

Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser to proceed on Sept. 12 and 13

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Board of Directors has approved holding our Pig Roast on Sept. 12 & 13, 2020. As you can imagine, preparing for this year's event is a monumental task. We believe we have several plans that will make the event as safe as possible. This fundraiser is a vital source of income for the camp, but we recognize our responsibility to make it safe so, when you come to camp, you may find a "drive thru" and a "walk thru!" Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

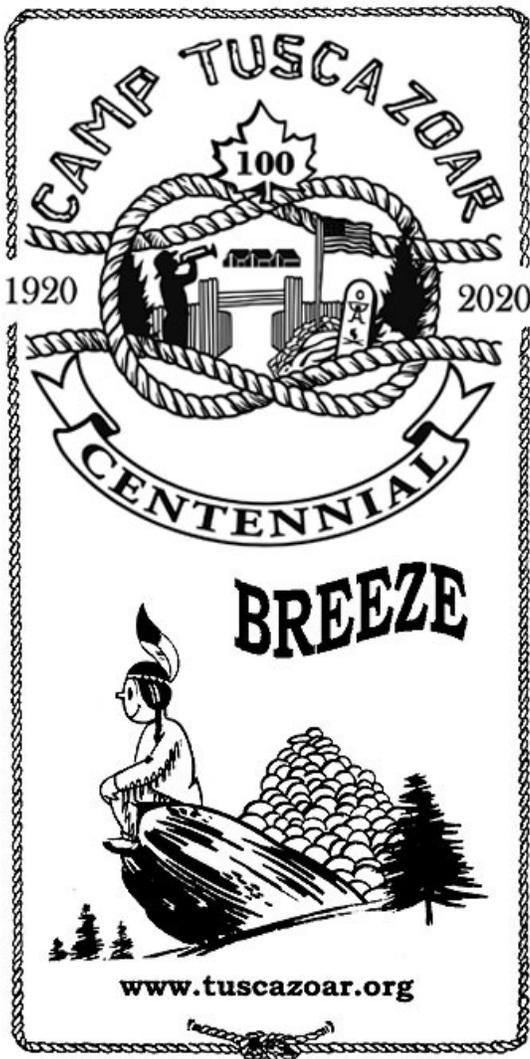
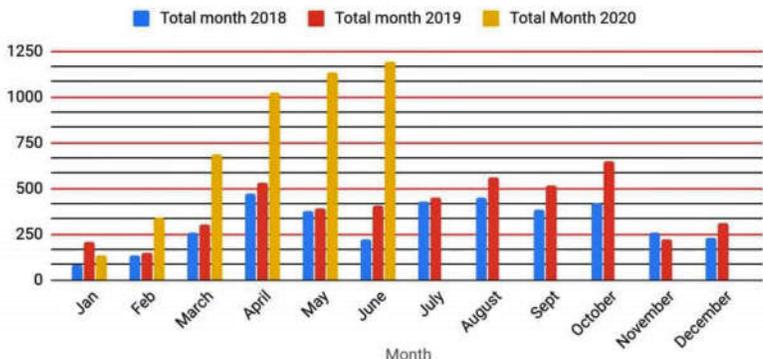
Camp songs will be playing on both days as in-person entertainment is not allowed. You can also purchase items from our Trading Post including the centennial items and our new commemorative Christmas ornament. As always, we will have Camp Tuscazoar Maple Syrup for sale so you can stock up for those cold winter months. While at camp, be sure to check out the latest improvements and stop by the W.C. Moorhead Museum and watch our digitized version of the history of Camp Tuscazoar. This presentation can be shown at group events if you send us a request.

We have held the same prices as last year. The door sale prices are \$15 for adults/\$5 for children. Advance tickets will be \$12/\$4 so you will want to be sure to get tickets in advance. For tickets, email us at info@tuscazoar.org or call Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-859-2288. Tickets will be available from our members as well. If you join the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, tickets and a camp calendar will appear in your mail. And we now have an option to pay for your tickets online. Visit <http://tuscazoar.org/events/roast/> to learn more.

Visits soar during pandemic

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Camp Tuscazoar. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we have had to postpone or cancel several fundraising activities. While we face financial challenges just like everyone else this year, we have seen a tremendous increase in visitors. As this chart illustrates, we have doubled the numbers of people enjoying camp from last year and we still have five months to go! Most people using the trails are not members. We ask that you become a member to support us financially. You can now join online at <https://givebutter.com/CampTuscazoar>. Thank you!

Camp Tuscazoar Visitor Sign-in Sheet monthly totals
Year Totals: 2018-3725 / 2019-4695 / 2020-June -4507



Mutty Paws cancelled

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19, the 2020 Mutty Paws Dog Hike has been cancelled. Instead, the event organizers encourage dog hikers to hike the camp's Centennial Trail.

