

Inside: The Historic Land of Tuscazoar

Beginning with this issue, the Breeze will feature a six-part series entitled "The Historic Land of Tuscazoar". Authored by former Tuscazoar camper and Foundation trustee David Tschantz, it traces the changing history of the land which makes up Camp Tuscazoar. This remarkable story includes two U.S. Presidents, the Zoarite settlers and Frank Hoover, former president of the Hoover Company. Appropriately, this series will lead into the celebration of Camp Tuscazoar's 75th anniversary in 1995.

"Little Country" returns for annual Tuscazoar Pigroast

The area's premier country band, "Little Country", will provide lively, foot-stompin' music for the annual Pigroast Fundraiser at Camp Tuscazoar. The event will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, September 26 at the camp dining hall, Kimble Hall.

In its fourth year, the Pigroast has rapidly built a reputation for its delicious meals. This year's menu will feature roast pork and chicken, baked potatoes, baked beans, applesauce and assorted home-made desserts.

For the third year, "Little Country" will whip up appetites and provide the perfect Pigroast entertainment with three-part bluegrass and country harmonies. The group has performed at the Ohio State Fair, has a weekly television show for more than two years, has performed throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania and has won several awards for their musical talents. "Little Country" features guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin and bass.

The Pigroast also offers a chance to observe the change of seasons, from summer to fall, at Tuscazoar. The animals busily prepare themselves for the approaching winter and the leaves begin to display their autumn hues.

Pre-sale tickets for the Pigroast are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids ages 12 and under. Prices at the door will be slightly higher. Proceeds from the event will be used for maintenance, repair and construction projects. Tickets are available from all Camp Tuscazoar Foundation trustees or by contacting the camp at 859-2288.

Transportation will be provided to and from the parking lot. Also, Tuscazoar hats, pins, shirts, books, and patches will be sold.

Join us for a delicious meal and first-class country music on Sunday, September 26!

Pig Gig to feature wilderness survival, scavenger hunt

The "Great Tuscazoar Scavenger Hunt" will kick off Friday night, September 24 as part of the fall Pig Gig campout at Camp Tuscazoar. The hunt will end at retreat on Saturday and the winner will be announced at the Saturday campfire at Hoover Lodge.

The Pig Gig will also feature wilderness survival instruction. Bob McMillen of New Philadelphia's Troop 90 will offer demonstrations on wilderness survival techniques. The activities will be geared to assist scouts in earning Wilderness Survival merit badge.

As in the past, the weekend will include a variety of games including the scavenger hunt, a hog-calling contest and leather stamping with a pig logo.

The Pig Gig also features a full "pigroast" meal, with a similar menu. Last year, more than 450 feasted on the delicious meals at the Pig Gig and Pigroast.

Some campsites are still available. The cost is \$5 per person. Camping fees are additional. Contact the camp ranger at 859-2288 for reservations.

Camp will host 2nd Enchanted Tuscazoar event, Oct. 16 and 17

The woodlands will once again come alive at Tuscazoar for the 2nd annual Enchanted Tuscazoar event, scheduled for Oct. 16 and 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This safe, exciting and educational activity for younger youths begins with a walk through the evening woods. Along the way, visitors will meet and learn about several of Ohio's native forest creatures, including a field mouse, an owl, a raccoon and a skunk. This year, a mosquito and deer will be added along the walk.

At the conclusion of the walk, light refreshments will be served in Kimble Hall. The cost for the event will be \$1.50 per person. Groups will be offered a choice of time and date to attend the event.

Last year, despite two days of drizzle, more than 300 attended the activity, and greater numbers are expected this year. For reservations, contact Camp Tuscazoar at 859-2288.



Scouts from Troops 87, 94 and 86 work to remove trees and underbrush from the stone letters which spell "Camp Tuscazoar" at Pioneer Point. The letters have been in place for more than 60 years.

Troops restore stones spelling "Camp Tuscazoar"

Pioneer Point receives face-lift

Troops 87, 94 and 86 in the Dover and New Philadelphia area have agreed to provide upkeep and maintenance for Pioneer Point. In June, scouts from these units spent a day clearing underbrush and trees to restore the view of the stones which spell out "Camp Tuscazoar" on the hillside.

Thanks to their efforts, the white rocks can once again be seen from Route 800 and Country Road 81. Years of growth and the summer's heat made the task difficult, but the scouts were equal to the task. They will return periodically to trim the weeds and bushes surrounding the letters.

