



Camp Tuscazoar clatter

Several individuals and groups have expressed an interest in **gold panning** at Tuscazoar. The camp board of directors recently enacted a policy to allow recreational gold panning at the camp. Of course, any historical items found should be turned in to the ranger for the camp's museum. And if you find any gold or silver, let us know!

Once again, Joe Snyder and his hard-working gang in Troop 87 have cleaned up **Pioneer Point** so the rocks that spell "Camp Tuscazoar" are visible. Thanks guys!

Three Eagle projects are underway at camp. One involves removing and replacing the **water fountain** in central camp. A second will create a permanent **nature trail** for the camp. The third involves assembling **picnic tables** out of durable Trex material for our campsites. Watch for more information as these projects are completed.

Tuscazoar Open House scheduled for Aug. 11

You are invited to join us on Saturday, August 11 for a very special day of recognition and thanks to those who have helped support Camp Tuscazoar. Invitees will include:

- * Camp neighbors
- * Area political leaders
- * Camp volunteers
- * Church pastors
- * Area businesses
- * Local foundation leaders
- * Area scouting officials
- * Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District personnel
- * U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- * Emergency and safety personnel
- * Area school district personnel
- * Camp Tuscazoar Foundation members
- * and you!
- * Local clubs
- * Local military units
- * Youth group leaders
- * Area businesses
- * Ohio-Erie Canal Corridor officials
- * Youth organization members
- * Former camp staff members



From a 1930's brochure

There is no fee for this event. Just plan for a fun day with camp tours, hay wagon rides, good food, displays and lots of reminiscing. Come and join the celebration! The events will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. If possible, please let us know you plan to attend by calling the camp at 330-859-2288 by Aug 10.

Pig Roast fund-raiser expands to two days, Sept. 15 and 16

Just when you thought our Pig Roast dinner couldn't get any better, we've added another option. This year you can feast on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sunday, Sept. 16. From 3 to 6:30 p.m. we'll serve up hefty portions of delicious roast pork, barbecued chicken, green beans, applesauce, baked potatoes, rolls and butter, beverage, and homemade desserts in the dining hall. Those who join us on Saturday are invited to attend our evening campfire program later that evening. Local favorite Crossroads will provide country and top-40 entertainment on Sunday.

Please plan to attend and help support Camp Tuscazoar for another year. Proceeds fund repairs, maintenance, utilities, equipment purchases, and other camp operating expenses. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children, or \$12 and \$5 at the door. Transportation will be provided to and from the parking lot. For tickets, call 330-493-1386 or 330-859-2288 or contact a member of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation.

Pig Roast

September 15 & 16

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Souee! Calling all campers to the Pig Gig

Fall is coming fast. The hot months of summer will soon yield to the pleasant, colorful days of fall. And there's no better way to kick off this annual season of falling leaves, football, corn stalks and pumpkins than joining us for our annual **Pig Gig campout**, Sept. 14-16. As usual, we'll offer a Saturday of camp-wide events, followed by a hearty meal of roast pork, green beans, baked potatoes, applesauce, rolls, a beverage and our famous pig cookies. The activities will be capped with a rousing campfire in the Hoover Lodge amphitheater. The \$6 per person fee includes participation in all activities and your reservation for dinner. Camping fees are additional. Call 859-2288 to sign up now!



September 14-16

Enchanted Tuscazoar set to return Oct. 20-21

If you've been hiking in Ohio's forests, you've probably seen a skunk, a deer, a raccoon and many other creatures. But did they talk?! They will October 20 and 21, when Enchanted Tuscazoar returns. Costumed volunteers will charm our young guests with tails of their lives in the wild. Then, refreshments will be served in the dining hall. The cost for the event is \$2 per person. The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. each day, and groups will be offered their preference of time and date to attend. Volunteers are needed as helpers or to play one of the animals. For reservations, information or to help out, please call Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-493-1386.



