



Troop 5 Cabin to be re-roofed

At the February Camp Tuscazoar Foundation board meeting, approval was given to re-roof the historic Troop 5 Cabin, thanks to a generous donation from the Kimble Foundation.

Troop 5 Cabin is the oldest building at Camp Tuscazoar. Originally constructed in 1920, it was disassembled and moved to its present location in 1933. Keeping this building safe is foremost in this decision and the new steel roof will protect it for many years to come.

Hopefully, the work will be completed early this spring! The board is also considering other capital improvement projects to be undertaken this year. We have been extremely blessed to have the support of several Foundations and individual donors to make some of these improvements a reality.

Maple Days breakfast set for March 20, 21

After a snowy February and several months of indoor activities, we're sure that you will be ready for our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21. Enjoy a warm meal of pancakes, sausage, eggs and applesauce. We can also prepare "Gluten Free" pancakes.

The Ohio Maple Madness tour will once again bring in folks from all over northeast Ohio. This is an important fundraiser for the camp as we try to keep our camping fees low while our expenses rise. You can help by joining us and enjoying a wonderful breakfast.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids ten and under and will be mailed to Foundation members and will also be available at the door. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please email the "Pancake Hotline" at info@tuscazoar.org to hold your tickets for you.

Meals will be provided "take out" style this year, with socially distant picnic tables available for seating. We will do our best to accommodate those with special needs.

Face masks are strongly recommended for the health and safety of all involved. We hope to see you then!

Dover Dam Day will celebrate the rule of law

In 1961, **May 1** was declared **Law Day, U.S.A.**: "(this) is a special day of celebration by the people of the USA...in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the USA and of their rededication to the ideals of equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and with other countries; and, (2) for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life."

The **American Bar Association's** 2021 Law Day theme is *Advancing the Rule of Law Now*: "the rule of law is the bedrock of American rights and liberties - in times of calm and unrest alike. (This)...reminds all of us that we the people share the responsibility to promote the rule of law, defend liberty, and pursue justice."

Camp Tuscazoar will celebrate Law Day with Law Merit Badge at **Dover Dam Day on May 1**. Stations, either self-serve or taught by lawyers, judges, and law enforcement, will focus on law, and honor the rule of law and its underlying principles. Visit our website at <http://tuscazoar.org/events/ddw/> periodically for updates.

For scouts with Law Merit Badge seeking alternate activities, consider the **Centennial Trail**, which is really a 100-control orienteering score course, or the portion of it that will be designated as a cross-country course for Orienteering Merit Badge. And don't forget the **Zoar Valley Trail**, with two ten-mile legs and a patch.

The cost: \$20 for each attendee, which includes a bagged breakfast, carry-out supper, and event patch. All stations will meet COVID protocols. All scouters and units are expected to comply with those protocols.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Donations will benefit museum

Camp Tuscazoar has received two generous donations in 2021. The first was from one of our life members, Greg Bilek, that we hope to use to enhance the lighting in the W.C. Moorhead Museum. Greg was instrumental in getting our new merit badge booklet cabinet built and so new lighting to showcase this great project is particularly important.

We have also received an anonymous donation from The Chicago Community Foundation. The donor asked that it be used for general operating support and it will provide additional funding to upgrade the lighting in the museum.

As a reminder: we are always looking for volunteers to help out on Saturday mornings in opening and staffing the museum for the many visitors we have coming to our camp. In 2020, we saw a significant increase in the number of folks enjoying all we have to offer here at Camp Tuscazoar. For more information on the museum, visit <http://tuscazoar.org/museum/>

Change to 2021 event calendar

You may have noticed that on our 2021 calendar of events we listed an American Heritage Merit Badge weekend in September. Unfortunately, the Zoar community has changed the date for their Civil War reenactment, which makes it impossible for us to participate this year.

The good news is that a different type of program will be offered during our Pig Roast weekend and information will be available soon.

For a complete listing of our 2021 camp events, visit: <http://tuscazoar.org/events/>. We will post event details on this page as they plans are finalized.



Annual Adventure Race scheduled for July 10

Rugged adventure awaits in this action-packed race on July 10. 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.

Racers should be prepared to run about five miles for the first leg, paddle four miles, and mountain bike three miles for the final leg.

