 3 GRR's (if you don't know what that is, ask someone who was there; it involved crayons) which were new this year for gaining extra time off their scores. One could say it was probably as interesting to watch as it was to attempt the various skills.

Congratulations to Troop 108 for winning first place this year, and Troop 101 for second and Troop 10 for 3rd. The best sled went to the Lion Patrol of Troop 150. A big thanks to Dan Toalston for an outstanding job of painting our award place pans this year. They looked amazing! As always, the food was tasty and Bob Spencer had no leftovers in the kitchen. Thank you Bob and the cook staff!

The evening concluded with the annual auction (see photo at right) and an entertaining slide show of the day's competition as performed by its participants. Another big... BIG Thanks goes out to all of those Alaskan City



Mayors and their assistants for being there to let the patrols of the "Rush" do their thing and show their abilities and knowledge. To all of those who have helped to make Gold Rush such a success, thank you! We will see you next year.

Honoring MLK, Jr. with Service Days at Tuscazoar

Camp Tuscazoar recently hosted a cadre of AmeriCorps members from eastern and southeastern Ohio for days of service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. AmeriCorps is a national service program, similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps or a domestic Peace Corps, where Americans dedicate a year of their lives to service to our country. These members were spearheaded by Rural Action, an organization headquartered in the Athens area dedicated to revitalizing Appalachian Ohio. Rural Action partners with local government agencies and non-profit organizations throughout our region to host and manage AmeriCorps positions, including four in Tuscarawas County. "The whole purpose of AmeriCorps is to connect willing volunteers with projects that need done, and being able to share our combined might with Camp Tuscazoar was a great opportunity!" says Marissa Lautzenheiser, Watershed Coordinator with Rural Action.

The visitors were excited to be called into action by Jason Ricker and the Dirt Line mountain bike trail group. They were asked to perform some "finishing work" on trails recently cut by LinearActive. Jason provided the tools and they provided the muscle and the laughs (see photo at right). Although the air was chilly, everyone easily worked up a sweat as they cut away the roots and branches littering the new beginners' path. "It was exciting to show my fellow AmeriCorps members what beautiful recreation activities we have in Tuscarawas County," shared Gabriel Riggle, AmeriCorps member with TUSCParks.

The hard work was rewarded by great meals prepared by Colleen Friend and Nancy Schoenbaum. Camp Tuscazoar was also generous in allowing the entire group to sleep over and hold trainings in the beautiful and spacious Stone Lodge. The finishing touch was an exhilarating hike up to Buzzards Roost for a first-hand look at the mighty Tuscarawas River and the Dover Dam. The hike provided a wonderful visual for our trainings about the natural spaces that shape the history of a region. A great time was had by all, and we can look forward to future projects with AmeriCorps and Camp Tuscazoar!



AmeriCorps volunteers from eastern and southeastern Ohio pause for a photo after hiking to Buzzard's Roost in January.



AmeriCorps volunteers laugh while they work on bike trails near the Stone Lodge.

Mountain bike event set for May 20

Find a partner and join 331 Racing and the Dirt Line organization for the Tuscazoar Twain Reign of Pain on May 20. Tackling one of Ohio's newest trail systems, this event will offer a cross country course with a narrow single track, exposed roots, tire chewing rocks, and 1200' of steep climbing per 5.5 mile lap. For more information, visit:

http://www.331racing.com/cms/camptusc/index.html.

Tuscazoar slide show updated, expanded

The History of Camp Tuscazoar presentation has been updated into a digital presentation combining music, narration and more than 100 photos of the camp's history. The presentation is available for scout meetings, Lion's Club meetings and other group events. Why not schedule a showing for your Cub Scout Blue & Gold banquet or crossover ceremony this year? This 25-minute program offers a look back at Tuscazoar's storied history and includes dozens of new, rare and outstanding photos. If your group is interested in seeing this presentation, please contact the camp and request a showing well in advance of your event. A donation for this free showing would be appreciated to help cover our costs. "We will take the memories with us!"

Icky's Point of Interest



KIMBLE HALL (DINING HALL)

Kimble Hall, the present-day Camp Tuscazoar dining hall, was constructed in 1940 and the kitchen was added in 1954. Screens were the only cover for the areas now draped in plastic, and hand-made troop mementos and crafts once hung from the rafters. However, in the summer of 1975, an electrical fire that started in the kitchen area burned away much of the dining hall roof and caused extensive damage to the kitchen. Most of the pavilion was saved due in large part to a bucket brigade of Scouts that stretched from the dining hall to the swimming pool. For the remainder of that summer, meals were served at Hoover Lodge. Later, the roof was rebuilt, the screens were removed, and the troop mementos, most of which were saved from the flames, were returned to their respective troops. The dining hall has been renamed Kimble Hall, in honor of the Kimble family who donated 110 acres, comprising the central camp and Pioneer Point areas, to the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation in 1989 and subsequently sold most of the remaining camp property to the Foundation.

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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:

April 22	Heritage Trail Hike
May 5-7	Dover Dam Weekend
May 20	Heritage Trail Hike
May 20	Mounting Bike Event
June 24	Heritage Trail Hike
July 15	Heritage Trail Hike
Aug 19	Tuscazoar Adventure Race
Aug 26	Heritage Trail Hike
Sept 9-11	Pig Roast Weekend
Sept. 23	Heritage Trail Hike

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can't do for ourselves. I know I have seen the evidence of that in my life many times. I know he also does that in your life if you listen.

Jim continued on in his life. He went to seminary and was ordained a Catholic priest. He served in the Stark County area and was promoted to the calling of monsignor to which he devoted many years of faithful service. This was all made possible by an act of providence on the Camp Tuscazoar archery range years earlier.

We say, "To do my duty to God and my country" in our Scout oath. Our thanks to you, Msjr. James Kolp, for your years of faithful service to God, Scouting and to our community. "It is the right thing to do".