As part of Camp Tuscazoar's centennial celebration, a collection of 100 historic sites throughout camp have been identified and marked with a unique sign. During 2020, visitors are encouraged to hike to many or all of these sites to learn more about the camp's rich history. Details are outlined on website at: <http://tuscazoar.org/centtrail/>.

Pictures of you and your pup at a Centennial Trail site can be posted to the Mutty Paws Facebook page. A link to this page can be found at <http://tuscazoar.org/events/mutty-paws-hike-cancelled/>. We thank you for your participation and support in the past years! Please remember that all dogs must be leashed while traveling the trails at Camp Tuscazoar.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



Scouts enjoy week that was “definitely not” summer camp

By Chris Altman, ASM Troop 517, CTF Board Member.

What do you do when the COVID-19 virus closes down Scouts BSA camps across the nation? You make your own. That's what the leaders of Troop 517 from Brunswick, Ohio did when faced with the option of not being able to take the scouts to camp this year.

After learning that the troop's traditional summer camp destination would be closed, the leaders and committee planned a week of adventure for the scouts at Camp Tuscazoar. In just two weeks the leaders came up with a plan that would be fun and memorable while ensuring proper restrictions for COVID-19 safety.

The week started off on Saturday, June 27 as the scouts and leaders arrived and went to work building bunks, removing old bunks, placing trail signs, clearing trails, and many other jobs. The troop provided over 150 service hours while in camp.

The following week was packed with adventures including vespers in Tom's Chapel, hiking, merit badges, mountain biking, campfires, swimming at Atwood Lake, and canoeing. Additionally, 22 of the 25 earned a Centennial Trail coin. Special thanks to CTF board members Kenny Kocarek, who spoke to our troop about mountain biking, and Valerie Stroh-Kline and Barb Harding for bringing their horses and teaching us about horsemanship.

As we closed out our week at the final campfire, I was humbled to hear 10 of the 11 scouts present state that they had so much fun during this trip they would like come to Camp Tuscazoar next summer! It was truly a blessing to share the Tuscazoar experience with our scouts and to fondly remember my days as a scout and staff member at this great camp over 30 years ago.

Thanks to t Camp Tuscazoar, the board, the leaders/committee of Troop 517, and the parents for making this a summer to remember for our scouts. “We will keep the spirit burning...”



Camp hosts NEOOC events

This year has been disappointing and frustrating for the Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club (NEOOC), as it has been for everyone. To date, only one event – our annual winter Snow-O event – was held with no end in sight to the many restrictions that have been placed on our ability to host orienteering events in normal fashion.

Thanks to the diligence and creativity of several NEOOC volunteers, and working in partnership with the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation, two events were designed and held at Camp Tuscazoar that enabled folks to get back out in nature in a socially-responsible and safe way, to enjoy some orienteering challenges.

The Tuscazoar Challenge leverages CTF's “Centennial Trail,” asking participants to self-time their effort to find as many of the trail's 100 historical markers as possible. To date, NEOOC's own Todd Pownell leads those who have reported their results, finding all 100 controls in only 4 hours, 14 minutes! This event remains active through the end of 2020.

The Camp Tuscazoar Self-Serve Classic-O was an orienteering event with four 10-12 control courses designed for orienteers with intermediate/advanced skill levels. For this event, more than 20 “no-touch” controls were placed off-trail throughout Camp Tuscazoar, and the courses were active, with self-timing and reporting of results, from June 12–21 for NEOOC members and from June 22–28 for the general public. This event was also used to successfully test iOrienteering, an app that lets participants use their smart phones to record their visit to a control.

NEOOC wishes to thank the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation for their efforts to maintain the camp and make it accessible for the enjoyment of all, and for the many years of partnership with our club. We look forward to working together with CTF going forward, to offer orienteering opportunities to all that are served by CTF.

Project roundup

In June, a group of volunteers from Johnson United Methodist Church arrived at camp for an annual missions trip. This group normally offers their services to an area in West Virginia but, since they were unable to travel there, they came to us. We were very fortunate to have the funding (through our rainy day fund and since it was pouring) to purchase enough lumber to build **new wooden bunk beds** for all of our buildings. Campers can now enjoy these new bunks and the old metal ones have been scrapped. Some staining is still needed so, if a group would like a service project, we have the material and brushes to help you give us a hand. A big “thank you” to this group and to the additional volunteers that helped complete this task!



The blessing continued with an offer to construct a **cabinet to house our vast collection of merit badge books** in our museum. We have been looking for someone to build it for years and, low and behold, one of the members of this group has stepped up to build this cabinet for his Eagle project. Now we will need a scout or group that would like to take on the cataloging of all the books in our care. If you would be interested in helping with this project, email the camp at info@tuscazoar.org for information.