The stones which spell "Camp Tuscazoar" were arranged in 1930 by a group of campers led by Mr. Ralph Reichenbach. They can be seen from more than a mile away.



Foundation launches Buy-A-Brick Campaign

In August, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation will launch a Buy-A-Brick Campaign to raise funds for work projects.

For a donation of \$25, friends and supporters of Camp Tuscazoar can have their name etched in paving brick. The bricks will be placed in prominent locations throughout the camp, including in front of Duryee Lodge, in central camp, and in the Hoover Lodge amphitheater. Proceeds from the campaign may help fund improvements to Hoover Lodge, renovations to Troop 5 Cabin, repairs to the camp dining hall and Jamboree Lodge and the construction of new facilities. The funds will also be used to install a handicapped entrance to Hoover Lodge.

Bricks may also be purchased in the names of relatives, friends and family members, in the name of a departed loved-one, or to honor a special occasion. The personalized etching can be up to three lines long, with 14 characters on each line. Buying a brick will truly be a unique way to express your feelings for Camp Tuscazoar. Several bricks have already been sold.

The Foundation has prepared a special brochure with an order form for the Buy-A-Brick Campaign. For a copy of this brochure, write to: Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, Inc.; P.O. Box 308; Zoarville, Ohio; 44656-0308. Copies of the brochure are also available at the camp.

Event calendars available

Once again, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has published a calendar which lists the dates for all camp activities through August 1994. If you do not receive a copy in the mail, contact the camp. A copy will be mailed to you.

The Historic Land of Tuscazoar

by David Tschantz

(The First of a Series)

Part One: Government Ownership

The land comprising what we know as Camp Tuscazoar was part of a huge tract of land ceded by the Wyandot, Delaware (Lenni Lenape), Chippewa and Ottawa Indian tribes to the United States government under the Treaty of Greenville in 1795. The national ownership of this land was further confirmed by several other treaties between 1795 and 1818.



Until the signing of the Treaty of Greenville in 1795, the land now known as Camp Tuscazoar was occupied by several Native American tribes.

Prior to these treaties Congress enacted the Land Ordinance of 1785 which became the foundation of the American Land System and led to the orderly surveying, sale and settlement of public lands in the United States. The ordinance and an act of Congress in 1796 provided that public lands be divided into surveying townships each 6 miles square containing 36 sections of 1 square mile each. Sections were numbered one to thirty-six, with Number 1 in the northeast corner and Number 36 in the southeast corner of

the township. Townships were numbered from a base line south to north in vertical rows called ranges. These ranges were numbered from east to west. These survey townships have no relationship to today's political townships which have names.

The first public land surveyed in the U.S. was the "Seven Ranges" located in eastern Ohio, and was the only land surveyed under the Continental Congress, the forerunner of the current U.S. Congress. Incidentally, this is where the name for Buckeye Council's camp was derived.

Camp Tuscazoar occupies land within the United States Military District which was set aside by Congress in 1796 to grant bounty land to veterans who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. The U.S.M.D. was divided into 5 square mile townships and contained twenty vertical ranges and ten horizontal rows of townships, with Row 1 at the bottom and Row 10 at the top.

Very few veterans were interested in this land, and most of the warrants issued by the government to veterans were later sold to land speculators. Unfortunately, no part of what is now Camp Tuscazoar was sold to any Revolutionary War veteran. The camp

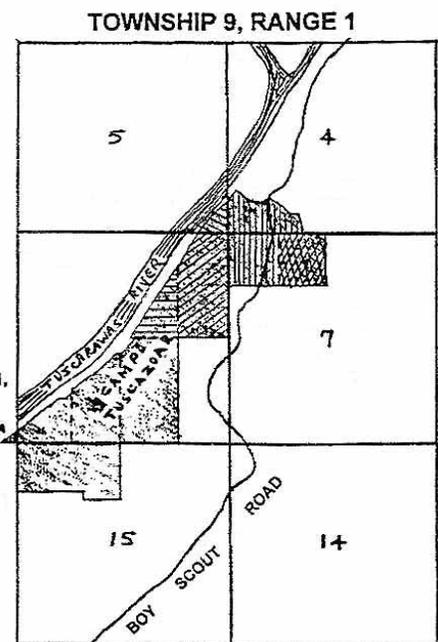
itself occupies Parts of Sections 4,5,6,7 and 15 in Township 9, Range One and Section 31 in Township 9, Range Two of the United States Military District. Thus, it is near the northeast corner of the U.S.M.D.

