



Fundraising for stockade continues

We continue seeking the necessary funding to allow us to construct a new stockade next spring at the camp. We are over halfway to our goal but additional funding us still needed.

As we come to the end of the year, please consider making a gift to this worthwhile project. Have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) that needs to be used? Consider a direct donation to Camp Tuscazoar and avoid taxes on that portion of your donation. You can still donate thru the GoFundMe account that is set up and a link is available on our website. Also, several local companies are offering a matching program and we would be happy to work with you to arrange that type of donation. For more information, visit: <http://tuscazoar.org/stockade-restoration/>.

It's Gold Rushing season

Tis the season for gold rushing, I do believe. As this is being written, the forecast for this evening is expecting snow and dropping temperatures. Could we be so lucky to have such a forecast for January 24, 25, and 26 down at our favorite Camp Tuscazoar? Come what may... on our Gold Rush weekend the annual winter competition will happen once again in the year 2020.

2020 also happens to be a very special year as Camp Tuscazoar celebrates its past 100 years!!! In place of the usual event patch, the first of the commemorative coins will be given to weekend participants. Bob is once again putting all the meals together for the weekend except for chili lunch on the trail that is part of the competition. Dan is back to beautifully hand-paint the award pans for Saturday night. Brian and Spenser are busy collaborating to put eight special-edition cities on the map, marking skills for testing competitors and celebrating the camp's anniversary. The cost is still only \$25 per person and all experiences and memories are included.

Want to test your group's skill set in the outdoors? This is the place to give it a go!!! All groups that show up with the ambition to navigate the hills and trails of the camp pulling a loaded sled in the cold, and who have the mindset to work as a group to compete, learn and possibly win, are all welcome to join us. Gold Rush has become a special event for many of us. If you're a patron of this event, please join us again! If you've only heard of the happenings, come see it in person! And...if you're just an avid fan, then thanks for all your support!

Visit our website at <http://tuscazoar.org/events/gold-rush/> for gear lists and updates that may occur for Camp Tuscazoar's 2020 "Gold Rush". See you there!!!

New and returning hikers enjoy Second Mutty Paws Dog Hike

The 2nd Annual Mutty Paws Dog Hike registration tables were inundated with new hikers and returning hikers, along with their furry four-legged friends, for a day of hiking fun and hunting for prizes. Approximately 150 people attended with dogs ranging in size from the smallest breeds, Yorkies and Chihuahuas, to the larger breeds of Dobermans, Rottweilers, and Pitbulls.

"The day was cold like last year, but that didn't deter this group of hikers with their dogs as they descended on the many trails the camp has to offer," stated Sue Hardesty-Ritenour, co-coordinator of the event. A new feature to this year's hike were the four treasure trail hikes offering prizes to the hikers who completed each hike, along with one grand prize, a \$50 gift card to Petz Place in New Philadelphia.

Approximately 20 vendors set up inside and on the grounds of Kimble Hall, including Messdad's Concessions, serving a variety of food from hot dogs and salads, to hot chili soup. Valerie Stroh-Kline, on the event organizing team, mentioned, "I couldn't resist the colorful collars that I bought from a vendor for my three dogs. We are also scheduling a class with a trainer that gave me helpful hints to correct some bad pup manners problems."

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Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Volunteers expand horse trails at Camp Tuscazoar

A band of busy horsemen and women have finished an additional 6.5 miles of trails at the southern part of camp. Now the total miles of horse trails is approximately 15 miles. A parking area for hikers, mountain bikers and horse trailers is planned for 2020. The master trail plan created in 2015 brought all user groups together to create a vision of trails at Tuscazoar that would offer each group a unique trail experience.

With the expansion of trails to the southern part of camp, local horse trail riders were able to develop miles of varied terrain of trail from flat land to challenging trails. Recently, Buckeye Trail Riders hosted a work party to put the finishing touches on the newly marked trails. Brimstone running club members worked to mow and trim trails. There were 17 volunteers who attended the work party. After a hard morning of work, the hungry volunteers were treated to a picnic lunch.

Barbara Harding and Valerie Stroh-Kline, board members of Camp Tuscazoar also serve on the trail committee. They recently hosted a trail ride for The Chagrin Valley Hunt Club so show off the new trails. Chagrin Valley Hunt Club will be partnering with other local horse clubs at Camp Tuscazoar to create a perimeter trail for their fox hunts and offer Hunter Pace events to raise money for more horse trails.

