

## Gold Rush competition coming this Jan. 27-29

By Spenser Long

Hi all. It's almost that time of year again. The leaves are off the trees and my team and I are planning the upcoming Gold Rush. For those of you who have not heard of the Gold Rush, this cold weather competition puts patrols of six or more scouts against each other to test their scout skills at 8 stations. The scouts go from station to station earning gold nuggets to spend at an auction where we auction off anything from gear to candy and soda.

I would like to make a correction to the last issue of the *Breeze*. The date for the Gold Rush is January 27-29, 2023, the last full weekend of the month. This year the camp has decided that we will only be providing lunch for the staff and the adults that are working at the stations. For the trail this year I am going to change up the lunch requirement. Instead of chili we will be cooking waterless stew. We will again ask each troop to donate one prize for the auction this year. This can be turned in at check-in.

The event will include a camp patch, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, a campfire program, awards, auction and all the Saturday activities. The cost is \$25 per attendee. Despite inflationary pressure, we are working to keep this event affordable.



An equipment list, registration form, and the schedule for the event will be posted to the camp's website soon to allow you to prepare for the event. Please stay tuned for that information. For questions and/or concerns, please email [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org) or call 330-859-2288. We look forward to seeing you on the trail, and as always, it's not who finishes first but who finishes fastest!

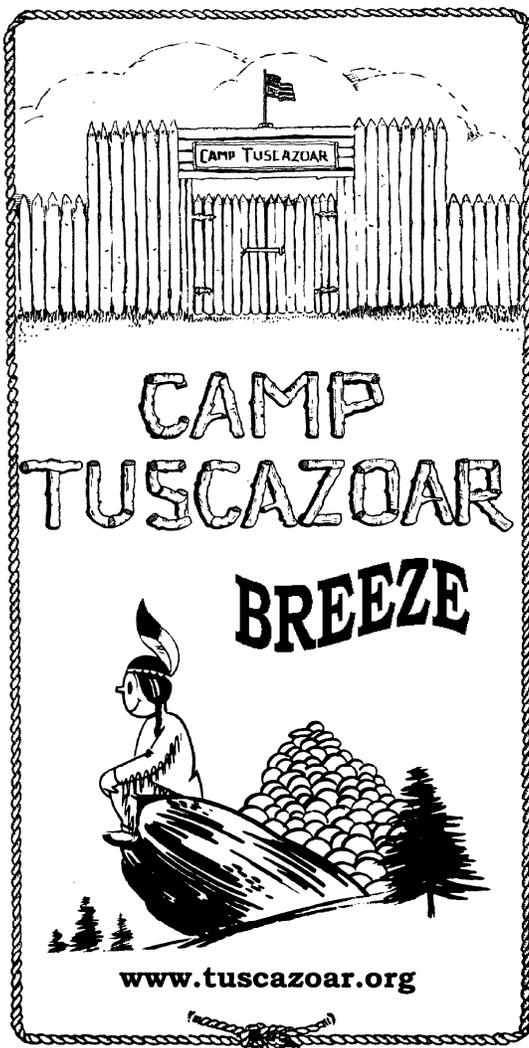
## Conservation, recycling and River Sweep plans ready for 2023

Camp Tuscazoar's conservation and recycling programs are now set for 2023. We will focus once again around a Scouting merit badge for each event to educate scouts on the importance of preserving the natural beauty of Camp Tuscazoar.

We will continue recycling at our Maple Days Breakfast and Pig Roast. In the coming year, our recycling will be more involved and scout leaders will train scouts on everything that needs to be done to properly manage recycling items along with tracking and weighing our trash, recyclables and disposable items. More details will follow.

Our River Sweep will be held on May 20, 2023. Once again, we will have 50 volunteers pick up trash along the Tuscarawas River. Also, Nancy has promised to create her wonderful Garbage Can Stew again. Watch for more details on our website at

[www.tuscazoar.org](http://www.tuscazoar.org).



## Scouts earn Radio Merit Badge

Five area amateur radio clubs co-operated recently to conduct a large JOTA-JOTI operation at Camp Tuscazoar. In conjunction with outdoor Jamboree On The Air activities, Radio Merit Badge (RMB) was taught to nearly fifty Scouts on October 15.

This is the third year that area clubs have combined their resources for the benefit of Scouts at Tuscazoar. In 2020, these volunteers combined JOTA-JOTI and Radio Merit Badge. Nearly 100 Scouts earned their RMB that day. A year later the same group repeated the operation, except the badge taught was Signs, Signals and Codes (SS&C). Because of the relative novelty of SS&C, we drew more than 100 Scouts.

