



## Parade float keeps the spirit burning

Ho Ho Ho! The holiday spirit ran through Camp Tuscazoar this year all the way to the streets of New Philadelphia, thanks to the building of our first float for the New Philadelphia Christmas Parade.

The purpose of the float was to increase the visibility of the camp to the general public. Through the months of November and December, several volunteers planned, gathered parts and pieces, built and then launched our float. We began with a planning meeting in November where we designed a structure that incorporated key facets of Camp Tuscazoar: hikers, mountain bikers, scouts, and horseback riders.

Over the next several weeks, we designed our float on a trailer loaned to us by Chet Randolph (many of you may know

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## Maple Days scheduled for March 18, 19

Do you smell the pancakes cooking? Can you hear the sausages sizzling? And can you feel the maple syrup dripping from your fingers? If so, then it must be time for our annual Maple Days breakfast! On Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will serve up lots of pancakes, sausage, eggs and applesauce to our hungry guests.

We are proud to say that we are once again going "green" with this event. This effort was quite successful last year, and our patrons were very helpful at the recycling stations. Meals will be served on a "compostable" plate that you can use to dine with us in Kimble Hall or at our picnic tables outside. We will also have compostable take home boxes available if you prefer to take your meal home to enjoy.

Presale tickets are \$10 (\$5 for kids ten and under). Tickets will also be available at the door for \$12 (\$6 for kids 10 and under). Tickets have been mailed to our members but if you wish to purchase at the presale price, you can also contact the camp at 330-859-2288 or email [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org). You can also purchase tickets online at <https://givebutter.com/MapleDays>. See you then!

## Scouts will explore space at Dover Dam Weekend

*"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and, the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win...."* President John F. Kennedy, a scout, spoke to the spirit of our country, space exploration, and scouting.

Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Space Shuttle, ISS, Artemis, Hubble ST. All are part of American space exploration. Neil Armstrong, Gerald Carr, Roger Chaffee, James Lovell, Ellison S. Onizuka. They are among the forty Eagle scouts who became astronauts. The number of scouts who have worked in the space program in other capacities: likely hundreds, maybe thousands.

The 36th Dover Dam Weekend on May 5-7 will provide scouts with an opportunity to earn **Space Exploration Merit Badge**. This intensive and fun experience will include rocket launches by all scouts using rockets they build. Workshops will offer insight on how science, ingenuity, perseverance, and a commitment to "working the problem" can lead to results once thought impossible.

Check our website at <http://tuscazoar.org/events/ddw/> for full details **by March 1**, with registration to open immediately after that. There will be pre-reqs, to be done individually or at troop meetings. Because of the time involved in rocket launches, youth participation is **capped at 200**. There may also be an opportunity to go inside Dover Dam. A commemorative patch, Saturday dinner, and campfire are included for **\$30 per person, adult or scout**. (This does not include the rockets; that cost will be finalized with posted details.)

# Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



*Last year, 975 pounds of trash were collected during the camp's first year of participation in the Ohio River Sweep program.*

## Camp to host annual River Sweep on May 20

What will we find along the banks of the Tuscarawas River at the River Sweep this year? Join us on Saturday May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to find out. Fifty volunteers are needed. Last year we collected 975 pounds of trash.

This event will once again be held in partnership with Rural Action, a membership-based non-profit that helps empower communities to value and take ownership of our environment, economy and community. The Ohio River Sweep Program is an annual volunteer cleanup to remove litter from the Ohio River. River Sweeps enable small groups to make a big impact on waterways in their community.

We will transport volunteers to riverbank stations along a 1.5 mile stretch from Zoarville to Dover Dam. The public and scouts are invited to participate. Volunteers will get a safety training, gloves, bags and trash tongs. Bring bug repellent. Dinner will be provided.

Online volunteer registration will be handled by Rural Action again this year. More information will be posted on our website at <http://tuscazoar.org/events/river-sweep/>. If you would like to assist, contact the camp at 330-859-2288.



## Parade float

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his father, Lee). Our construction engineer, Tony Miller, helped us build a mini version of the stockade which sat on the rear of the trailer. We incorporated the camp's klondike derby sled which was piloted by Chris "Santa" Altman. Dan "Lord Baden" Nesbitt sat in front of a warm fire and his tent, while he helped Santa toss candy to kids along the parade route.

Our float was led by our camp-sponsored mountain biking team and was followed by several horseback riders. The float included holiday lights, a Christmas tree, and a speaker that played selections from "Hail All Ye Old Time Campers".

While our stated purpose in crafting this float was to increase the visibility of the camp to the public, the real achievement was bringing together our volunteers in the spirit the camp was founded on. We worked together as a team and accomplished our goal, all while having a great time! We can't wait to expand our reach next year by entering both the New Philadelphia AND Dover Christmas parades. If you are interested in helping, please email Seth Arkow next fall and we will make you a part of the team!