Mike Snider portrays a skunk

First "Primitive Gathering" offered unusual arts, crafts and games

by Mike Ullman

The first Primitive Gathering at Camp Tuscazoar was held on June 16-17. What is a Primitive Gathering? I've come to the conclusion that it is a gathering of individuals who have studied and demonstrate the primitive arts. These arts were performed by several individuals throughout the camp.



Flint-knapping

Flint knapping was performed by Chris and Josh Stricklett. These two individuals out of New Brunswick, Ohio, have been Flint Knapping for four years. This art form came from England. Yes, they make arrowheads. Some use primitive tools such as Moose Antlers, while others may use copper tools. Another knapper, Chris Miller from Mansfield, received at a previous event the #1 Archaic Division Classification for his work.

Games and activities were available to the public. One of the first games I came across was called "Pop-in-Jay". "Some believe this game was a way of practicing to shoot the heads of archers that were leaning out over castle walls to shoot down on invaders. Others think the event developed as a way to practice the hunting of bird for food." The Pop-in-Jay demonstration was operated by Bob Hawes. Hand-made bows and arrows were demonstrated by Ken Schlegal. The arrows used for the Pop-in-Jay are called Flu-flu, and are made especially for shooting the target birds. (Quotes from brochure 'Pop-in-Jay' provided by Bob Hawes)

The Atlatl and Dart presentation was given by Ray Strischek, president of the Ohio Atlatl Association. "The Atlatl and Dart was first used during the ice age to hunt such herd animals as the mammoth and mastodon, whales and seals, birds, ducks and smaller animals. The Atlatl adds extra leverage to the throwing arm, allowing the hunter to cast the Dart farther and faster than could be achieved by hand alone. Atlatl lengths vary, from as short as six inches to as long as four feet." (Quotes from brochure provided by Ray Strischek.)



Atlatl darts ready for use

For more pictures, visit <http://www.alliancelink.com/users/bsatrop18/primitivegathering.htm>

Next year's Primitive Gathering at Tuscazoar is scheduled for June 15 and 16. Norm Saeger and Dan Gier have agreed to serve as chairmen. Mark your calendars to attend!

Unidentified flying objects sighted at camp

by Ranger Dana Powers

Strange things have been recently spotted in the air at Tuscazoar. Years ago, the U.S. Air Force formed "Project Blue Book" to search out strange aerial sightings. Now we've experienced our own unusual sightings at camp. It started with daytime sightings of round spherical objects flying at low levels for short distances. They were shaped like Frisbees, BB's, softballs and footballs. Other objects were elongated, like arrows or atlatl's, and some looked like smoke rings or hula-hoops. Small bird-like beings resembling Scarlet Tanagers and Hummingbirds have been seen as well. Enormous rumbling dark forms flying in packs, like C-130s) have announced their presence in the sky. Then, as though we experienced a time warp, a B-17 Fortress flew right over camp two days in a row. What a sight; what a sound. From big to small, the sound of the flying lawn mower urged us to look up and see a Powered Parachute float by, as if in a dream state.

And, the sightings have not been limited to daytime.

At night dark shadows resembling bats and Luna Moths have been flying silently past the camp lights. Ghost-like forms



resembling owls have been drifting through the trees, communicating with screams, guttural grunts and bill snapping, while strange snorting from the depths of the woods sounds like warnings from deer. The night heavens have also not been spared from these sightings. A light several times brighter than any of the stars was seen speeding across the heavens, which brought to mind our international space station. Other dimmer lights have been seen making arcs across the sky, some with colors of red, green, or blinking. Some with dim white lights appear similar to planes or satellites, and recently Mars has been very visible.

So we do have many UFO's here ...for a while. Then we identify them. When you next come to enjoy God's little garden here at camp and you hear those strange noises or see an unusual sight, remember, like Project Blue Book these are all explainable ... or are they?