Another improvement came with the adoption of **Buffalo campsite** by a family conservation group who cleaned up the entire area, built a new wood storage rack and painted the latrine. This group also helped stain every bunk in Jamboree Lodge. The Board of Directors would like to thank this group for all their help.

Also, new EPA approved **frost-free hydrants** are being installed all over camp. We apologize for any inconvenience this project has caused and we are working very hard to get the job done and again bring another level of safety to our camp.



Centennial ornaments, T-shirts, patches available

We're celebrating Camp Tuscazoar's 100th anniversary in 2020! Now you can commemorate Camp Tuscazoar's centennial celebration and the reconstruction of our iconic stockade entrance by displaying a keepsake ornament on your Christmas tree year after year. We are also offering a “100 Years of Memories” oversized patch for purchase. And, we have centennial T-Shirts, centennial caps, a centennial hiking medallion, a centennial patch and a hiking stick in our stock of 100th anniversary items. Order online at <https://www.ebay.com/str/davestuscazoartradingpost> or visit the W.C. Moorhead Museum at camp on Saturdays.

Camp Tuscazoar latest news

The **Camp Tuscazoar Foundation's annual meeting** will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. at the camp. We will elect new members of the board of directors. If you would like to serve as a director and help shape the future of Camp Tuscazoar, please send a short resume to info@tuscazoar.org. The requirements are simple - you must be a member of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation for at least one year and have a real desire to help. The board meets once a month and we volunteer for several events at camp. Please consider lending a hand!

Our **online reservation system**, Tentaroo, is working well. Groups can see what weeks and sites are available for their campouts without waiting for a phone call. You now can also pay for your reservation right on the site and eliminate the need to mail a check. We are still here to answer questions. Email reservations@tuscazoar.org and we will be glad to help!

“**Coffee at Camp**” - with more and more visitors to our camp, we would love to show off our museum, answer questions, give directions and just talk with whomever shows up. We need several volunteers willing to give us a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday morning to get this program up and running. If you can assist, please email the camp at info@tuscazoar.org or call 330-493-1386.

Help restore a longtime symbol of Tuscazoar!



The first stockade entrance at Camp Tuscazoar was constructed in the early 1920's. Since then, at least two similar entrances were built to welcome campers.



Thousands have passed through these gates and have read the sign that says, "You are a stranger here but once."

The time has come once again to restore this symbol of Camp Tuscazoar. The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is hoping to construct another stockade, complete with a crossover bridge, during the camp's 100th anniversary in 2020.

Today, hundreds of youth and adults pass through these gates each year to explore the riches of Tuscazoar, just as their predecessors have throughout the years. Please help us keep this tradition alive and consider a donation to support rebuilding and improving this symbol of Camp Tuscazoar.

We need many contributions to help fund restoration. Every donor will be thanked for their contribution and invited to a dedication at a later date.

Contributions can also be made through a Go Fund Me page for this project at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/camp-tuscazoar-stockade-restoration-campaign>.

The new stockade is being constructed to last for many years. The crossover bridge will be restored so scout troops can once again use this structure for their crossover ceremonies!

Project Update

On March 20, the old stockade was removed to clear the way for new construction. On May 2, trenches were dug and footers were poured to begin the reconstruction. The foundation was poured by May 23 and, in July, workers began adding a stone exterior to the foundation. The logs will be added next. Watch our website for further updates. We still find ourselves short of paying cash for the entire project, but with a new round of grants and ongoing individual donations, we are confident that the balance of the funds will come. Should you wish to send a few extra dollars earmarked for this project we would greatly appreciate it. Our hope is to have the construction completed by our annual Pig Roast. Thank you for your support!

Camp Tuscazoar Stockade Restoration Campaign

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 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Phone _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Crossover Supporter (plaque on the bridge)	\$5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Pole Supporter (name on one of the uprights)	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Gate Supporter (Name on step of crossover bridge)	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Supporter (Name listed in Breeze)	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardware Supporter (Name listed in Breeze)	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (list contribution amount)	\$ _____

Please fill in your name below as you would like it to be displayed. You may use a family name, an individual's name or an organization's name.

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



Horsemanship Merit Badge inspires life-long passion

By Barbara L. Harding, CTF Board Member

In the 1970's, Jerry Pikna was the Ranger at Camp Tuscazoar. He had an idea of leasing horses from local farmers for a horse program that he was developing that would be the foundation for the Horsemanship Merit Badge Program.

Paul Pettini has fond memories of the program and his horse Sugarfoot that he used for the program. Paul was raised on a farm and knew how to ride and to basically care for horses. But he was afraid of them. Paul's father told him and his brother John that he was sending them to Horse Camp. The camp needed one more horse, so Paul brought his horse for the week-long program.

