

Website now offers "mystery photo" contest

Now, browsing the worldwide web can earn you a free Camp Tuscazoar patch. CTF webmaster Brian Criswell has introduced a new feature to the camp's home page at <http://www.tuscazoar.org>. A "mystery photo" related to the camp will be posted periodically, along with a clue to the photo's identity. The first reader to correctly identify the photo will win a camp patch. And, while you're visiting the site, don't forget to check out the latest photos from the Gold Rush competition, the preview of the upcoming Dover Dam Weekend, and lots, lots more. Brian keeps the site fresh with the latest camp news and information. Even a kidney transplant didn't slow his efforts for long. Book-mark the site and visit it early and often.

Join the fun at our "mystery" Dover Dam Weekend, May 1-3

Bring your mind. Bring your brain. Bring your wits. You're gonna need them all for this weekend of clues and ingenuity at the 9th annual Dover Dam Weekend, May 1-3.

Chairman Bob Spencer has designed a MYSTERY and you will need to solve the "puzzle", then put together the pieces of the "puzzle" in order to be successful this weekend.

It's going to be a challenge like none before and it will bring out the best in you.

We can tell you about a couple of the events. It wouldn't be Dover Dam Weekend without tours of Dover Dam. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates this flood control facility on the Tuscarawas River, will open the dam and conduct tours. The events will conclude with a campfire at Hoover Lodge Amphitheater.

The cost is \$6 per person for advance registration or \$7 for Saturday sign-up, which includes a spaghetti feast (with meatballs) for dinner and an event patch. Camping fees are additional.

Check-in for campers will begin on Friday evening. Day-only attendees can register Saturday morning at Duryee Lodge. The events begin Saturday morning after an opening flag-raising.

It's a simple schedule but the "puzzle" might not be. So start those "brain exercises" and get your "thinking caps" packed.

Sorry.... we can't tell you any more than that. See you there !!



Reconstruction begins on new camp stockade entrance

The camp stockade entrance, which stood at the far end of the camp parking for more than 30 years, stands no more. On March 28, a crew of volunteers, with the help of a large backhoe, disassembled the rotting timbers of this aging structure, and began to set poles for a new stockade, the camp's fourth (photos on page 4.)

In 1926, a first pole tower entrance was constructed at the camp entrance near Pioneer Point. This tower was replaced in 1928 with a replica of a fort palisades gate. In the mid-1960's, the men of the Pipestone program built the current stockade entrance, dedicating it to the memory of former Scout Executive Dudley Unkefer.

Work on the new stockade is expected to take more than a year. The poles will be reset in the coming spring and summer months, and after settling through the fall and winter, will be trimmed to their proper lengths and painted. The bearings in the massive gates will be replaced, and the gates will be re-hung. Thanks to the efforts of project leader Harry Wood, and his determined group of helpers, the camp will have a new and improved entrance at this time next year.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

A Camp Tuscazoar April Fools spoof:

"Winter Storm of the Century" hits Gold Rush

The 1998 Gold Rush activities were hampered by blinding snow storms driven by raging winter winds. With knee-deep snow drifts and sleet-laden tree limbs, the Klondike sleds were barely able to make their way through the treacherous ice covered camp. It was a struggle to keep campfires lit when the storm's subfreezing winds gusted to near hurricane force. And only the heartiest campers trudged along the blanketed trails.

To salvage the Gold Rush events, co-Chairmen Bob Spencer, Don Selby and Neil Rupe quickly concocted new challenges for our campers. On Saturday morning, the flag was raised and the events began.

Tragedy struck the "Cross Camp Skiing Event" when Patrol Leader Will Fibsome used his leader's whistle and triggered an avalanche, wiping out half of the participants. With the help of the Air National Guard who flew in a Saint Bernard, our competitors were soon uncovered. All finishers were awarded First Place for their harrowing ordeal. As their prize, they pelted "that dummy and his whistle" with snow balls. This event was quite popular, except with young Mr. Fibsome.

First Place for "Longest Icicle" went to Ben Foolinya of Troop 98.6 when he presented a single icicle measuring 7 feet 5 3/4 inches long. He shared his prize (5 large pieces of firewood) with the others in his patrol. They later enjoyed a hot meal and cocoa, after which they dried their socks and boots. Oh, those lucky guys!

A special "Thank You" to Scoutmaster Don Thinkso for tunneling through the drifts which buried Troop 5 Igloo to lead his troop to safety. We had not been able to see the cabin and feared it lost until spring, but Don's keen sense of smell and desperate need to reach the latrine powered him through.

Once again, when faced with the harshest, cruellest challenges of nature, Camp Tuscazoar and her campers pulled through. The 1998 Gold Rush was another successful event. Fun was had by all (and frostbite by some.) We look forward to seeing all of you back at camp for Dover Dam Weekend in May.



1998 Gold Rush - The Real Story

The 1998 Gold Rush felt more like a Pig Gig or Dover Dam Weekend, with the mild weather and sunshine. No sleds were needed, as competitors traveled through camp, building fires, tossing softballs, and even trying their hand at outdoor bowling.

At one event, scouts used a variety of methods to judge the height of a marked tree. They were asked to calculate where the tree's crown would hit when the tree was cut down. Each patrol drove a stake into the ground to mark their selected spot. At the end of the day's events the tree was felled and the patrol with the closest stake was awarded the most points for this task.

