



Adventure Weekend to debut May 25-26

We are excited to announce that the Adventure Race is not only back but now is available for a whole weekend! On May 25, participants will be able to enjoy a four-hour Orienteering course set up by the NEOOC which will surely test your skills! We will be holding an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the day in our dining hall where we can all enjoy a fun picnic dinner and reflect on all that was accomplished.

For young explorers, our Junior Adventure Challenge is sure to be a hit! This three-step program includes an age-appropriate twist on the biking, running, and paddling. First, a bicycle ride on the new East Side courses will offer an easy introduction to mountain biking. An environmental obstacle course will follow, challenging every participant to be an

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Maple Days breakfast coming March 23, 24

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 23 and Sunday, March 24, 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 continue to go "green" with this event. 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. As always, we will have transportation to and from the parking lot for our guests.

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. You can also purchase tickets online at <https://givebutter.com/MapleDays>. See you then!

Dover Dam Weekend will focus on Fire Safety MB

Be Prepared: a simple, concise, all-inclusive motto. Scout leaders put scouts in a position to learn life skills. They help them...be prepared. Another winter of the usual house fires with injury and death. Another year of record wildfires destroying nature and spreading to populated areas. Everyday calamities at home and on the road require assistance to save life and limb. We depend on First Responders. Scouting does its part to educate First Preparers to help reduce the load of those First Responders.

The 2024 Dover Dam Weekend on May 3-5

is a full throttle opportunity for scouts to be better prepared. Scouts can earn **Fire Safety Merit Badge**. Cubs and Webelos can accomplish many of the fire safety requirements for their assorted badges.

They will gain valuable skills, and the critical importance of those skills, learning to do the right things in the first place, so that fire doesn't become a problem. Demonstrations and firsthand activities will cover a multitude of fire safety skills. There will also be fire trucks and the people who are our community fire safety experts, helping to save lives and property.

The \$30 cost per adult and scout will cover all activities, the event patch, a Dover Dam tour, Saturday dinner, the skull session, and campfire program, with fun surprises along the way. Camping fees are extra. Pre-registration is required, with the event expected to be at capacity. Visit <http://tuscazoar.org/events/ddw/> for more details or send inquiries to campuscddd@gmail.com.



Tuscazoar events, programs and activities

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

Icky's Point of Interest



Totem Pole

The tradition of carving totem poles at Camp Tuscazoar began in 1922, when troops attending the Wilderness Camp selected a log and carved upon it the troop's history, important symbols, and the name of each troop camper. As the summer progressed, more totem poles were carved by troops and were added to the Council Fire Ring. National Boy Scouts of America literature pictured several of the Wilderness Camp's finest examples.

For many years, two totem poles carved in the mid-1970's by Troop 1 stood near the camp parking lot. The last totem pole standing at Camp Tuscazoar blew over during a storm in the late 1980s. This past September, a new totem pole was installed near the same location. Thanks to all who participated in this project, from carving to painting, sealing and installing. We hope you'll join us at our Maple Days breakfast on March 23 and 24 to see this new addition to our camp!

Grants will fund new roofs, doors

Grants have been received to re-roof the Maintenance Building and the Ranger's house this spring. We have also been blessed with funding for new garage doors to help secure the Maintenance Building. Thank you to the Marsh, Kimble, Moomaw, and Hamen Foundations for making these improvements possible. We also want to thank Beaver Excavating, Phillip Elum and Whitetails Unlimited for supporting these camp upgrades. The Maintenance Building could still use a coat of paint if there is a group wanting to take on the job. Just let us know.

Still in the works is a grant for the roof of Belcher Lodge and going forward we are also looking to replace the roof on the W.C. Moorhead Museum. These roofs would now make all of our building secure with metal roofs that should last many years!



Have you seen the new camp sign at the corner of SR 212 and Boy Scout Road? Thanks to Richard Angeli, this colorful new sign will help direct visitors toward Camp Tuscazoar as they exit SR 800 and head east on SR 212. What an awesome project, Richard!

Visit us at summer farm markets

Our Maple Syrup remains extremely popular, and we enjoyed brisk sales at local Farmers Markets this past summer. We hope you will come visit the markets in Dover at the Tuscarawas Fairgrounds on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 7 p.m. or the Farmers Market at the Jackson Township North Park in Canton on Thursdays in July and August from 3 to 6:30 p.m. We always enjoy the company!

Help needed with switch to Quickbooks

Another opportunity that is currently in the works is to change our bookkeeping for the camp to Quickbooks. We have been using Quicken for more than 20 years and need to get updated. If you are a Quickbooks user and could help us with this transition, please email info@tuscazoar.org or call 330-859-2288 and let us know where you might be able to assist us in this endeavor.

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.

Kocarek Family

Nancy Schoenbaum

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Greg Bilek

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The Camp Tuscazoar Endowment Fund was established to ensure that maintenance and improvement projects have an ongoing source of funds and is held by the Stark Community Foundation. Please consider sending a gift!



The 2024 Gold Rush patch echoes the theme of a lab accident.

Patrols face wet weather, lab accident at Gold Rush

By Spenser Long

The Gold Rush has ended for the year; this year's event 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, assisted 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. Their efforts are appreciated very much. They did an amazing job with breakfast and dinner.