This is prime trail riding season, so you will see more horses on the trails. Please remember to yield to horses on the trails if you are a hiker or mountain biker. This allows a horse time to move off the trail or for other to pass. The completion of this expansion was the dream of Pat Graham, one of our board members who passed away last year and who worked tirelessly, bringing all user groups together to enjoy the beautiful trails at Camp Tuscazoar.



Dedicated horsemen hiked and used four wheelers to map out the new trails at the southern end of Camp Tuscazoar.



Adventure Race drew more than 40 participants

On Saturday, July 20, more than 40 runners set off on the third annual Tuscazoar Adventure Race.

The race started at Camp Tuscazoar's famous Stockade area. Participants then ran 5 miles to the Canal Lands Trailhead, transitioned to canoes or kayaks for a 4-mile paddle back to Camp Tuscazoar. Once there, they parked their vessels at a site near the tunnel, transitioned for a short one-mile run to their mountain bicycles for a seven-mile Camp Tuscazoar trail ride.

As you can see, this race was for a real dedicated individual and we had participants from all over northeast Ohio. The spring rains presented quite a challenge with the kayaks as the water level was very high but it made for an even better adventure! We will be working with the Corps of Engineers this spring to hopefully smooth out this portion of the race but the challenge will still be there.

The date of our next race will be **July 18, 2020!** We are beginning to compile a list of volunteers, so if you want to be included, please email the camp at info@tuscazoar.org. All volunteers will be awarded a T-shirt for their help. Also, we will be seeking sponsors to help defray the expenses of this event. If you know of a business or have a business of your own and would like to be included, please email us and we will contact you with the opportunities we have available.

Maple Days set for March 14, 15

If the early predictions come true, and we have a hard winter, 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 14 and Sunday, March 15. Join us for a warm meal of pancakes (rumor has it we may have blueberries again this year), sausage, eggs, apple-sauce, and orange drink. Please note that we now can also prepare "Gluten Free" pancakes. 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 for \$10 and \$5. Be sure to get yours ahead of time and save!

This is our seventh 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! Last year's event drew more than 1,200 visitors.

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. You will be able to see the new roofs on Jamboree Lodge and Kepler Lodge, thanks to the Reeves, Timken and Moomaw Foundations. Without these types of grants projects like this would not be possible.

If you would like to purchase tickets in advance, please email the "Pancake Hotline" at 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: Nancy Schoenbaum, Chris Salem, Chris Altman and Sean Harris. We are also pleased to announce the results of the election of officers who will lead this group:

President – Kim Perez

Vice President- Jim Wright

Secretary – Kenny Kocarek

Treasurer - Nancy Schoenbaum



Guests enjoy Mutty Paws hike

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"We were happy to have two National vendors attending this year," said Sue Hardesty-Ritenour. "Duluth Trading Company displayed various hiking attire and items from their pet line. Returning vendor, Nulo Pet Food set up a table with giveaways of dog jerky and doggie grab bags."

Other vendors included rescue organizations and small businesses geared towards dogs. Carrie's Canines Activity and Training Center started the demonstrations with how to train your dog from a common bad habit- jumping on people. The Police K9 Association then shared demonstrations with two of their canines on how they apprehend suspects.

The day ended with the drawing of the gift basket raffles that were donated by the vendors. The funds generated will be used for trail signage and bridge building on the hiking trails. For more pictures and comments, visit: https://www.facebook.com/events/341575050038813/?active_tab=discussion

Next year's event will be held on Saturday, August 1. The 2020 Mutty Paws Hike will change things up a bit by adding a scavenger hunt for multiple prizes and gifts. Watch for information on the Camp Tuscazoar website and Facebook page to sign up for next year's event!





Scouts watch the Andersonville Trial portrayal at the amphitheater.

American Heritage Weekend a big hit

This year a new event was added in conjunction with the historic Zoar Community and their annual Civil War reenactment. Scouts were able to earn American Heritage Merit Badge at our first American Heritage Weekend.

