

Preparations continue for the annual Gold Rush

By Spenser Long

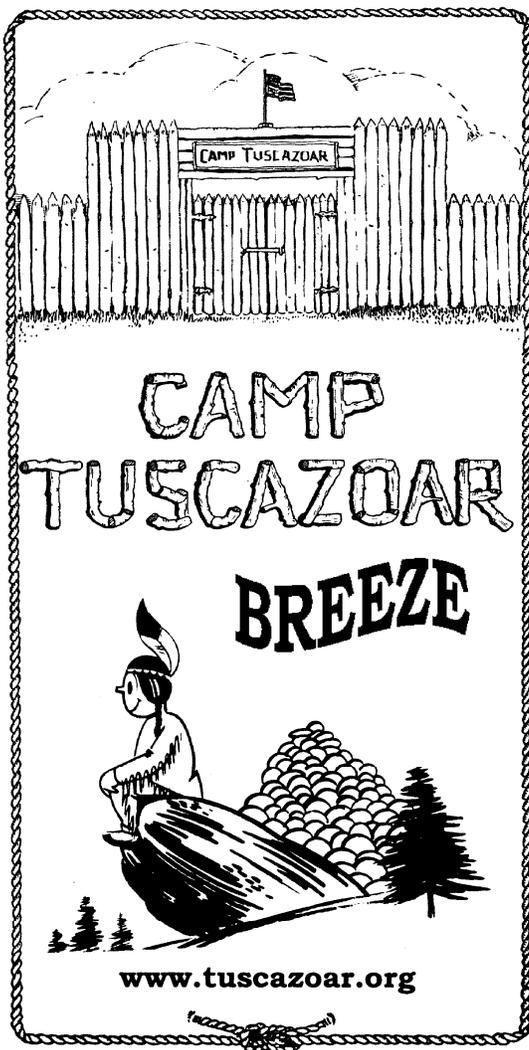
The 2022 Gold Rush competition is just around the corner, and my team and I have been working diligently to get the event put together. This year's Gold Rush is going to be held January 28-30. Unlike last year we will be doing a full camping event.

We have been planning the stations for a few months. Eight stations will cover a variety of scout skills. They could include anything from map reading and compass work to astronomy. Most of the stations are currently in the testing phase. That way I know each and every station is possible to complete. We will also be doing three Gold Rush rubbings at various locations in camp to subtract time off of the total score. As always, please remember it is not who finishes first, but who finishes fastest.

Most of the buildings have been rented but tent sites are still available. You can also join us just for the day if you wish. The event will include a camp patch, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, a campfire program, awards ceremony and all the Saturday activities. The cost for the event is \$25 per attendee. The income from these events is used to help improve and maintain the camp.

We are asking each participating troop to donate one prize for the Saturday evening auction. This can be turned in at check-in.

The event schedule, a revised equipment list and a registration form will be posted onto the camp website. Please stay tuned for that information in the coming weeks. For questions and/or concerns, please email info@tuscazoar.org or call 330-859-2288. We look forward to seeing you!



Scouts earn Indian Lore Merit Badge

On September 11, 76 eager scouts embarked on a journey to earn Indian Lore Merit Badge at the camp's annual Pig Gig. The scouts were divided up into four groups representing local tribes in Ohio: Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandot, and Seneca-Cayuga. Each scout was tasked with completing requirement 1 and learning important facts about their assigned tribe prior to arriving for the event.

Scouts spent the day wandering the camp plains, roaming from station to station to complete the merit badge requirements. At each station, the scouts earned beads for their trading bead necklace required to complete

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Ribbon-cutting marks a new start for Centennial Trail

Camp Tuscazoar hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its refurbished Centennial Trail on October 3 prior to the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation's annual meeting.

This trail has now become a permanent part of Tuscazoar thanks to a generous grant from the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Camp volunteer Dale Tschantz (left) and Dee Grossman, executive director of the Tuscarawas County CVB, cut the ribbon to officially re-open the camp's refurbished Centennial Trail.

Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



Scouts paint the camp's new totem pole at the 2021 Pig Gig. The totem pole will be installed near the stockade this spring.

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the merit badge. Stations included the following:

Indian songs – led by John Grega and Mark Scarpetti. John and Mark did an amazing job teaching the scouts some great songs and the important role music played in day-to-day tribal culture.