*Above and at left: Camp Tuscazoar's parade float included a tent, klondike derby sled, a Christmas tree and a mini version of our stockade.*

## Help needed at farm markets

Our Maple Syrup remains extremely popular, and we have enjoyed brisk sales at local Farmers Markets during the summer. To keep this avenue working, we need volunteers. If you have a free weekday afternoon or a Saturday morning where you could help, please let us know. The more visible we become, the better our sales will be. Help is needed in the Dover and Canton areas, and there are several other markets where we would like to participate, so you can be involved no matter where you live. This is a great way to inform the public about our camp and bring more hikers, riders and visitors to our grounds. Please contact Nancy Schoenbaum at 330-859-2288 to discuss your involvement in this project. If you can't volunteer, please come visit the markets in Dover at the Tuscarawas Fairgrounds on Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 7 p.m. or the Farmers Market at St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran Church in Canton on Thursdays in July and August from 3 to 6:30 p.m. We always enjoy the company!

## 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.

Robert Kenyon - In memory of Don Koch

Glen Groh

Tom & Jan Kishman

Don Judisch

Anonymous

Bob Boltz - Life membership

*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!*



*A patrol tests their lashing skills at the Gold Rush Competition.*

## Gold Rush competitors traveled the Oregon Trail

*By Spenser Long*

The Gold Rush has ended, and this year's competition was a great event. My committee and I would like to extend thanks to all the volunteers that came down and helped run the stations, helped the kitchen staff, and of course those volunteers that are with the troops that bring the scouts down.

I would also like to thank Jim Wright and his crew for doing the cooking again this year. It is appreciated very much. They did an amazing job with breakfast and dinner.

The weather was warmer this year. We had 8 stations going over orienteering, pioneering, fire building, critical thinking, a couple of skill games, and proper use of woods tools. This year I based the theme on the popular game, "The Oregon Trail". As the patrols traveled the course, each station had some relation to what the players in the game see on their way to Oregon. Once again, I had my Gold Rush rubbings set out at various stages of the course where the patrols can earn extra time off of their total.

After all scorecards were turned in and double checked for any errors, we posted the results. The top patrols were each awarded a hand painted cast iron skillet that was provided by Mr. Dan Toalston. The fourth-place patrol was The A-Team from troop 1035; the third place patrol was The Yetis from Troop 150; the second place winners were The Flying Squirrel Patrol from Troop 150. The patrol that won the Best Sled award was The Lemur Patrol from Troop 111. We also gave the Do Better Award to The Bat Patrol from Troop 1016. They received this award because they missed the next higher position by exactly two points, so hopefully next year they will "Do Better" and score enough to put them up that much higher. The first-place patrol and winner of the event this year was The Raising Cane Patrol from Troop 12. All of the patrols did exceptional with the majority of the patrols completing all 8 stations during the allotted time.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Gold Rush this year. I have already started to plan for next year.

See you on the trail.

# Wi-Fi, internet come to Camp Tuscazoar

By Seth Arkow

As a young scout from Troop 7 in Canton, I grew up in the hills and valleys of our beautiful camp in the late 70's and early 80's. I can remember spending a week each summer camping at Pueblo Campsite or freezing during the cold winters at Klondike Derbies. I can remember a particularly cold weekend spent in Dan Beard Lodge and eating sausage gravy and biscuits at summer camp. I can also remember having such a hard time finding a good internet connection. What!?

Such a thought never entered my mind. Who (in those days) could have conceived of such a thing as the internet or Wi-Fi? Times have changed and our camp has evolved. We no longer just serve a scouting population. Our hills and valleys are occupied by mountain bikers, horseback riders, and groups of people seeking a place in the outdoors for weddings, conventions, racing events, or other gatherings. Our camp can now offer those visitors (and even scouts too) a very fast Wi-Fi connection to the internet.

On January 25, myself, Tony Miller, Mike Mosser, Dan Nesbitt and my friend and consultant Wesley Urban tested, installed, and then used our new Wi-Fi internet signal with great success!

Our signal originates at the W.C. Moorhead Museum and expands outward to the Ranger's house, the maintenance building, the parking lot, and all the way to the stockade. Because of an excellent Eagle Scout project completed last summer we have a fiber optic "bridge" that connects the museum to lower Belcher Lodge. Using this bridge, we can soon connect our signal to Central Camp which will cover Belcher, Duryee, Kimble Dining Hall and possibly Hoover Lodge.

A future project involving the fiberoptic cable could result in a viable internet connection throughout the camp.



*A Wi-Fi connection is installed at the W.C. Moorhead Museum.*

## Stockade ready for crossovers

A quick reminder to cubmasters that the camp's new stockade entrance has a complete "crossover bridge" that your pack can use for its crossover ceremonies. The main purpose of this ceremony is to recognize Scouts who are moving forward in the Scouting program, but it is also an opportunity to inspire other Cub Scouts to reach this significant milestone as well. What a sight to have the Cubs walking across the stockade bridge in this outdoor setting filled with Scouting history! Let us know if we can help you plan your program. Several packs have already used the stockade for their ceremony.

## Thrivent Choice provides support

Camp Tuscazoar Foundation is 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. This election must be made by March 31. For more information, visit <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html>.

