



Mohican School
in the Out-of-Doors, Inc.
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Mission Statement

Mohican Outdoor School teaches people to live in harmony with the environment, themselves and others.

Teacher Quote

"I was surprised by the level of educational experience of the staff. This truly is a school and more than a camp."

Student Quotes

"I had a good time there because I have never camped outside of my yard or went on long hikes. The food was good and the dorms were comfortable... Three days flew by fast and I hope next year's sixth graders get to camp at Mohican for four days."

Non-Discrimination Statement

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Parent Information

2018-2019

Education for a Better Environment

Welcome!

History of Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors has been providing students with an outstanding outdoor environmental education program since 1961. Ron Reed was the founder of this program, which has grown over the years and has enhanced the outdoor experience of over 250,000 students. In 1999 the school opened the current facility on over 200 acres.

Location & Facilities Mohican School owns and operates the facilities located at 5370 Bunkerhill North Road near Butler in southern Richland County, Ohio. The facilities include modern dormitories that sleep up to 160 students, a lodge for classes and meals, a teacher dorm, and a day trip center. The buildings are accessible for students with special needs.

Funding Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors is a private, non-profit organization. The school's main source of operational funds comes from student fees. Fund raising is also an important source for income. The calendar at our website has details about upcoming fundraisers.

Program Outdoor education should not be confused with summer camp. Mohican School is an extension of the classroom where experience-centered learning takes place and classes are taught that cannot take place in a regular classroom. Ohio Learning Standards and 21st Century Skills are the basis for

our outdoor curriculum.

Your child will have the opportunity to encounter a variety of activities and learning experiences while attending the outdoor school. Science subjects will take on a whole new meaning by studying Ohio birds, trees, plant and animal life through hands-on activities. Learning to use a compass, weather instruments, or a Biltmore stick to measure trees, will help accomplish several math-oriented goals. History may be studied through an interactive play where students meet characters from Ohio's early past.

Not only will your child learn a new way to enjoy many school-taught subjects, but will also learn to be part of a community during their outdoor school visit. Dorm life, meal time and community responsibilities will round out the outdoor education experience.

Staff Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors has full-time and part-time staff members along with college students who provide the instruction. The staff is fingerprinted and background checked in the same manner as classroom teachers, and has first aid and CPR training. The classroom teachers who bring students to the outdoor school have sessions with their students. Outside resource personnel sometimes visit the facilities.

Health Before leaving for the outdoor school, all students should be checked by the home school nurse for any symptoms of contagious diseases. If a student becomes ill, the parents will be notified immediately and arrangements made for the parents to take the student home. Please be sure to include several emergency numbers in the event you cannot immediately be reached.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS COMPLETE PAGES 3 AND 4 of the registration form. Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors follows the State of Ohio mandates for administration of prescription and non-prescription medicine which also states that **medicine must be in the original container. Note: By law, Mohican staff are not permitted to administer prescription medications.** Additional forms are required if your child has certain medical conditions, such as diabetes or food allergies. If you request your child to carry an inhaler, the child must bring two inhalers in case one is lost. Illegal drugs and tobacco are prohibited.

Transportation and Meals Your school will arrange transportation to and from the outdoor school. The first outdoor school meal will be dinner the first day; the last meal will be breakfast or brunch on the last day of their session. **Mohican School must be notified of food allergies or special food needs 3 weeks in advance. All students with food allergies must provide a written food allergy plan signed by their physician.**

Equipment List Please note the attached equipment list. It is hoped that no new clothing nor equipment will be bought for outdoor education. The children will be more comfortable in old clothes that are easily washed or cleaned after they return home.

Do not send knives, hatchets, razors, electronic games or other similar electronic items, radios, cell phones, laser pens, music/data devices, pocket TVs, aerosol spray cans, candy, gum, nor any other food.

Please anticipate wet or cold weather during every month of the year and send plenty of older clothes. Use the suggested equipment list wisely and include raincoat and cold weather articles. Boots or water-proof shoes are necessary for outdoor activities. One large suitcase or two small suitcases and a bedroll (or duffel bags) is what each student should bring. Please consider your child's ability to pack when it is time to leave. MOS cannot provide trash bags for packing wet or dirty items. A small backpack with notebook paper in a pocket folder or in a three-ring binder, pencils, and a water bottle are also helpful. All items should be marked with the student's name and their school.

Mail and Phone Calls Our outdoor session is so short that we request no mail be sent to the school because most letters arrive after the students have left for home. However, students will be encouraged to write cards or letters home. **Please do not call the school unless it is an emergency.**

Visiting Should parents wish to visit the school prior to their child's session, please call ahead. Please understand that usually there is no staff member available to conduct tours because they are busy with the students. Visitors will need to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's badge while on the grounds.

We do not recommend that parents visit during their child's session. **Such visits must be arranged with their child's teacher in advance.** There is a visitor's fee and we must know at least one day in advance if visitors wish to eat at the school.

Other Programs and Opportunities at Mohican School Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors is able to offer a variety of programs for children and adults on 100 available acres. Day trips and facilitated programs for groups are available year-round. Mohican School facilities are also available to rent for wedding receptions, family reunions, meetings, and other events. Contact the office for available dates.

Mohican School offers public events throughout the year, and day & resident camp in the summer. Check our website at **www.mohicanoutdoorschool.org** for more information.

ITEM	ESSENTIAL ITEMS	RECOMMENDED NO.	ACTUAL NO.
BEDDING	Blankets, sleeping bag (or equivalent)	3 blankets	
	Sheets	1-2	
	Bath towels	1-2	
	Wash cloths	1	
	Pillow	1	
	Pillowcase	1	
PERSONAL	Toothpaste	1 tube	
	Toothbrush	1	
	Soap	1 bar	
	Shampoo	1	
	Tissues or handkerchiefs		
	Notebook paper in pocket folder or in 3-ring binder	1	
	Sharpened pencils	3	
	Flashlight and batteries	1	
	Plastic cup	1	
	Hairbrush or comb	1	
CLOTHING (Very Important) (Very Important)	Heavy jacket or coat	1	
	Heavy sweater or sweatshirt	1-3	
	Raincoat	1	
	Waterproof shoes or boots	1 pr.	
	Shoes	2 pr.	
	Shirts or tops	3-5	
	Underpants	5	
	Socks	5-6 pr.	
	Hat, stocking cap and scarf	1 each	
	Gloves or mittens	1 pr.	
	Pajamas	1 pr.	
	Jeans	2-4 pr.	
	Long underwear (Nov.-April)	1-2 pr.	
NON-ESSENTIAL BUT CONVENIENT ITEMS			
CLOTHING	Bath robe	1	
PERSONAL	Hand lotion - sunburn lotion	1	
	Soap box	1	
	Glasses case	1	
	Safety pins		
	Flip flops	1 pr.	
	Shower cap	1	
	Slippers	1 pr.	
	Chapstick or equivalent		
	Laundry bag or pillow case for dirty clothes	1	
	Back pack strongly suggested		
	Water bottle strongly suggested		
PLEASE--Do not send aerosol or spray cans			
OPTIONAL	Stationery or post cards	1 box	
	Stamps and envelopes		
	Disposable Camera(s) Note: MOS does not sell cameras!		
	Plastic bag for repacking	1-2	

Please Put Your Name On All Items!

Cold or rainy weather can occur any month of the school year, so be prepared!