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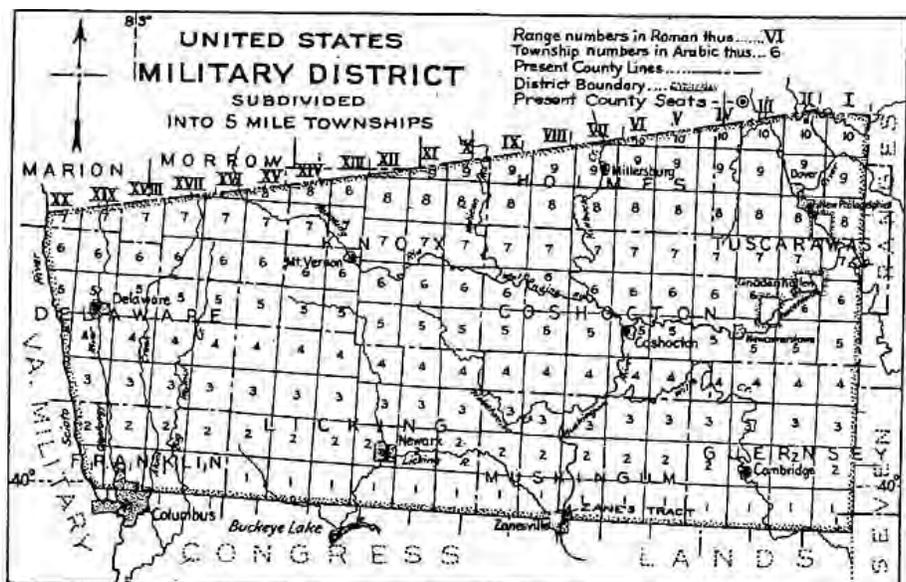
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1-3: Ohio Lands: A Short History, 2d Ed., Thomas A. Burke, 1989, p. 11.

4: *ibid.*, pp. 23-25.



The U.S. Military District (below) and the location of present-day Camp Tuscazoar (right).



Hoover roof repaired

Several days of sandblasting and five layers of protective coating have restored the roof of Hoover Lodge.

This work, performed by MEB Roofing in Sugarcreek, will allow the Foundation to begin much-needed repairs to the structure's interior.

The project was made possible by a generous donation from the Herbert W. Hoover Foundation in Canton.

At the July trustees meeting, Foundation President Dick Schoenbaum presented to the board a brass plaque with the symbols of the Pipestone camp honors program. The plaque will mark the location of the first Pipestone ceremony, which took place on the present-day Hoover Lodge site.

Coming Events:

Sept. 12	CTF Board Meeting
Sept. 18	Workday
Sept. 24-26	Pig-Gig Campout
Sept. 26	Pigroast Fundraiser
Oct. 3	CTF Annual Meeting
Oct. 16	Workday
Oct. 16, 17	Enchanted Tuscazoar
Nov. 7	CTF Board Meeting

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Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

Endowment Fund surpasses thousand mark

The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund recently surpassed one thousand dollars in contributions. A special Camp Tuscazoar salute to those who have generously contributed to this fund.

The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund was established in 1991 to provide funds for maintenance, rehabilitation and reconstruction projects at Camp Tuscazoar. The funds are kept in an account separate from the corporation's other assets. Only the interest income, not the principal, is to be used for maintaining and operating the camp. In this way, the fund will benefit Tuscazoar for generations.

This first one thousand dollars is an outstanding start for the Endowment Fund. However, much more is needed, particularly with today's low interest rates. If you have not yet made a contribution, please consider doing so. Contributions can be made in the form of cash, securities, life insurance, real estate and bequests. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation has prepared a brochure which provides additional information on these options.

If you wish to make a contribution to the future of Camp Tuscazoar, please send your tax-deductible donations to: Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, Inc.; P. O. Box 308; Zoarville, Ohio 44656-0308. All contributions should be clearly marked "Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund". For a copy of the Foundation's Endowment Fund brochure, write to the camp or pick up a brochure at the camp trading post, Duryee Lodge.

As in the past, the Breeze will recognize those who have made a contribution. Only your name will be printed. All other information will be kept confidential. If you would prefer that your name not be listed in this column, simply indicate this with your contribution.

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