

Preparations under way for Gold Rush on Jan. 26-28

By Spenser Long

Hello everyone. The 2024 Gold Rush 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 the weekend of January 26-28, 2024.

The Gold Rush is a timed event where patrols compete in a race that tests their skills, knowledge, and teamwork, doing various activities at stations along a course. These stations test a variety of skills that are covered in scouting; stations can range from astronomy to tracking animals, and even the knowledge of woods tools. Each patrol is anywhere from 6 to 10 scouts. The patrol must use teamwork to pull a Klondike style sled from station to station where not only their knowledge is tested, but their skills as well.

My team and I have been planning this year's stations for a few months. We will have 8 stations, and most are currently in the testing phase. That way I know each station is possible to complete. We will also set up three Gold Rush rubbing stations at various locations to earn time off the total score.

We are again asking that each troop donate a \$25 to \$30 item for the auction after the race. We ask that these items be something other than food. We will provide the food items. Auction items can be turned in at the dining hall on Friday night or Saturday morning.

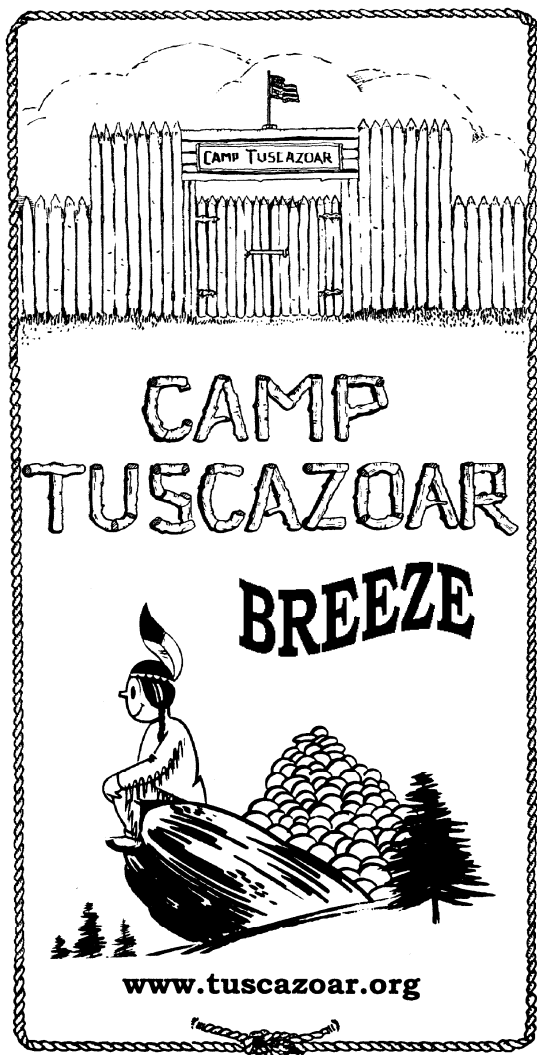
The event will include a camp patch, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, a campfire program, awards, auction and all the Saturday activities. The cost is \$30 per attendee.

An equipment list, registration form, and the event schedule will be posted on the camp's website soon. Please stay tuned for that information. For questions and/or concerns, please email info@tuscazoar.org or call 330-859-2288. As always, it's not who finishes first but who finishes fastest!

Longtime camp benefactor Doris Kimble passes away

All of us in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation were saddened to learn of the passing of Doris Kimble in July. Born April 15, 1928, in Dover (Winfield), Doris was the daughter of the late Charles F. and Beulah (Weiss) Walter. She was an astute businesswoman, who along with her late husband Floyd, founded the Kimble Company in 1948. Her family continues to grow and operate the family business today. She had previously worked at the former Reeves Steel Company where she was secretary to the late Samuel Reeves during her husband's service in the U.S. Army. When Floyd returned home from the service they were married on January 1, 1950. The couple was married for 48 years until Floyd's passing in 1998.

Doris was a 1946 graduate of Dover High School, a lifelong member of the Faith Methodist Church in Dover, where she was previously a pianist, a life member of the Brandywine Grange,



Scouts earn SS&C Merit Badge

Three area amateur radio clubs cooperated recently to conduct a large JOTA-JOTI operation at Camp Tuscazoar. In conjunction with outdoor Jamboree On The Air activities, Signs, Signals and Codes Merit Badge was taught to nearly thirty Scouts on October 21.

This is the fourth year that area clubs have combined their resources in a major way to benefit Scouts. In 2020, the group of volunteers combined JOTA-JOTI and Radio Merit Badge (RMB). There were nearly 100 Scouts who earned their RMB that day. A year later the same group repeated the operation, except the badge taught was Signs, Signals and Codes (SSC). In 2022, we again taught RMB and conducted a JOTA-JOTI operation.