Annual Membership Drive Underway

Join the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation (CTF) and help keep Camp Tuscazoar open and operating for youth camping and outdoor activities. Memberships start at only \$10 per person, but are instrumental in supporting the Foundation financially. Members can also provide guidance on future projects and activities, help with workdays, serve on committees, elect members to the Board of Directors and are eligible for camping privileges. The CTF is an Ohio public benefit corporation dedicated to preserving Camp Tuscazoar for future generations of youth. Please become a member of the Foundation. Camp Tuscazoar needs your help!



We will keep the spirit burning at Camp Tuscazoar.

Membership Application

Please accept my gift of \$ _____ to support Camp Tuscazoar.

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable to:
Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 308
Zoarville, OH 44656-0308

Phone _____

*The individual listed will be entitled to one (1) vote at the annual meeting.

"Adopt a Site" program continues

Several years ago, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation found itself struggling to keep up with the seasonal campsite needs. An "Adopt a Site" program was introduced, offering groups the opportunity to stay in camp for free if they completed an approved, four-hour or more work project. We still need YOU for this program.

Of the thousands who have come to camp, only a handful return to help out. A scouter from East Sparta has volunteered his personal time to help with mowing. A few members assist with a project here and there. A group cleans up litter or cuts wood to clear a trail. A contractor donates time and materials for a camp repair. These are great! A few hours of mowing or cleaning is greatly appreciated!

To participate, call the camp or visit our web site. We will post an "Adopt a Site" list in the museum. After your first work day, we will post a sign proudly announcing that this area has been adopted by your group and you and the Foundation are partners in its upkeep.

Our new check in/out lists are working well and you are helping point out items of repair or need around camp, but site maintenance and camp appearance needs restrict how much time we can spend on those items. Please participate in the rebirth of the "Adopt a Site" program and enjoy your camp.

Scouts clean up litter

Scouters from Troop 181 of the Presbyterian Church in New Philadelphia enjoyed a weekend at Tuscazoar in late June. On Saturday, they completed a neighborhood cleanup project, picking up litter along Boy Scout Road by our camp. Nearly 30 members and family participated, according to Scoutmaster Bob Schwartz. Tuscarawas County recycling and litter control provided materials and rewards for the project.

Coming Events:

August 5	CTF Board Meeting
August 11	Tuscazoar Open House
Sept. 9	CTF Board Meeting
Sept. 14-16	Pig Gig Campout
Sept. 15, 16	Pig Roast Fundraiser
Oct. 7	CTF Annual Meeting
Oct. 20, 21	Enchanted Tuscazoar
Nov. 4	CTF Board Meeting

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Tuscazoar to receive 600 seedlings for planting in 2002

Recently, Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Vice President Dave Tschantz and Ranger Dana Powers met with Pam Feagler, executive director for the American Free Tree Program, at the program's 30-acre Zoar Lake site. The group toured the lake site and our camp and shared information on programs and potential joint ventures for both organizations and other connected groups.

One of the immediate benefits of this meeting will be the free tree seedlings the American Free Tree Program offers to groups. Next April, Camp Tuscazoar will receive 21 varieties of trees and plants. These seedlings are rootstock and about 8-10" long. They are indigenous to our area. Examples include Sweetgum, Eastern Redbud, River Birch, Allegheny Serviceberry and Green Ash. We will be receiving close to 600 seedlings for planting. We estimate it will take about 55 volunteer hours to plant these seedlings. We will be needing your groups help to get these planted in the proper areas and in the proper time frame of April. If you or your group(s) are interested, please call Camp Tuscazoar at 330-859-2288 or e-mail our website www.tuscazoar.org

Zoar Lake is located at the end of 5th street in Zoar, opposite from the fire hall. The lake is part of their Greenspace Project and is adjacent to our Zoar Valley Trail, the Ohio-Erie Canal Trail and Zoar.

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation and Zoar Lake are looking for members and have outdoor projects available for youth and adult groups alike and welcome volunteers for any of their projects. Both locations offer areas for group activities. For more information on the American Free Tree Program, call 330-454-3111 or visit <http://www.freetree.org>.