Indian games – led by Linda Villard. Scout learned some fun and exciting games played by local tribes.

Totem pole painting – led by Mike Hang and Joseph Weber. Each scout got a chance to paint their own personal totem on the camp's new totem pole that is scheduled to be completed and erected in the spring of 2022.

Arrowhead collection history – Chester Harris shared his amazing arrowhead collection and facts with scouts.

History of the local tribes – Seth Angel, a volunteer from Schoenbrunn Village taught the scouts about the history and cultures of the local tribes in the Dover area.

Tim Anderson and Chris Altman followed the scouts and handing out special trinkets for trading bead necklaces to those that could provide facts or answer questions about their assigned tribes.

In the end, over 50 scouts completed the merit badge, and everyone received a better understanding and appreciation for our Native American Heritage. Scouts, leaders, and volunteers all raved about the event and the expertise and planning the volunteers put into making it a success.

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Following the ribbon-cutting, Dee Grossman, executive director of the Tuscarawas County CVB, presenting the camp with a check that help fund a new information kiosk at the river entrance to camp. Our guests then enjoyed refreshments complements of the CVB.

In 2020, a collection of 100 historic sites throughout the camp were identified and marked with a unique sign. The trail was originally intended to last for only a year but proved to be so popular that the camp chose to maintain it. In June, Camp Tuscazoar received a grant from the Tuscarawas County CVB which funded the purchase and installation of metal signs and signposts for the trail.

"We are extremely grateful to the Tuscarawas County CVB for supporting these projects," said Sean Harris, president of the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation. "The number of camp visitors has increased significantly since the Centennial Trail was introduced. Now that the new signs and signposts have been installed, visitors can enjoy the trail for many years to come."

The camp also received a certificate from the Ohio House of Representatives, commending the camp on its recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Centennial Trail. The certificate said, "The ribbon cutting for the refurbished Centennial Trail clearly demonstrates the remarkable civic concern and public spirit of the citizens of the area." the trail for many years to come."

Any time you are at camp you can now enjoy being part of our history by scanning the QR code on each sign. Those who complete a visit to 50 or more sites can receive a commemorative coin for their accomplishment. There is no charge to enjoy this hike, but donations are accepted. Trail maps and guidebooks are available at the camp's W.C. Moorhead Museum. Additional information on the Centennial Trail is posted on the camp's website at <http://tuscazoar.org/centrail/>.



“The Bee House” is gone!

By Barbara Harding

What had been affectionately named “The Bee House” on the Dessecker property was a favorite spot for hikers and horse riders to stop and take photos of an eerie old house standing in the woods covered in vines with ravens roosting where the chimney once stood. If walls could talk, what stories would they tell? The history of the abandoned homestead is sketchy, but it probably dated back to the 1800's and was part of the original Dessecker farm.

Over the years, bees made huge hives in the interior of the house. Signs were posted warning people to stay away from entering the house, but many took their chances out of curiosity.

Earlier this year the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation found someone to remove the bees and relocate them. By estimates, there were over 100,000 bees removed, but the queen bee just kept laying more eggs to keep the hive thriving.

The decision was finally made to tear the house down as it had become a hazard. The Foundation secured a grant to tear the Bee House down. But the logistics of getting to the structure, nestled in the woods, were a challenge. Interestingly, the challenge of getting the heavy equipment to the structure became an opportunity to create a southern parking area.

Plans had been discussed to put in an area at the southern part of the camp to accommodate event parking and alleviate some parking problems at main camp. With the grant to tear down the Bee House, the contractor made a nice wide entrance off Boy Scout Road about a mile south of the main entrance to camp and created a parking area that can be expanded to meet the needs of all groups: hikers, horses, mountain bikers, runners and the general public. The Trail committee will work with the user groups to make sure the new parking area meets everyone's needs.

A Hoofs & Hounds Fun Raising Event will be held at camp on August 20. This family fun day with furry friends will feature local rescue groups, equine therapy groups and education on ways to support local rescue organizations and pet related small businesses. All proceeds will go to the Camp Tuscazoar Southern Parking Area Fund. If you want to help with this event, contact Barbara Harding at rockinhorse00797@yahoo.com. If you are not able to attend this event but want to contribute to the Southern Parking Area Fund, you can send your contribution to Camp Tuscazoar and designate it for the Southern Parking Area Fund.