Thanks to everyone who attended and to our event co-chairmen. Mark your calendars for next year!



Division 1 Winners

Troop 18 Rednecks Patrol

Mike Hoskins, Tony Perna, Mike Larkins, John Nickerson, Joe Rowe and Tyler Toussiant.

Division 2 Winners

Troop 454 Pedro Patrol

James Studer, Matt Cahill, Ryan Hutson, Aaron Napier and Nate Whitfield.



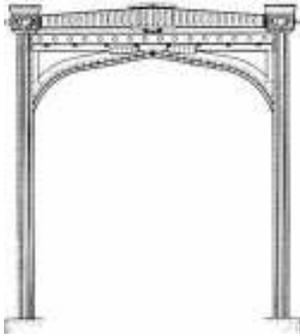
Division 3 Winners

Troop 20 Webelos

Wrenn Bellamy, Sean Harris, Adam Markley, Joshua Shaw, Scott Hoffman, Steven Sedlock and Ryan Markley.



ZOARVILLE STATION BRIDGE



Grants help support Zoarville Station (Fink Truss) Bridge project

The Ohio and Erie Canal Association has awarded a matching grant to the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation to support the ongoing restoration of the Zoarville Station Bridge.

This bridge, also known as the Fink Truss Bridge in honor of designer Albert Fink, is the only known bridge that uses the "through truss" design. The bridge is now owned by the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and is being restored for its historical significance and for use as part of the Zoar Valley Trail.

A second grant, which will fund new "Trex" decking for the bridge, has been received from the Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Joint Solid Waste Management District. The Foundation is extremely grateful to both organizations for their contributions to the bridge's restoration.

The bridge's rotted decking has been removed, and the next phase of the project will be removal of rusted steel support beams to alleviate excess weight. The Foundation has hired Steiner Farms to remove the unneeded steel from the bridge.

In December, the CTF Board of Trustees hired Harry Matter of Civil Design Associates in New Philadelphia as the Project Engineer. Harry is preparing a Bridge Restoration Plan.

The Foundation has also received tentative consent to fill in the access roadways to the bridge from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers. We are still attempting to identify and get access to sites from which sandstone blocks may be obtained for use in raising the bridge abutments. If you know of any sources of sandstone blocks, please contact the Foundation.

Camp reunion planned for Aug. 30

Hail all ye old time campers! Come and be with us once again! Camp Tuscazoar will host a reunion of former campers, scouters, staff, employees and anyone else associated with our camp on Sunday, August 30. From 1 to 8 p.m., one and all are invited to bring family, friends, tales and photos and mementos to camp for this special event. No official program is planned, just fellowship and remembrances of good times past. The event will include a wiener roast with baked beans, coffee and bug juice, plus "whatever else we can scrounge up," says event chairman Don Selby.

If possible, the Foundation also hopes to install a replica of the fifth year Pipestone plaque in the floor of Hoover Lodge. This plaque marked the location of the first Pipestone ceremony. This will also offer an opportunity to visit the W. Cecil Moorhead Museum, and to view the work underway to replace the stockade.

Please pass the word to all former Camp Tuscazoar alumni you know and invite them to attend. A modest \$1 donation will be requested to help cover the cost of the hot dogs and drinks. If you are planning to attend, please fill out and return the form below.

Yes, I will attend the Camp Tuscazoar Reunion, August 30

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number attending: _____

Suggestions: _____

Please mail this form to: Don Selby; 166 Anna Ave NW; Canton, OH 44708

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Pig Weekend planned for Sept. 11-13

Cabins and campsites are certain to fill quickly for the annual Pig Gig Weekend at Camp Tuscazoar on September 11-13. Word of the delicious meal served on Saturday for our campers, and again at the public Pig Roast on Sunday for our visitors, continues to spread. Make your plans now to welcome the return of fall at camp. Last year's weather was ideal, offering the perfect opportunity to spend time hiking the hills. Plans for the weekend will be announced in upcoming issues of the Breeze, but make reservations now for this fantastic weekend.

Coming Events:

May 1-3	Dover Dam Weekend
May 3	CTF Board Meeting
May 9	Camp Workday
June 7	CTF Board Meeting
June 13	Camp Workday
July 12	CTF Board Meeting
July 18	Camp Workday
Aug. 2	CTF Board Meeting
Aug. 8	Camp Workday

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The end of one era.....and the start of another!



Volunteers remove a section of the camp's thirty-year old stockade (above). At right, the first pole is set into place for the new structure, which should be completed next year.



Former Tuscazoar Foundation trustee Russ Chance passes away

Russell L. Chance, who served on the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Board of Trustees in the late 1980's, and again in the early 1990's, passed away in March. He was 61.

Russ, a lifelong resident of Canton, attended the Iowa State College School of Forestry for three years and held a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Kent State University. He received a master of arts degree in science education from Kent in 1962. In 1989 he retired from the Canton City Schools after 31 years of teaching.

Russ was also an Eagle Scout and an active Scouter, serving as Explorer Post Adviser, Troop 7 committee chairman and assistant district commissioner. Other memberships included the Canton Zoological Society, the Stark Wilderness Center and the Canton Aquatics Association. Our condolences to Russ' family.