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# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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Members of five area amateur radio clubs gathered to assist Scouts in earning Radio Merit Badge in mid-October.

## Scouts earn Radio Merit Badge

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In 2022, we returned to teaching RMB. Group members have been individually associated with Scouting and counseling RMB for many years. In 2020, Camp Tuscazoar celebrated its 100th anniversary. We felt it would be momentous to help 100 Scouts earn the RMB and experience JOTA-JOTI. Dale Lamm (NX8J) began to plan the event. Jeff Voltz (KE8BKP) organized the JOTA participation while Dale handled the RMB component. Both amateurs have been involved with JOTA and RMB for years. Dale began irregular RMB sessions for individual troops at Tuscazoar in 2012 and has been involved with RMB activities at Buckeye Council's summer camp station KT8BSA for years. We've been asked to return in October 2023 and intend to make the event bigger and better. An effort of this size cannot be accomplished by a single person or club of our size. Area clubs directly involved were:

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Alliance ARC (W8LKY)  | Canton ARC (W8AL)      |
| Massillon ARC (W8NP)  | Pedestrian ARC (K8PRC) |
| Tuscarawas ARC (W8ZX) |                        |

The following dedicated individuals provided their talent and time to the operation. These amateurs need to be recognized:

Perry Ballinger W8AU Massillon ARC  
Byron Berger KF8UN Canton ARC  
Justin Corner W8JKC Canton  
Rick Dingman KE8URA Tusco ARC  
Ryan Ferreri WR8F  
Renny Glazer N8RRG Tusco ARC  
Cindy Gray KE8JNN Tusco ARC  
John Gray AD8IE Tusco ARC  
Brent Gribble N8BAG Tusco ARC  
Nate Hershman N8PB  
Greg Kimble KB8MNJ Tusco ARC  
Dale Lamm NX8J Canton ARC  
Riley Morris Alliance ARC



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## Maple Days set for March 18, 19

Does the arrival of colder weather have you thinking about pancakes dripping with maple syrup? If so, mark your calendars for our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19. 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. Get yours ahead of time and save!

This is our tenth 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 work 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 want to purchase tickets in advance, please email the "Pancake Hotline" at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org) to hold your tickets for you.

## Foundation elects directors, officers

At the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation's annual meeting, the following individuals were elected to join the Board of Directors: Seth Arkow, Jason Mercer, Tony Miller and Michelle Aukamp. We are also pleased to announce the results of the election of officers who will lead this group:

President - Sean Harris  
Vice President - Kenny Kocarek  
Secretary - Corianne Kocarek  
Treasurer - Nancy Schoenbaum

We welcome all our new members and officers who will help keep us moving forward at camp!



*The Tuscazoar Composite Team (pictured above) won five races during the OMBL series championship on October 9 at the camp.*

## Tuscazoar composite team dominates races

The Ohio Mountain Bike League held its fifth race and series championship for 2022 at Camp Tuscazoar on October 9. This was the second season for Scholastic Mountain Biking in Ohio. Fifteen teams and roughly 200 riders participated in the league this year, which included 5 cross country style races held across the state.

The Tuscazoar team dominated on their home course with five riders getting first place in their age groups! Those riders are Addie Slutz, Copper Connare, Clark Johnson, Simon Rankin and Andrew Rankin. Special mention goes to Addie Slutz, Clark Johnson, and Simon Rankin as they completed the season sweep by winning their respective age group in all 5 races during the season.

The National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) is an American non-profit organization that promotes high school/middle school mountain biking programs in the United States. NICA provides governance, leadership, and program support to regional high school mountain biking organizations. Camp Tuscazoar intentionally designed and built trails on the southern part of our property specifically for the NICA league and is honored to have been selected as a venue to host this event and give the youth of northern Ohio an opportunity to have a race local to them.

Thank you to all the people at Camp Tuscazoar, and the parents, sponsors and coaches who made this amazing thing happen.

For more information on <https://www.ohiomtb.org/>. Interested in joining the team and are you located in the Camp Tuscazoar area? Any questions or comments, please contact [dsimon@tuscazoar.org](mailto:dsimon@tuscazoar.org).