## Memberships due

Just a reminder that membership donations were due last October. If you missed that time frame, a note was included with your Maple Days tickets. Because Camp Tuscazoar relies solely on camping fees, memberships, fundraisers and donations, please consider supporting us through your donation. 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 a link to join or renew your membership online, visit: <http://tuscazoar.org/membership/>.

# Join the 2023 Tuscazoar Composite Team (TZC)

Attention Middle/High School Mountain Bikers: The Tuscazoar Composite (TZC) Team invites local riders in grades 6-12 to join our team. The team will include student athletes from any school (or home school) in the area. Our team philosophy is fun first, and our central goal is for students to develop a strong body, mind and character through mountain biking. There are no tryouts, and everyone rides no matter his or her ability and skill level. TZC competes in cross-country style racing, based on National Interscholastic Cycling League standards ([www.nationalmtb.org](http://www.nationalmtb.org)), and races in the Ohio NICA Cycling League. Coaches and ride leaders receive background checks and are trained per NICA standards in concussion awareness, risk management and first aid.

**Practices:** Four per week. Beginning in July, two weekly practices will be held at Camp Tuscazoar and each rider will also do two rides on their own each week. When the trails are too wet, we will ride on the public streets around the camp for practice.

**Fees:** Each student pays \$150 NICA Administrative and Insurance fee plus \$50 a race.

**Equipment:** Riders must have and maintain their own mountain bike and wear helmets and closed-toe shoes when riding. Gloves and sunglasses are strongly recommended. Riders must bring a cycling water bottle that fits in a cage on the bike or a Camelback to all practices. We encourage every rider to establish a relationship with a local bike shop for bike tune ups, equipment maintenance and questions.

**Racing:** The season includes around five races with the last race and State Championship at Camp Tuscazoar. Racing is optional but encouraged! Race distances are around 10 miles of beginner/intermediate trail riding. Parents and students are responsible for providing transportation to and from all races. Many families and coaches camp on-site at the races.

**Race Dates:** Mid-August through mid-October. Locations and dates will be announced. Last season, the races were held in Wooster, east of Dayton, two in the Columbus area and one at Camp Tuscazoar. To register, go to: <https://www.ohiomtb.org/>

**Questions?:** The coaches are here to help! Please do not hesitate to reach out to the coach if you need help finding a bike, have questions about the team, or if costs associated with the program or equipment are unaffordable. We think everyone who wants to ride deserves a chance to participate!

**Head Coach:** Denny Simon – [dsimon@tuscazoar.org](mailto:dsimon@tuscazoar.org)



## Planning begins for July 8 race

A rugged outdoor experience awaits those who compete in Camp Tuscazoar's annual Adventure Race on July 8. Run, paddle, trek, mountain bike and orienteer. 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 friends or tackle the challenges solo. Racers could cover more than 16 miles over the rugged and beautiful terrain of northern Tuscarawas County.

The event this year will feature some new challenges and we are still working on the details. Keep watching our website and Facebook pages for updates and registration information. See you at the race!

## Scissor lift needed

This spring, the camp would like to replace the aging light fixtures in the camp dining hall. Due to the height of the dining hall ceiling, a scissor lift is needed to help our volunteers reach these fixtures. If you own a scissor lift and would be willing to allow the camp to borrow it for a couple of months, please let us know via email at [info@tuscazoar.org](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org) or by calling us at 330-859-2288. We would greatly appreciate it!

*At left: The 2022 Ohio Mountain Biking League series championship was held October 9 at Camp Tuscazoar. The Tuscazoar Composite Team won five races.*

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## Funds sought for Maintenance Bldg.

As we work to improve our buildings, our focus had turned to the Maintenance Building roof and garage doors. We are blessed to have a new tractor, two mowers and several other pieces of equipment that need a safe storage place. We are seeking grants and donations to help with this project. To date, grant monies have been received from VFW Post #1445 and Post #9520 and we are very grateful for their support. Additional requests will be submitted this spring. We hope to make these repairs later this year.

## Coming Events:

Mar 18, 19	Maple Days Breakfast
May 5-7	Dover Dam Weekend
May 20	Ohio River Sweep
July 1	Reign of Pain MTB Race
July 8	Adventure Race
Sept 9, 10	Pig Roast
Sept 22-24	American Heritage MB

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## Help needed for mowing, campmasters, museum

Did you ever want to just unplug and get away for a weekend? We are looking for individuals or couples who 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](mailto:info@tuscazoar.org) if you think you might want to join the fun and which weekend you might want to help out.

Also, since we are a nonprofit and have no payroll, we are seeking help with the many acres of grass that needs to be attended to each week. It may not seem like it now, as we move into late winter, but all too soon the grass will need to be cut. If you have a spare Saturday and want to ride our mowers (there could be a free gift), let us know when you can ride and we will be happy to get you started.

In addition, we would like to open the W.C. Moorhead Museum on Saturday and Sunday mornings for our visitors. The number of folks hiking, biking, and riding at our camp on weekends has been amazing and it would be great to have someone sitting on the porch of the museum to make them feel welcome. You never know who might show up!