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Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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



Scouts and leaders pause for a photo while working on Signs, Signals & Codes Merit Badge in mid-October.

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Group members have been individually associated with Scouting and counseling RMB for years. As early as 2011, some brought radios into the woods and shared the hobby with Scouts. Each year the activity has expanded. 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.

Work was started by Dale Lamm to put the event together. Jeff Voltz organized the JOTA component of the activity while Dale took responsibility for the RMB component. Both have years of experience introducing the hobby to younger people. Dale has taught RMB sessions for troops at Camp Tuscazoar and other BSA camps since 2012 and founded the permanent ham station KT8BSA at Buckeye Council's summer camp over ten years ago. Jeff has been involved with JOTA at Camp Tuscazoar since 2016.

We've been asked to return to Camp Tuscazoar in October 2024. Consideration is now under way to choose an appropriate merit badge that complements JOTA-JOTI.

An effort this large cannot be accomplished by a single person or club of our size. Local clubs directly involved in 2023 were:

Tusco ARC (W8ZX) Massillon ARC (W8NP)
Canton ARC (W8AL) Alliance ARC (W8LKY)

The following dedicated individuals provided their talent and time for this event:

Rick Dingman KE8URA Tusco ARC
Brent Gribble N8BAG Tusco ARC
Greg Kimble KB8MNJ Tusco ARC
Dale Lamm NX8J Canton ARC
Makail Dingman Tusco ARC
Riley Morris Alliance ARC
Mike Mossor N8QYA Tusco ARC
Pam Kleinhans Alliance ARC



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Maple Days set for March 23, 24

Our annual Maple Days pancake breakfast is set for Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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 eleventh year to participate in the Ohio Maple Madness tour which brings in folks from all over northeast Ohio.

This is an important fundraiser. Join us and enjoy a wonderful breakfast in return. To purchase tickets in advance, email the "Pancake Hotline" at info@tuscazoar.org and we'll hold your tickets for you.



Work continues on new primitive camping area

Our new primitive camping area at The Preserve is taking shape. Gravel has been spread, trees have been cleared and the horse tie line posts are set. Once the ground settles, we will welcome horse campers in 2024. The public parking, horse parking and camping areas were made possible by generous grants, donations, and lots of hard work. Nine primitive horse camping sites will be added. Camping info and fees will be posted in January. The RV horse campsite with full electric and water is a hit with trail riders. Being able to also rent the Stone Lodge and enjoy a cozy setting with full kitchen and bathroom has been wonderful for horse campers. We've had groups come back for a second year!



For the second consecutive year, Camp Tuscazoar hosted the OMBL series championship at The Preserve.

Camp hosts annual OMBL race; '24 recruiting begins

The Ohio Mountain Bike League held its 2023 series championship at Camp Tuscazoar in October. The race included 168 kids (middle and high school) on the camp's MTB trails. We received many compliments on the trails and camp. Hats off to those who helped in any way. You can read a recap article on the Bargain Hunter website at <https://www.thebargainhunter.com/news/features/mountain-bike-races-held-at-camp-tuscazoar>

The championship race did not disappoint. The Tuscazoar Composite (TZC) team took 2nd place for the day, and 2nd place overall! Thank you to the athletes and coaches for their hard work this season.

Join us for the 2024 fall season!

Attention High School and Middle School Mountain Bikers: The TZC invites local boys and girls in grades 6-12 to join our team. Student athletes from any area school (or home school) are welcome. 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 the ability or skill level. TZC competes in cross-country style racing, based on National Interscholastic Cycling League standards and races in the Ohio NICA Cycling League.

Practices are held four times per week; two at Camp Tuscazoar and two on their own. Riders need to have their own mountain bike and are required to wear helmets and closed-toe shoes. The season typically includes five races. Racing is optional but encouraged. Race distances are roughly 10 miles of beginner/ intermediate trail riding. For more info, visit <https://tuscazoar.org/news/tzc/>.

Dover Dam Weekend

May 3-5, 2024

with Fire Safety Merit Badge

Watch www.tuscazoar.org
for updates!



Foundation elects directors and officers

At the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation's annual meeting, the following individuals were elected to join the Board of Directors: Sean Harris, Chris Altman, Harold Prunty and Mike Mosser. We are also pleased to announce the results of the recent election of officers who will lead this group:

President - Sean Harris

Vice President - Kenny Kocarek

Secretary - Corianne Kocarek

Treasurer - Nancy Schoenbaum

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

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Fortnightly Music Club, and played the French horn in the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra for several years. She will be remembered for her philanthropy and support given to area schools, charities, civic organizations, and numerous humanitarian efforts.