The weekend began with showing the movie "Glory" in our amphitheater. The next morning, the Scouts enjoyed "Johnny Cake" for breakfast before hiking a portion of the Zoar Valley Trail to Zoar to meet the likes of Jefferson Davis, Abraham Lincoln, and a reporter from the New York Times. They then had the unique opportunity to view a reenactment of the Battle of the Wilderness in Zoar.

Returning to camp, the scouts were then recognized by General Ulysses S. Grant who presented them with their patches. The stunning ending to the evening was the "Andersonville Trial" portrayed by the Canton Courthouse Players. It was truly a very special event and we were thrilled to have scouts from as far away as Nebraska joining the 300 participants.

Due to the popularity of this event, we are hoping to offer it again in 2021 during the next Civil War reenactment in Zoar.

Endowment Fund

Helping to Keep the Spirit Burning

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

Kim Perez - Life Membership
Dennis Lowe - Life Membership
Douglas Carey - Life Membership
Bequest from Brian Criswell

Centennial Trail nearly ready

As part of Camp Tuscazoar's centennial celebration, a collection of 100 historic sites throughout camp have been identified and will be marked with a unique sign. During 2020, camp visitors are encouraged to hike to many or all of these sites to learn more about the camp's rich history.

To begin your Centennial Trail adventure, visit the W.C. Moorhead Museum to purchase a copy of the Centennial Trail Guide (\$3) and a Centennial Trail Map (\$2). The guide and map will also be posted on the camp's website and can be downloaded at no charge. Those who visit 50 or more sites will be eligible to purchase a commemorative centennial coin (\$5).

Once you have reached one of these levels, stop by the W.C. Moorhead Museum. We will verify your list of key words and will have the commemorative coins available for purchase.

NOTE: The Centennial Trail is still under construction. Please watch <http://tuscazoar.org/centrail/> for an announcement that the trail is open for hiking.

We want YOU! Yes, YOU!

Do you love to spend time at Camp Tuscazoar? Do you have a weekend or two that you'd love to spend at Camp Tuscazoar at the amazing cost of \$00.00? Then we have deal for you.

There are weekends here at Tuscazoar where we could use an extra hand; one that almost anyone is able to do as well. We need help checking units and campers into their campsites from the W.C. Moorhead Museum and giving them directions to locations. You could help take care of simple questions and small problems that may arise while campers are here. Be the "clearing house" for other questions and problems by calling for extra help from the appropriate staff member as needed.

What do you get for a weekend of your time? A free weekend at beautiful Camp Tuscazoar! The satisfaction of helping our campers enjoy some of the finest hiking trails around. The smiles on the faces of youngsters who have had an awesome weekend. The chance to share your passion for all things Tuscazoar with others.

So how do you sign up for this great opportunity? Call Ranger Dan Nesbitt at 330-575-7694 or email the camp at info@tuscazoar.org.

Memberships provide support

The new membership cards are being printed and will be mailed as soon as possible. We will also soon mail our 2020 Centennial Events Calendars and we hope you enjoy your copy. 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. Membership also ensures that you continue to receive the following:

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

For more info, visit <http://tuscazoar.org/membership/>.

The Tuscazoar Cookbook (A recipe for success)

By Seth Arkow

One year ago, I was elected to the Board of Directors of our camp. To say it was and remains one of the greatest honors of my life does not go far enough to describe how I feel about this privilege the members have bestowed upon me. It also began to dawn upon me over the past 12 months that I am not only a caretaker of this piece of real estate with its various cabins, campsites, and natural features, but I am also a guardian of the childhood memories of the thousands and thousands of campers who have passed through the stockade over the past 100 years. Myself and my fellow Directors take this responsibility very, very seriously and it is our hope that if any of our members have a concern or a request that they can reach out to me or any of us and your concern or request will be heard quickly and efficiently.

So, what have I learned this past year? I have learned that the recipe for the successful running of Camp Tuscazoar requires a lot of different ingredients, some of which might not ordinarily go well together. For instance, you need “money people”- someone to write grants, and keep track of the bucks. Hey, we have a Nancy for that!