Competitors looking for a bigger challenge can complete the Ultimate Adventure Race and have the time of their lives covering seven miles on our rugged mountain bike trails. This year, participants can add the orienteering event to any of the other races or just enjoy orienteering as its own event. Please select the link below to begin your adventure!

<https://registration.midohiorm.com/events/2021-tuscazoar-adventure-race--01202021555>

The website includes an event schedule, participation options for individuals and groups, recommended gear and lodging options.

Help will be needed for registration, canoe parking at Canal Lands, water stations, canoe loading at the take-out, parking help, food help and, of course, cleanup. Volunteers can be a scout group, a family group, an individual or anyone who wants to take part in this exciting event. To assist, just email info@tuscazoar.org.



Funds sought for info kiosks

The Camp Tuscazoar sign-in board has seen better days, and, with our beautiful new stockade, it is time to begin to beautify our parking lot and establish a kiosk and information center that will benefit new and old visitors alike.

In 2020, a record number of trail-users visited the camp; in fact, the numbers were more than double those in 2019. Nearly 6,000 came to hike!

So, we are fundraising for a large main kiosk in the parking lot and, if funding goes well, a new, small kiosk on the west side trails and at our new trail head on the southern edge of the property that is currently under development.

The names of those who donate more than \$100 to this project will be displayed on each kiosk so this is a perfect opportunity to donate and advertise for your company many years. To donate online, visit

<https://givebutter.com/TuscazoarKiosk>

Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

The following have helped ensure the future of Camp Tuscazoar with their contributions to the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund.

Betty and Jim Kleinfelter -
In honor of Stewart Fitzgibbon

Glen Groh - Life membership

Michael Ullman - Life membership

Chris Altman - In honor of
Dave Wagner and Chaplain Ken

Teri B. Olson - In memory of
Phillip Byers

The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund was established to ensure that maintenance and improvement projects have an ongoing source of funds. Please consider sending a gift!

Getting married on Buzzard's Roost

By Seth Arkow

Has this ever happened to you? You get a seemingly crazy notion in your head; something you think could never happen and, that you believe your wife/girlfriend/fiancée would ever want to or allow to happen. Then you say your idea, and SHE'S ALL FOR IT! That's what happened to me on October 18, 2019 when I asked Mel to marry me. Melissa and I met at her place of work 15 to 20 years ago. She was married and had just had her first son, and I was a single guy about to be married to my first wife. She worked in a law office in New Philadelphia where I rented office space. We became friends and lived our separate lives. Flash forward a decade and a half. I was divorced and she was as well. We began to date one another.

Our dates were bike rides on the towpath trails, running in 5K races (she ran, I kind of ran) and hiking. Oh, did we hike! From the Cleveland Metroparks to old scout hangouts, we hiked and hiked for miles and miles. One beautiful day I introduced her to Camp Tuscazoar. She was familiar with our camp as her Father (Lee Randolph who many of you know) had been a Scouter for many decades in the Neta District and the Buckeye Council. We logged many miles on the trails at our camp and as it was a very special place to me and to her. I asked her to marry me at the Roost on a beautiful crisp day in October. Ranger Dan Nesbitt was there to take pictures of the moment.

As we hiked back to our car, we naturally began to talk about where we would tie the knot. Her dad's church? My temple? A trip to Vegas? All of these thoughts were sent up the flagpole without a salute. Then, half joking I said "Well, what about the Roost?". She looked at me with her beautiful blue eyes, considered what I had just said and replied, "That would be perfect." I couldn't believe it. We were getting married on Buzzard's Roost! Now the real work began.

We had a plan: we would have family and close friends on the Roost and then record the wedding to be played back at the reception later in the day. Here's the tough part: ever see a power outlet on Buzzard's Roost? Me neither! We solved that issue with a very long extension cord plugged into my Ford F150 (which has a 400-watt inverter). This powered an amplifier for the guitar player who played several selections as well as a speaker for the guests in attendance to hear. I also bought a large battery pack which powered my computer, several cameras and a wireless microphone system. The trick was the battery was only going to last a few hours, so once we got started, we were on a clock.