Doris and Floyd purchased Camp Tuscazoar from the Buckeye Council in 1984, when the council decided to shift its operations to the new Seven Ranges Scout Reservation. Doris stated several times that she planned to reopen the camp as a place for artists, or perhaps a camp for children with disabilities or those who were underprivileged. Those of us who knew her never doubted her intent.

In 1989, when the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation found itself on a firmer financial footing, Mr. and Mrs. Kimble made the unexpected but very welcome decision to donate the northern 110 acres of the original camp property to the Foundation. In subsequent years, and even following her husband's passing, Doris worked with the Foundation and made the remaining original camp property available for sale to the Foundation. In addition, Kimble family members have been incomparable benefactors to Camp Tuscazoar and provided financial support for numerous camp improvement projects.

A few years ago, Camp Tuscazoar historian Fred Gray wrote, "Not since the time of Frank Hoover has so much financial assistance been given to the camp. Among the stars in the Tuscazoar pantheon, Frank Hoover and the Kimbles shine at the highest magnitude." Without Doris Kimble and her vision, Camp Tuscazoar would not have been preserved. Years ago, in recognition of the family's generosity, we named our dining facility "Kimble Hall" in honor of Doris, Floyd and the Kimble Family. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family at this time. We mourn with them the passing of this wonderful lady.

Grants will fund camp projects

Grant monies have been received to replace the roof on our Maintenance Building. Our thanks to the Marsh Foundation and the Kimble Foundation for supporting this project.

In addition, we are excited to share that new garage doors will be installed on the Maintenance Building thanks to the generosity of Beaver Excavating, Phillip Elum and Whitetails Unlimited. This will help us keep our property safe and secure for a long time.

Also, grants will fund a new roof for the Ranger's residence, thanks to the Hamen, Moomaw and Reeves Foundations. These foundations have long supported Camp Tuscazoar and we are grateful for their continued support.

You may also notice when you attend our Maple Days Pancake Breakfast that the floor at the far end of Kimble Dining Hall has been replaced with a new smooth concrete surface thanks to the Kimble Foundation. And we removed the concrete ramps on either side of the main entrance that often tripped up visitors.



Volunteers recently installed new lights in the Kimble Dining Hall.

Volunteer spotlight

We continue to benefit from hours of work donated by various volunteers. There is always more work that needs to be done so if you have a few extra hours, please give us a call. 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!



A contractor was recently hired to remove the blind spots on either side of the road at the entrance to The Preserve Trailhead as further development of this project continues.

Pig Roast guests enjoy great weather, delicious food

Camp Tuscazoar's 34th annual Pig Roast weekend was a great event as we offered our dinner both in Kimble Dining Hall and at the various picnic tables throughout central camp. The weather was gorgeous, and more than 850 folks enjoyed the great weather and the good food! Thanks for the food donations from the Bolivar and Dover Giant Eagle stores, Buehler's in Dover, Littys Cakes, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Wal-Mart in New Philadelphia and to Holly Hochstetler for the great BBQ Sauce and Smith Dairy in Orrville. And thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this event possible.

This year we participated in a program sponsored by the Tuscarawas County CVB which provided local folks and folks from surrounding counties the opportunity to attend the Pig Roast for free. We saw a lot of new faces come to this event and when the results were counted, Camp Tuscazoar received almost \$5,000 in additional income from this program. The proceeds from this event will go a long way to helping maintain this wonderful place called Tuscazoar!

Please be sure to thank the donors and the CVB folks for helping make this such a successful event!

Membership renewals needed

If you forgot to renew your membership in the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation this year, we encourage you to renew as soon as possible. The camp relies solely 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 encourage 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.

Robert Kenyon - In memory of Don Koch
 Glen Groh - Donation
 Tom & Jan Kishman - Donation
 Don Judisch - Donation
 Anonymous - Donation
 Bob Boltz - Life membership
 Barnhouse Family - Donation
 The Greene Family - Donation
 Anthony Miller - Life membership
 Franklin Bachman - Life membership
 Daniel Dawson - Life membership
 Chris Dawson - Life membership
 CTF - Gold Rush 10% profit
 CTF - Maple Days 10% profit
 Ralph Toalston - Donation
 Nancy Schoenbaum - Donation/Gnomes
 Elizabeth Manson - Donation
 Amy O'Neil - Life membership
 Daniel Louwers - Life membership
 Brian McLinden - Life membership
 Patrons of Bud and Tooties - In memory of Charles Allman
 Marilyn Sabo - In memory of Dorothy Hahn
 CTF Dirt Line - 10% Reign of Pain event
 Don Judisch - Donation
 Nancy Schoenbaum - In memory of Doris Kimble
 Chris Altman - In memory of Doris Kimble
 Rhoads Family - In memory of Mason Rhoads
 Nancy Lint - In memory of Mason Rhoads
 Kenneth/Brenda Lambert - In memory of Mason Rhoads
 Archie Zantopulos - In memory of Mason Rhoads
 Mark Rhoads - In memory of Mason Rhoads
 Anthony Goulds - In memory of Mason Rhoads
 Troop 35/Patrick Nudo - Donation
 Ryan Casper - Life membership
 Fran Dougherty - Life Membership
 John & Sue Greene - Donation
 CTF - 10% of Fundraisers- Dover Dam, Pig Roast and American Heritage Merit Badge Weekend
 Danny Frame - Life Membership
 Chad Kasper - Life membership
 CTF - 10% of SS&C Merit Badge
 Dennis Lowe - Donation