Larger footprint expands options

By Seth Arkow

As you may know, Camp Tuscazoar's geographical “footprint” now exceeds the boundaries that existed when many of us attended Scout summer camp. Your Board has taken steps to expand our boundaries, allowing us to provide greater opportunities for users. Our bike and horse trails (which are also hiking trails) now extend into lands that were the property of the Dessecker brothers. The “Tuscazoar Preserve” affords miles of trails, and new places to explore.

This fall, the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) held an incredible mountain biking race that drew hundreds of kids and adult mentors from all over Ohio and beyond. Spearheaded by board member Kenny Kocarek, this race is just one of many opportunities that this flat, wide-open field can offer to users of our camp. I would encourage you to head down Boy Scout Road to see the new (not yet well marked) entrance to this section of the camp. You will be knocked out! As I arrived, I was astonished to see acres of grass with food trucks, a parking lot, and dozens of “EZ Up” style shelters. Kenny was beaming with pride and, as a board member, so was I. This event continued the tradition established in 1921 of serving youth, but in a way that our founders never expected and didn't have to space to do.

Our Board takes seriously its job of preserving your camp and providing outstanding outdoor experiences for our members and users. In acquiring the “Tuscazoar Preserve” we have done so. Go explore “The Preserve”. If you can't find it, give us a call and we will take you out. It's worth your time.



Maple Days set for March 19, 20

It's not too early to think about spring! Mark your calendars for our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, and orange drink. We can also prepare "Gluten Free" pancakes. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ten and under and will be mailed to Foundation members and will also be available at the door for \$12 and \$6. Be sure to get yours ahead of time and save!

This is our ninth year to participate in the Ohio Maple Madness tour which brings in folks from all over northeast Ohio to view our operation and see the beauty of what we call "Tuscazoar". If you see some new faces, please make them welcome.

This is a very important fundraiser for the camp as we continue to try to keep our camping fees low while our expenses for electric and insurance continue to rise. You can help by joining us and enjoying a wonderful breakfast in return.

If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please email the "Pancake Hotline" at info@tuscazoar.org to hold your tickets for you.

*Please note that all these details are subject to the current COVID-19 guidelines and could change. Please refer to our website at www.tuscazoar.org for the latest information.

Foundation elects directors, officers

At the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation's annual meeting, the following individuals were elected to join the Board of Directors: Kenny Kocarek, Kevin Powell, Mark Volkert and Jim Wright. We are also pleased to announce the results of the election of officers who will lead this group:

President – Sean Harris
Vice President- Chris Altman
Secretary – Kenny Kocarek
Treasurer - Nancy Schoenbaum

Congratulations to those elected!



Former Buckeye Council camp staffers pause for a photo during their reunion in September.

Pig Roast offered food, fun and a camp staff reunion

Camp Tuscazoar's 32nd annual Pig Roast weekend was a great event as we were able to offer our dinner both in Kimble Hall and at the various picnic tables throughout central camp. The weather was gorgeous, and we had over 700 folks enjoy both the great weather and the good food! We were also excited to host the Buckeye Council camp staff reunion the same weekend! The old stories were really flying around. We must thank the volunteers who came to help make this possible and, as always, the great volunteers from the New Philadelphia Kohl's store. And thanks to the Bolivar and Dover Giant Eagle stores, Buehler's in Dover, Littys Cakes, Klingstedt Brothers, WalMart and the Amish Door restaurant for their generous donations. We also enjoyed the music of the Kodachrome Babies on Sunday afternoon which made sweet music for our guests. The income from this event will go a long way to helping maintain our wonderful camp!

Memberships provide support

The new membership cards for new members and renewals that were received in early October have been printed and were mailed with our 2022 Calendar of Events. If you did not receive one, your membership may have expired, and we encourage you to renew it. As you may know, Camp Tuscazoar relies totally on camping fees, memberships and annual fundraisers for the funds needed to keep the camp open. We are extremely grateful for your continued support. Members also receive the following:

- Camping privileges for you and your immediate family
- A vote at the annual meeting
- A subscription to the camp newsletter, the Breeze
- A copy of our annual camp events calendar

