

## Re. Who Will Buy Tinnerman Canoe Base?

You're receiving this letter because the sender thought you might want to do something to save a great resource for youthful exploration.

As you may already know, TCB is for sale. The Greater Cleveland Council permanently closed the base for numerous reasons, which you can read about on the GCC website.



The closure has caused many Tinnerman supporters to think hard about alternative means to keep the base available for youth groups, as reported in an October 18, 2011 Cleveland PLAIN DEALER article.

Dan Wilcox (guide, 69-70 and son of Bill Wilcox, a long-time Tinnerman Director), has put together **a proposal to create a new, private foundation to buy Tinnerman**. You can read his entire proposal at [www.TinnermanFoundation.org](http://www.TinnermanFoundation.org). Hopefully the foundation would buy the base and keep it available to scouts and other youth groups.

We have a model: Camp Tuscazoar in Ohio is today available to scouts and others because of a private foundation. But it won't be easy — Tinnerman is currently listed for sale at \$500,000.

We currently have three tools available to us in this task:

- 1) Our good friends and allies at the Friends of Tinnerman/Tinnerman Guide Association (FOTTGA). **Please note:** for a variety of reasons, it was decided that the potential new *Tinnerman Foundation should be a separate 501c3 organization from FOTTGA*.
- 2) An email listserv (more about this below). We currently over 100 list participants.
- 3) And an online Foundation Survey tool that allows us to anonymously measure the level of support for the foundation. Our *initial survey* feedback, when the listserv was much smaller, was good, with tentative, potential commitments of \$174,500.

### We're writing you today for four reasons:

- 1) Are you interested in hearing the conversation regarding the potential acquisition of Tinnerman by a group determined to keep it open for scouts and other youths?

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**If so, join our Tinnerman email list.** It just takes a minute to sign up and another to confirm — it's a double opt-in list. The list discussion is only concerned about the future of Tinnerman. You can even choose to get email in a daily digest: <http://lists.sonic.net/mailman/listinfo/tinnerman>

2) Are you interested in making **your TCB support known**? Then please take this short, 10-question survey; it is completely anonymous: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9GVLNC7>

**Please note: even if you already took the earlier survey, please TAKE THIS NEW FOUNDATION SURVEY.** Based on that initial survey's results, we have refined our questions specifically to focus on the Private Foundation potential. Your input is critical in determining if there is enough support to buy and run a New Tinnerman Canoe Base Foundation.

3) **Do you know other people that had extraordinary experiences at Tinnerman?** Could you take a moment to forward a copy of this letter to them? We're working from incomplete records of Tinnerman alumni: basically, FOT's member list and a list of adult leaders that only goes back to 2002. We could really use your help in reaching out to the hundreds of scouts and leaders who have treasured TCB since its founding in 1963.

4) Could you help out in other ways? Let us know your skill set and how you might help. Please contact us at: [info@TinnermanFoundation.org](mailto:info@TinnermanFoundation.org). Or call Bill Blake at 707-538-9743 (Pacific Time Zone).

Wouldn't it be great to have Tinnerman available to the next generation of youthful explorers?

Sincerely,  
Dan Wilcox, 69-70; Bill Blake, TCB Guide, 1978-80;  
Nick Bohr, 69-70; Mark Albertson, 90-91; and others.

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**Please note: this is NOT a solicitation for donations.**  
The Tinnerman Foundation will only be created if there is ample interest.  
*You CANNOT make donations at this time.*

You can, however, initiate your level of support for a new Foundation by telling us how much you would be willing to donate in both funds and, more importantly, time, by taking our short, 10-question Foundation Survey at:  
**<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9GVLNC7>**