You need people who know how to “fix stuff”- we have many people for that, like a Jim and a Jason! You need “Idea people” to take our camp in directions it hasn’t gone in the past- Hey! We have a Val, and a Kenny for that! You need “Administrative people”- someone to steer the ship with a level head, not getting too high or low. Hey, we have a Dave and a Kim for that! You need some “practical people”- people who come down and volunteer their time to work on trails, clean up, volunteer at events, and help with the day-to-day operations of the camp. Hey! We have a Dan, a Rich, a few Chris’s, a Todd, a Sean, a Kevin, a Barb, and a Mark for that!

Finally, we need a few “Professional People”- people who can write up contracts, administer our business interests, and advise the Board on other various matters. Hey! We have a Dave and a Dale for that!

What an interesting and diverse group of people. In addition, we have an entire group of non-elected people who help on a daily basis like Kevin and Dan. There are scores of volunteers who come down to plant trees, serve pancakes, harvest syrup, or who just give their time at the museum answering questions for our young campers and leaders alike.

I love our camp and I know you do too. I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, or just come down on a weekend and walk around and see the big kettle of soup that is our Camp Tuscazoar.



The Buckeye Trail Association helped clean and extend several of our hiking trails and supported the stockade project.

Project roundup

Jamboree Lodge and Kepler Lodge are now more secure as **new roofs** were put on this spring and they look terrific. Kepler Lodge was further upgraded with new doors. These improvements were made possible through the generous support of the Reeves, Timken and Moomaw Foundations.

The Camp Tuscazoar Foundation also extends a special “thank you” to two groups of volunteers who have helped make this camp a better place. The **Buckeye Trail Association** helped clean and extend several of our hiking trails and then donated to our Stockade project. The **Williams Energy** workers showed up in great numbers and helped remove the remnants of the Pipestone showerhouse. They also did some painting, cleaned up the barn location in the Starvation Gulch area and shoveled gravel to help the front of the Museum stay dry. This group was also very generous and made a large donation to our stockade fund. Groups like this really help with jobs that sometimes struggle to get done. We want to thank both groups for all their help!

Thanks to the Williams Energy crew (left) for their efforts in removing the remnants of the Pipestone showerhouse, painting, cleaning up the barn location in the Starvation Gulch area and shoveling gravel. They also made a large donation to our stockade fund.

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It's time to think about Christmas shopping again. Would the Scouter in your life love a bottle of maple syrup? We offer syrup and many other camp items such as hiking medallions, patches, Tshirts, CDs and much more at our museum/gift shop. Unfortunately, no regular hours are available now but a visit can be arranged by emailing the time you plan to stop by to info@tuscazoar.org. If you would have a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon, and would be interested in volunteering to open the museum, please contact Nancy at 330-493-1386. (No training required; just a love for the camp). You can also buy online at <http://stores.ebay.com/Daves-Tuscazoar-Trading-Post>.

Coming Events:

Jan. 24-26	Gold Rush Competition
March 14 & 15	Tuscazoar Maple Days
May 1-3	Dover Dam Weekend
July 18	Adventure Race
Aug. 1	Mutty Paws Dog Hike
Sept. 12 & 13	Pig Roast Fundraiser
Sept. 11-13	Pig Gig Weekend

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Pig Roast offered fun, food

Camp Tuscazoar's 30th annual Pig Roast weekend is over and what a fun weekend it was for all. We served over 600 hungry folks and the weather was terrific! We are grateful for our donors this year: Molesky Farms/College Fund Produce, Giant Eagle Stores in Bolivar & Dover, Klingstedt Brothers Printing, Dutch Valley Restaurant, DD Stutz Restaurant, Buehler's Market in Dover, Magnolia Market, Acme Fresh Market, Amish Door Bakery, Litty's Cakes, S.I.R. Gildersleeve's BBQ Sauce, WalMart of New Philadelphia and, as always, the great volunteers from the New Philadelphia Kohl's store! Thanks to everyone who attended this annual event! OINK! OINK! Watch for details of special 2020 activities at our Pig Roast next year...you won't want to miss it!

Centennial items available

Several new trading post items are now available to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2020. Our “100 Years of Memories” oversized patch depicts many of the historic events held at the camp over the past 100 years. We've also added a new centennial patch to commemorate this special anniversary. Hats, hiking sticks and hiking medallions are being offered as well and several other items will be added as they become available. For more info and to purchase online, visit: <http://tuscazoar.org/trading-post/>