## Upgrades continue on Duryee Lodge

Duryee Lodge will soon be ready to go as our Campmaster cabin! First, thanks to the Tuscarawas Community Foundation, the cabin has a new roof. Their grant enabled us to have Fairview Log Homes replace the aging roof on this cabin. In addition, the following has been accomplished:

1. Painted the cabin's interior
2. Installed two flat screen TVs
3. Two of three exterior speakers are working with the amplifier inside the cabin along with the speaker next to it. If our Campmasters want to listen to music or a ballgame, the option will be available if they have a phone or computer with a headphone jack. We have a Bluetooth dongle for apple users and a radio/CD player has been donated that can be hooked into the system. The large speaker on the pole needs to be rewired.
4. Cleaned out the bedroom and main room.

What remains to be done:

1. Fix the speaker on the pole
2. Mount an antenna and wire it so we can get over-the-air channels to the TV's. Once we get WIFI going at the camp, we can use that or, if Campmasters have a Hot Spot, they can connect it to either of the TV's and stream to their heart's desire.
3. Hook up the DVD Player to the TV.
4. Put a leather or vinyl futon in the main room.

Our goal is to re-establish a Campmaster program. The Campmaster and his/her family can spend the weekend at the camp. They would oversee check in and checkout and make sure our guests have what they need including access to firewood, toilet paper, etc. They could also work the museum. The cabin is heated and air conditioned to make it more comfortable for families.



*Duryee Lodge has a new steel roof.*

## Roofs replaced on chapel, Stone Lodge

Tom's Chapel is sporting a new steel roof. A big "thank you" to The Zimmerman Foundation for the grant that funded this project. And special thanks to Richard Angeli, Tony Miller, Jason Mercer, and Nick Fedor and his son for their hard work. We are blessed to be able to keep this special place better protected for years to come. On October 2, we hosted a rededication with a vespers service.

Also, thanks to grants from the Reeves Foundation and the Kimble Foundation, our Stone Memorial Lodge now has a pitched roof above the kitchen/bathroom wing! This upgrade will help minimize the water issues that have been a problem with the flat roof over this section of the lodge. Be sure to check out the new look for these buildings during your next visit.



*Volunteers replace the roof on Tom's Chapel in August.*

## Volunteer spotlight

Recently we have benefited from hours of work donated by various volunteers. There is always more work that needs to be done at camp so if you have a few extra hours, please give us a call and we will have a job for you. While we can't offer a signing bonus, the time spent at Tuscazoar is "priceless". We also have a willing volunteer each Wednesday that would love some company. Let us know!



*Thanks to generous contributions and grants, along with community support at our annual fundraisers, the camp can fund cabin upgrades like this new roof on the Stone Memorial Lodge.*

## More than 850 enjoy the food and fun at fall Roast

Camp Tuscazoar's 33rd 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 850 folks enjoy both the great weather and the good food! Thanks to the many volunteers who came to help make this possible and, as always, the great volunteers from the New Philadelphia Kohl's store. And thanks for the food donations from the Bolivar and Dover Giant Eagle stores, Buehler's in Dover, Littys Cakes, WalMart in New Philadelphia and to Holly Hochstetler for the great BBQ Sauce and Smith Dairy in Orrville and all the volunteers who helped a great deal in providing for our meal. 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!

Also, the Pig Gig returned this year. Scouts were able to earn Citizenship in Society merit badge. The scouts who participated seemed to really enjoy learning many details about our county.

## Time to renew memberships

The membership cards for our new members and renewals have been printed and mailed. If you did not receive one, your membership may have expired, and we encourage you to renew it. Camp Tuscazoar relies totally on camping fees, memberships and annual fundraisers for funding. 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. 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/>.