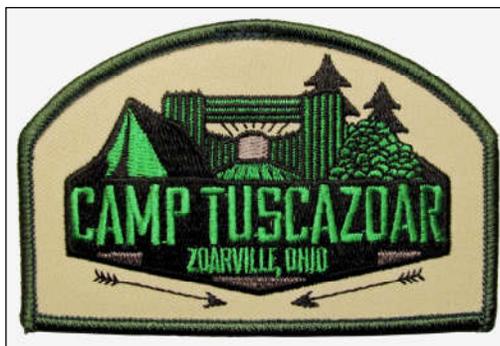
We also encourage our members to provide inputs on future projects and activities, help with workdays and serve on committees. Our annual meeting is held the first Sunday in October each year. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to become members and agree to membership according to Camp Tuscazoar Foundation Bylaws and Policies. For more info and a link to renew your membership online, visit <http://tuscazoar.org/membership/>.

Volunteers have a big impact

Recently we have been the recipient of hours of work donated by various volunteers. This fall alone we have had grass mowed, trees cut down, logs split, 3 Legs painted by a Montessori group from Toledo, bricks installed, and frost frees dressed up for winter. There is always more work that needs done at camp so if you find yourself with a few extra hours give us a call and we will have a job for you. We have scheduled a **workday on December 11** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to prepare for the maple syrup season. And we could use help clearing leaves from central camp and our campsites. While we can't offer a signing bonus, time spent at Tuscazoar is "priceless".



Workday volunteers take a short break from cutting firewood.



Shop Tuscazoar for seasonal gifts

It's time to think about Christmas shopping again. We offer our maple syrup and many other items such as hiking medallions, patches, T-shirts, and camp song CDs at our museum/gift shop. We staff it on Saturdays, usually from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other hours can be arranged by emailing us at info@tuscazoar.org. You can buy online at <http://stores.ebay.com/Daves-Tuscazoar-Trading-Post>. We still have several of our large "100 Years of Memories" patches and hats with the Centennial patch on them, along with our **new camp patch** (pictured above).

If you have a couple of hours on a Saturday and would be interested in volunteering to staff the museum, please contact Nancy at 330-859-2288. (No training required; just a love for the camp).

Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

The following have recently contributed to the Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund.

- Jarod Lawver - Life membership
- Elizabeth Manson - Donation
- Doug Garofalo - Life membership
- Sean Connelly - Life Membership
- Amie Jones - Life Membership
- Mike Jones - Life membership
- Paul Toalston - Life membership
- Seth Arkow - Life membership
- Ralph Toalston - Donation
- Amy Kiko - Life membership
- Michael Hang - Life membership
- Paul Pettini - Life membership
- Nancy Schoenbaum - In memory of Lynette Duplain
- Fresh Mark Employee Civic Fund - Camp Support

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!



John Schaffer from the Stark County Bicycle Club presented the camp with a check for \$500 at the November board meeting to encourage youth cycling. We thank the Stark County Bicycle Club for supporting our efforts.

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*The **Camp Tuscazoar Composite Team** finished up their inaugural season with a race at the camp in October where they won the Ohio Mountain Bike League State Championship for the small school division. Team members are (left to right): Evan Lockhart, Andrew Rankin, Mascot, Eric Theil, and Simon Rankin.*

Coming Events:

Jan. 28-30	Gold Rush Competition
March 19 & 20	Tuscazoar Maple Days
Apr 29 - May 1	Dover Dam Weekend
May 13-15	Running w/My Gnomies
May 20-22	River Sweep/Merit Badge
July 2-4	Reign of Pain MTB Race
July 9	Adventure Race

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Camp hosts Signs, Signals & Codes Merit Badge event

Camp Tuscazoar was pleased to offer Signs, Signals and Codes Merit Badge this fall, thanks to Dale Lamm, Canton Amateur Radio Club (ARC), Tuscarawas County ARC, Massillon ARC, and the Alliance ARC. More than 175 scouts participated in the event and learned many new ways signals and signs are used. We are grateful for Dale and his group for offering this experience.

The weekend coincided with the Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, the largest Scouting event in the world. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in the local community. The instructors had amateur radio stations set up to assist with requirement 3A. Being part of Jamboree on the Air made for a very special day, not to be outdone by the great lunch and ice cream bar that helped everyone enjoy their time in camp. Many new troops joined us and hopefully they will return to Camp Tuscazoar again!



Scouts attend a class for Signs, Signals & Codes Merit Badge in the Hoover Lodge Amphitheater.