While the temperature was somewhat warmer this year, the weather was still a bit wet. During this year's event, the scouts had to complete eight stations spread across the camp, with the furthest out being at Logger's Landing. The stations this year covered lashing, first aid, fire building, orienteering, leave no trace, astronomy, C.O.P.E. and critical thinking. The theme for this year was working in lab. The purpose of this was the station that had the lowest average score was going to be the cause of a lab accident. With that being said, the station that had the lowest average score among all of the patrols was orienteering.

After all the scorecards were turned in and double-checked for any errors, we posted the results. The top patrols were the each awarded a hand-painted cast iron skillet that was provided by Mr. Dan Toalston. The patrol that came in fourth place was The A-Team from Troop 1035. The third-place winner was the Exterminators from Troop 3. The second-place patrol was the Dairy Queen Patrol from Troop 1012, and the patrol that won the event was the Poke' Ball Patrol from Troop 1035.

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.

Museum committee is off and running

By Seth Arkow

Nearly three decades ago, a group of Camp Tuscazoar enthusiasts secured the funds necessary to build and maintain a museum at our beloved camp. Over the years, the purpose of the W.C. Moorehead Museum has expanded from simply a place to store and display the camp's history to a place where camp visitors are greeted, merchandise is sold (including hats, shirts and our beloved syrup) and campers check in on Friday nights. The museum is the face of Camp Tuscazoar and we are very proud of what it contains and, more importantly, the legacy it represents.

During the late 1990's, the Camp Tuscazoar Foundation's monthly board meetings took place in the museum's basement. However, that became impossible as the room began to fill with donations, camp equipment, and other nicknacks to the point where it became clear that something had to be done. That "something" was the formation of the Museum Committee. Our committee met on the third Saturday of January and will meet at the museum on the third Saturday of each month at 1 p.m.

The purpose of this committee is to effectively preserve and display the historical documents and items of interest that we have acquired over the years. In January, we began by "cleaning out" the basement. We removed old furniture and signage, and then organized older Scout uniforms, merit badge books, patches, and other items into categories and secured them in lockable totes. Over the next several months we intend to inventory every item in the basement, on the walls, and on the ceiling of the museum. Our goal is to remove some items from permanent display and create rotating displays that might change on a quarterly basis. Sometimes "less is more" when it comes to displays.

If you would like to join this great committee, please reach out to me at seth@arkow.com, call me at 330-704-6555 or simply come to our next meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Museum. We will Keep the Spirit Burning at Camp Tuscazoar by honoring our past in order to pave our future.



The W.C. Moorhead Museum offers a wide range of displays.

Stockade open for crossovers

A quick reminder to cubmasters that the camp's 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 supports our camp

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 deadline, 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 2024 Tuscazoar Composite Team (TZC)

Attention High School and Middle School Mountain Bikers: The Tuscazoar Composite (TZC) Team invites local riders in grades 6-12 to join our team. The team will welcome 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), 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 \$100 NICA Administrative and Insurance fee plus \$50 a race. In 2023, we were able to cover all the team member race fees thanks to our generous sponsors.

Equipment: Riders must maintain their own mountain bike and wear helmets and closed-toe shoes. 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. Riders are encouraged 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 typically held 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 races. Many families and coaches camp on site at the races, held mid-August through mid-October. Locations and dates will be announced.

Questions?: 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! For more info, visit <https://tuscazoar.org/news/tzc/>.

Head Coach: Denny Simon – dsimon@tuscazoar.org



The 2023 Camp Tuscazoar Composite Team (TZC).



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observer and student of nature. Finally, a Rain-Gutter Regatta will challenge competitors to build a boat using recycled materials and then sail it on the rain gutter course, seeing whose ship is seaworthy and can survive the test. This is not a timed event but a chance to be outdoors and enjoy nature while learning in the process. All participants will receive a reward for completing the events. A light lunch will be included.

Sunday morning will see the return of our three-part Adventure Challenge with participants running to Canal Lands Park in Zoar, kayaking or canoeing back to Camp Tuscazoar then transitioning to their bikes to ride our challenging mountain bike course.

This will be a fun weekend to enjoy all that Camp Tuscazoar has to offer while cheering on your favorite participant. We will have camping available for anyone wanting to stay the whole weekend! You can come for either day or really challenge your skills by enjoying both days of activities.

To register for the Orienteering event, go to: <https://neooc.com/2024-tuscazoar-adventure-weekend-4-hour-mini-rogain-saturday-may-25th/>

The Adventure Challenge registration and the Junior Adventure Challenge can be found at <https://urultra.com/races/tuscazoar-adventure-weekend-2024/#raceoverview>.

Camping is also available through our website. Go to www.tuscazoar.org and click on camping!

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Guidelines posted for service projects

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in completing a service project (Eagle Scout, Gold Award, etc.) at Camp Tuscazoar? If so, we've posted forms, guidelines, and other information at <https://tuscazoar.org/projects/> to get the project started. Candidates should read through the posted instructions and expectations before requesting a project. Once a Project Request Form is received, we will contact the candidate and connect them with the appropriate CTF director based on the project idea, location, or other factors. We look forward to working with you!

Coming Events:

Mar 23, 24	Maple Days Breakfast
April 26-28	NOMBS Bike Event
May 3-5	Dover Dam Weekend
May 18	Ohio River Sweep
May 25 & 26	Adventure Weekend
June 28-30	FUNduro MTB Race
July 6	Reign of Pain MTB Race

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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 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!