The date was set: November 28, 2020. What could go wrong? COVID! My sister and her family would not be able to come in from Florida, but we persevered. I bought a 20x30 tent for guests to sit under and two propane heaters for the guitar player and the guy operating the computer. My friend loaned us a large (and loud) propane heater for guests. They were kind of warm (although my father (age 81) wondered why I was punishing him by dragging him up there). We rented chairs and our guests were taken care of.

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View from the Ranger's running shoes

By Dan Nesbitt

For the past two Labor Day weekends, Camp Tuscazoar has hosted the Tuscazoar 100, an ultra marathon race that covers many of the trails, paths and scenic vistas our camp has to offer.

When I say this is an "ultra" race, that's defined simply as 100 miles of all kinds of terrain, which fits well with our camp. And you only have 32 hours to complete the 100 miles.

In 2020, the Tuscazoar 100 hosted 256 runners and their support teams. Many camped for the weekend and got to see camp from a camper's viewpoint. Needless to say, Labor Day weekend was busy here at Camp Tuscazoar.

The event organizers are from Brimstone Bike Shop in Canal Fulton. Their course consists of four 25-mile loops. The start/finish line is in front of the dining hall and the course winds its way through camp passing all our points of interest. The trail follows sections of Icky's Trail, and bike and horse trails. As you make your way from the starting point, you view the valley from Pioneer Point and pass the Camp Honors circles. You enter the tunnel, pass the Rex Farrall carving while traveling the Zoar Valley Trail, cross the Zoarville Station Bridge and head west to Zoar, finally turning around at Zoar Lake. The return trip brings you to Dover Dam. Then the technical section of the course begins. For runners, this means the trail now snakes up and down the hillsides. Anyone who has hiked or biked the south sections of camp will understand. One of my favorite views was from atop Buzzards Roost as I stopped to get a drink and catch my breath.

On this portion of the course, we passed the wall and the Zoarite kidney mine, got to hike/run on the Buckeye Trail and, at Hikers Hill campsite, found a wedding chapel aid station, complete with tuxedos and wedding gowns. We were less than 6 miles from the finish line, but those miles made already sore feet scream as we worked our way home. Our feet carried us past the Dessecker homestead and across the highwall of the reclaimed coal mine, past Troop 1 Cabin and on and off Icky's Trail, through Big Tulip campsite and eventually to the new stockade and the finish line.

Completing this course was not easy, yet the two top finishers completed 100 miles in less than 19 hours. This is amazing, as it took me 9.5 hours to hike 25 miles. The young lady who took 1st in the 100 followed me through the finish line marking 50 miles on her quest.

When asked at the end of my lap if I was ready for the 2nd lap, I said, "NO." But I will work to improve my time for next year and maybe even increase the distance. MAYBE! From my running shoes, come out to Camp Tuscazoar and hike and run the trails a little bit. It will do your soul good; I promise.



Tuscazoar 100 awards

Gold Rushers faced "disaster"

By Spenser Long

First, I would like to thank those who took the time to come down to the Gold Rush and help with the event, from the station judges to the adults who volunteered to bring the youth down to camp. Of course, a very big thank you goes out to Jim and his kitchen staff for the cooking. I would also like to thank Mr. Dan Toalston for doing another amazing job on the pans this year.

This year's Gold Rush was a great success, even with the issues that

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How you can help Camp Tuscazoar

Several organizations make it easy for you to help support Camp Tuscazoar as we work to replace our reduced camping income.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. We have posted on link on our website home page www.tuscazoar.org or go directly to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1545370> and a portion of your purchases will support the camp.

Camp Tuscazoar is also listed as a qualifying charity with Thrivent and we receive donations from several members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent Choice enables members to have a financial impact on the causes and nonprofits they care about. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding. Visit <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>.

In addition, we have received many memorial donations through Network for Good. Network for Good uses the Internet and mobile technology to securely and efficiently distribute thousands of donations from donors to their favorite charities each year. To learn more, visit <https://www.networkforgood.com>.

Contributions needed for WiFi installation at camp

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio recently offered a grant opportunity to upgrade WIFI service in our area. The camp applied for this grant hoping to switch from our current internet service, which tends to be off and on. Unfortunately, we did not receive that grant, but a new funding opportunity has now been made available.