Fees adjusted for 2024

As mentioned in the last issue of the Breeze, we find it necessary to increase our camping fees. Although we have no paid employees and do not accept government monies, our fixed expenses continue to increase. While we have tried to keep our rates as low as possible, we feel we must adjust our fee schedule. Below are the weekend rates for camping beginning in 2024. We appreciate your continued support in using our facilities and hope to see you often in the coming months.

Location/Campsite	New Rate
Stone Lodge & Field	\$200
Belcher Lodge (Upper OR Lower Level)	\$150
Hoover Lodge, Field & Amphitheater	\$140
Keppler Lodge & Field	\$120
Jamboree Lodge	\$100
Troop 5 Cabin	\$90
Duryee Lodge (Ground Floor)	\$90
Troop 1 Cabin	\$50
Adirondacks – 3 Legs, One Leg (Per Site)	\$70
Rex Farrall Tent Site (w/single adirondack)	\$50
Improved Tent Sites (Turtle, Delaware, Wilderness, Johnny Appleseed, Buffalo, Blackfoot)	\$75
Tent Sites (Per Site)	\$35
Kimble Dining Hall	\$150/day
Kimble Kitchen	\$200/day
"Rent the Camp" – Central Camp (with Belcher, Jamboree, Kimble Dining Hall/Kitchen, Duryee)	\$1,200



Julian Ball entered this project in the Shoebox Float category at the 2023 Tuscarawas County Fair. The description reads, "My float is of Camp Tuscazoar. It has a long history in our county and has lots of trails. I love to go there. The woods are cool too." It took second place.

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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 waterproof dry bags 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 email at info@tuscazoar.org or you buy online at <http://stores.ebay.com/Daves-Tuscazoar-Trading-Post>.

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).

Coming Events:

Jan. 26-28	Gold Rush Competition
March 23 & 24	Tuscazoar Maple Days
April 26-28	NOMBS Bike Event
May 3-5	Dover Dam Weekend
May 10-12	Brimstone Gnome Race
May 18	River Sweep
May 24-26	Adventure Weekend
June 28-30	FUNduro MTB Race

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Lorin Kleinhans KD8WVE Alliance ARC
Casey McCartney KE8PSB Tusco ARC
John Myers WG8X Alliance ARC
Charlene Sphon KE8YBZ Alliance ARC
Tomas St George KC8ZEH Alliance ARC
Betty Stucki KC8SXL Tusco ARC
Heinz Stucki KB8VIP Tusco ARC
Paul Truchley AA8WQ Tusco ARC
Heath Urban KE8KAV Alliance ARC
Mike Urban KE8CKL Alliance ARC
Jeff Voltz KE8BKP Tusco ARC
Byron Roubanes KE8YPN Tusco ARC
Alex Sweeney KE8VXG Alliance ARC
Shawn Gentile KD8ZEZ Alliance ARC

The camp's management was very helpful, as always. We were given use of a large lodge in central camp and a nearby two-floor lodge to run separate JOTA-JOTI activities. Volunteers were fed a delicious lunch midday on Saturday.

A special event call sign K8T was obtained, as we've done in previous years. At 9 a.m. on Saturday, SS&C instruction began in the largest camp lodge. Lunch was served at noon, and at 1 p.m. the Scouts visited all five of the JOTA-JOTI stations. After 3 p.m., we gathered once again in the large lodge for a wrap-up and processing of the "blue cards". Each volunteer and participating Scout was given the official JOTA-JOTI patch. Scouts with completed cards will be given a BSA merit badge during an award event with their troop.

At Saturday's end, we accomplished several things. We helped Scouts earn a semi-rare merit badge (popularity ranked 58 out of 138 in 2022). We showed about 50 youth and adults what amateur radio is all about. And, we enjoyed our hobby in a friendly, social setting on a wonderful fall day!