The Horse Camp program was going to teach him all about horses: anatomy; proper nutrition; feeding; how to ride; the parts of the bridle and saddle; first aid and even basic horse shoeing. Well, Paul wasn't thrilled about going. He thought he knew it all.

What he learned that week was the beginning of a passion for horses that has lasted his entire life. And he has passed that passion down to his granddaughter.

There used to be a little barn behind the Stone Lodge that stabled 8 horses that provided young Scouts with life-long lessons.

Paul became very involved in scouting and became a First Class Scout and earned his 1st year Pipestone award. Camp Tuscazoar and all the special memories he had there are dear to his heart and molded him to become a very successful entrepreneur, creating Motion Mobility Equipment Company, which provides home modifications for people in wheel chairs.

His granddaughter unfortunately, suffered a Post Spinal Cord Injury, which damaged her nerve pathways and caused paralysis on her left side. The doctors said she would probably never walk again and would be confined to a wheel chair. But amazingly, through riding horses, she was able to trail ride and compete in horse shows. She brought home lots of ribbons riding her Morgan horse.

Paul built a small barn on his property in 2012 after boarding their horses for many years. He cherishes the years he and his granddaughter have spent sharing their passion. Paul has recently faced his own physical challenges that have kept him from riding horses as much as he would like. But he is feeling better now and looking for a new horse! Horses have the power to heal us, body, mind and soul. Paul's story is a testament to that power.

Maple Days moves to Oct. 17, 18

We are planning to host our annual Maple Days event on Oct. 17-18, 2020. As you know, this event fell victim to the March shutdown, but we are hoping to offer it this fall. If you have your tickets from the March date, we will honor them. Watch our website for up-to-date information as everything this year is very fluid, but we remain hopeful that this will happen.

Syrup available at farmer's markets

Can't wait for more of our delicious maple syrup? Visit us at a local **Farmers Markets** this summer. We will have displays at the Tuscarawas Valley Farmers Market on Wednesday afternoons and the Jackson Township Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons. Come and visit even if you don't need syrup. It's fun to meet and greet friends. Don't forget your mask!

Adventure Race draws record number

A record number of participants endured a HOT day while running, kayaking, biking and orienteering over the hills at Camp Tuscazoar. It has been a strange year for this race and we did everything we could to keep all the participants safe. The winners in each category are:

Stephanie Duarte - Female Sprinter

Chris Crawford - Male Sprinter

Kate Bilinski and Shannon Potter- Scac

Rescue Warriors- Team Sprinter winners

Jarred Lawver - Male Ultimate winner

Ruth Cunningham and Justin Pokrivka - Team Ultimate winners



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Work begins on 2021 calendars

Work has begun on the 2021 Camp Tuscazoar Calendar of Events. We mail this calendar to all members and keep a supply on hand to give to new members and camp visitors. If you know a company that might be interested in purchasing an ad, please let us know. If you don't currently receive the calendar, become a member and it will arrive in your mailbox! You can now purchase memberships online at <https://givebutter.com/CampTuscazoar>

Coming Events:*

Aug. 14-15 Dover Dam Weekend
Sept 12 & 13 Pig Roast Fundraiser
Oct. 4 CTF Annual Meeting
Oct. 17, 18 Maple Days Fundraiser
Jan 23-25 Gold Rush Competition

**Please continue to watch our website at www.tuscazoar.org for event updates.*

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Garlic mustard an invasive herb

By Dan Nesbitt, Camp Tuscazoar Ranger

Hail all ye old time campers! At Camp Tuscazoar, the majesty of nature spreads before our view. Our vast ecosystem includes countless plant species. Camp Tuscazoar is that place where we can go and smell the flowers, not pick them. But wait a minute! There's an invader in our camp that can choke out our native plants and who can multiply easily. That plant is garlic mustard.

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria Petiolata*) is an invasive herb that has spread throughout much of the United States over the past 150 years, becoming one of the worst invaders of forests in the American Northeast and Midwest. While it is usually found in the undergrowth of disturbed woodlots and forest edges, recent findings have shown that garlic mustard can establish and spread even in pristine areas. This spread has allowed it to become the dominant plant in the undergrowth of some forests, greatly reducing the diversity of all species. Garlic mustard is one of very few non-native plants to be able to successfully invade forest understories.

This weed grows to about two to three feet tall, has white flowers in the spring and narrow seed pods on top by mid-summer. The leaf is spade-shaped with a serrated edge. At camp, it grows in bunches in our open areas and at the edge of the woods. As a camp we have a "don't pick the plants" policy. The fourth principle of Leave No Trace is to leave what you find. Garlic mustard is the exception. You may pull the plants out of the ground. As Ranger, I encourage you to hike, explore and enjoy our camp. But I also encourage you to bring a large trash bag and pull any of the garlic mustard that you find along your adventures at camp.