Cause Connector was created with both today and tomorrow in mind. Half of each gift supports a project of your choosing today. The other half is invested in the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's I'm a Child of Appalachia Fund, an endowment designed to grow long-lasting and sustainable resources that can support similar projects in the future. In this way, Cause Connector ensures that your gift makes a difference right away and continues making a difference for generations to come.

Please go <https://causeconnector.org/project/wifi-upgrade-for-camp-tuscazoar/>. You will see the description of what we are trying to do at camp, and you will also have the opportunity to help the children of Appalachia. We are hopeful that having this upgrade will help us move forward at the camp.

Getting married...

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Wait, how would we get guests to the Roost, let alone the bride and our wedding party? Trucks and a golf cart, that's how! By 10 a.m. the florist had come to decorate a gazebo I purchased from Melissa's grandmother's estate auction, our guitar player was strumming tunes from the band Chicago, the guests were seated, and the bride had arrived. From there, one of my closest buddies who happened to be licensed to marry couples, Frank Bove, officiated his very first wedding. What a spectacular job he did weaving in themes of nature, our lives, and our faiths together seamlessly. He invoked the notion of "home": that we were each other's home and that the camp was a home for us both. It was very touching. We broke a glass, and we were married!

I believe we are the first to be married at the Roost, but if any of you know of someone else, please let me know. I'd love to talk with them. Tuscazoar has always been a special place for Mel and I, and now we call it "home".



Seth and Melissa exchange vows at Buzzard's Roost in November.



Gold Rushers...

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we had early on with COVID-19. We had 8 stations planned, with a map that spanned from Sippo Ridge down to Big Tulip. Overall, we had more than 200 youth in camp with 32 patrols participating in this year's race.

This year's theme was "Disaster Strikes." All of the stations that the scouts visited required practical skills that might be used in the event of a natural disaster, from constructing a shelter to building a fire and learning how to use a compass.

All of the patrols did very well this year; the winners of this year's Gold Rush were;

- 1st place: Ewogs, Troop 150
- 2nd place: Flaming Arrows, Troop 262
- 3rd place: Rainbow Space Monkeys, Tr 12
- 4th place: Beavers, Troop 150
- Best Sled Award: Yetis, Troop 150

Once again, I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this year's event possible. I am looking forward to running the Gold Rush again next year. I am taking the month of February off to collect my thoughts and will come back March 1st to begin the planning for 2022.

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Stockade update

Anyone who has visited the camp this winter may have noticed the remarkable new structure that now serves as the iconic entryway to our camp. It was a labor of love for more than two years and now that it is complete, we want to be sure that everyone has a chance to visit.

We also want to remind Cubmasters that the new stockade has a complete "crossover bridge" that you may want to use in your crossover ceremonies. What a site to have your Cubs walking across the bridge into Boy Scouts! Let us know if we can help you plan your program.

Coming Events:

Mar 20, 21	Maple Days Breakfast
Apr 30-May 2	Dover Dam Weekend
July 10	Adventure Race
Aug 7	Mutty Paws Dog Hike
Sept 11, 12	Pig Roast Weekend
Sept 10-12	Pig Gig Campout
Oct 4	CTF Annual Meeting
Oct 9-10	OH Mtn Bike League Race
Oct 15-17	Signs, Signals, Codes MB

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Help needed for markets, campmasters and mowing

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.

Help is needed in the Dover and Canton areas. There are several other markets where we would like to participate, but we need volunteers. These markets are another way to inform the public about our camp. Please contact Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-859-2288 to discuss how you can help. If you're not able to volunteer, please visit the markets in Dover at the Tuscarawas Fairgrounds on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 7 p.m. or at the Jackson Twp. Farmers Market on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. We would enjoy your company!

Did you ever want to just unplug and get away for a weekend? We are looking for individuals or a couple would be willing to come to camp on a Friday night to help get campers where they need to be and then enjoy a quiet day maybe relaxing in the hammock or hiking the hills. We would ask that on Sunday morning you help campers depart with clean campsites and their trash in the dumpster. The pay for this job is what we like to call "priceless", as what could be more fun? Email us at info@tuscazoar.org if you think you might want to join the fun and which weekend you might want to help out.

Also, we also need help mowing. If you have a spare Saturday and can help, let us know and we will be happy to get you started. We have purchased new mowers to make the job easier!