## Endowment Fund

### *Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning*

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

Dilip Tripathy - Donation  
John Richard - Lifetime Membership  
David Buffo - Donation  
Barnhouse Family - Donation  
Nancy Schoenbaum - In memory of Jimmy Smith  
Edward James - Life Membership  
Joan Cogan - In memory of Jack Cogan  
Alan Volkert - Life Membership  
Mark Volkert - Life Membership  
Pay Pal - Donation  
CTF - 10% Maple Days profit  
Steve Donant - Life Membership  
Todd Wilcox - Life Membership  
Ralph Toalston - Donation  
Kathy Smith - Matching gift  
Daniel Nesbitt - Life Membership  
Nancy Schoenbaum - In honor of my 75th Birthday  
Network for Good - Donations  
Don Judisch - Donation  
Peter Poremba - Life Membership  
Kevin Powell - Life Membership  
Matt Dobray - Life Membership  
Sue Smith - Life Membership  
Nancy Schoenbaum - In memory of Richard Matheny  
Adventure Race - 10% of 2022 profit  
Reign of Pain - 10% of 2022 Profit  
Dover Dam Weekend - 10% Profit  
Facebook - Anonymous donations  
Elizabeth Manson - Donation  
Kenneth Snarey - Life Membership  
Betty Boyce - In memory of Joe Boyce  
Beth Toalston - In memory of Don Koch  
Douglas Williams - Donation  
Chuck Skidmore - Life Membership  
Ralph Toalston - In memory of Don Koch  
Douglas Brown - Donation  
Robert Bernier - Life Membership  
Laura Randolph - Life Membership  
Pig Roast - 10% 2022 profit  
Hoofs and Hounds - 10% 2022 profit  
Radio Merit Badge - 10% 2022 profit  
Nancy Schoenbaum - In memory of David Keppler

*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!*



## Snowy Saturday Sale set for Dec. 3

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 ball caps 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](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). You can also buy online at <http://stores.ebay.com/Daves-Tuscazoar-Trading-Post>. We still have a few of our large "100 Years of Memories" patches and hats with the Centennial patch on them. We also have complete centennial coin sets along with our new camp patch, trail decals, and dry bags (pictured above).

We are also excited to offer new shirts and hats that feature our beloved "Icky". Our T-shirts come in a gray soft 100% cotton as well as an exciting red Dri-fit activity shirt that depicts Icky on various adventures throughout camp. Our new "trucker style" hats depict our mascot in his traditional pose atop Pioneer Point watching out over our campers. A new edition to the lineup is the exclusive "Life Member Polo" which features a new logo on a black "Dri-Fit" polo style shirt. These are only available to our Life Members.

We will hold a **Snowy Saturday Sale on Saturday, Dec. 3**. All remaining anniversary items will be half price! Plan to stop by the W.C. Moorhead Museum that day.

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 needed; just a love for the camp)!

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## Dave Keppler passes away

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Dave Keppler in October. Dave served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, retired from Sparta Manufacturing after 32 years and he also worked as a custodian at Strasburg High School. Dave was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Strasburg, was Scoutmaster of Troop 72, and served as a director for the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation in the 2000s. Dave was a long-time volunteer at camp activities and he was a close relative of Homer Keppler, for whom Keppler Lodge was named. Our condolences to Dave's family.

### Coming Events:

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Jan. 27-29    | Gold Rush Competition   |
| March 18 & 19 | Tuscazoar Maple Days    |
| May 5 - 7     | Dover Dam Weekend       |
| May 20        | River Sweep/Merit Badge |
| July 1        | Reign of Pain MTB Race  |
| July 8        | Adventure Race          |
| Sept. 9 & 10  | Pig Roast Fundraiser    |

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Mike Mossor N8QYA Tusco ARC  
Mike Palmer KD8ENV Pedestrian Radio Club  
Matt Smith KE8SDB  
Vern Sproat KE8VS Massillon ARC  
Tomas St George KC8ZEH Alliance ARC  
Heath Urban KE8KAV Alliance ARC  
Mike Urban KE8CKL Alliance ARC  
Jeff Voltz KE8BKP Tusco ARC

The camp's management was beyond helpful. We used a large lodge in central camp to conduct the RMB sessions. Any unreserved outdoor areas were available to set up JOTA activities. Volunteers were fed a delicious lunch on Saturday.

A special event call sign K8T was obtained. Saturday morning, the group met to introduce the volunteers and split the Scouts into two groups. In the morning, one group was guided in earning RMB while the second group visited the JOTA stations around camp and participated in a fox hunt. After lunch, the groups switched roles.

Resources used to help with the RMB instruction are readily available on the internet. One excellent place to look is [k2bsa.net](http://k2bsa.net). This site contains a very broad collection of material that can be used to teach RMB. It also explains JOTA-JOTI for non-amateurs, and much more.

At 3:45 p.m. a final assembly was held to hand out JOTA patches to unit leaders and process the Scout's "blue cards", which they need to receive the Radio Merit Badge emblem.

At Saturday's end, we accomplished several things... We helped Scouts earn a somewhat unique merit badge (only 4,500 earned in 2021). We showed about 60 youth and adults what amateur radio was all about. We had the chance to enjoy our hobby in a friendly, social setting in wonderful fall weather!