

## About Mohican School...

Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, Inc. is an outdoor environmental education organization located in rural Richland county near Butler, Ohio. Mohican School's program enriches all phases of the elementary and middle school curriculum, meeting content standards in all areas. The Mohican Outdoor School experience is interdisciplinary with an emphasis on hands-on, experience-centered learning. While serving many grade levels, fifth and sixth grade makes up most of the student body in the resident program. Programs are offered in day trip experiences, and resident experiences lasting 2, 3, 4, or 5 days. The school operates from September through June each year. Over 260,000 students from over 90 school districts have participated since 1961, when the school was founded. Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, Inc. is a private, non-profit, 501 (c)(3) corporation.

The faculty and staff include certified teachers and others with Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Individuals with associate degrees, college students, college and high school interns, plus others with specialized skills complete the staff. All are rich in experience in outdoor education and environmental awareness.

In addition to the outdoor/environmental education program, Mohican Outdoor School offers outreach experiences at off-site locations such as schools and libraries, teacher workshops, day and resident summer camp,

## Mohican Outdoor School's History...

Mohican School traces its history to 1961 when Ron Reed experimented with a resident outdoor education program with Madison Local Schools in Richland County. In 1965 the project received a federal grant which lasted for three years until 1969, at which time the program was made available to districts from all over Ohio. In 1972 Mohican School became a non-profit corporation. In 1989 the Ohio Alliance for the Environment recognized Mohican School for its excellent contribution to environmental education in Ohio. Mohican School was also recognized by the Ohio Conservation and Outdoor Education Association (now known as the Environmental Education Council of Ohio – EECO) as an outstanding resident outdoor & environmental education program. During the decade of the 1990's, Mohican School expanded its program to include day-trips and outreach programs, and began searching for a location to call "home" and build permanent facilities. That "home" was found at the historic Hemlock Falls site near Butler, Ohio. The Hemlock Falls Outdoor Education Center was opened in 1997 and provided an opportunity for a more developed day-trip program. In October 1999, Mohican School opened the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) on 210 acres, a complex including a lodge, dorms, classroom and office space. In 2002, Red Apple Lodge was opened and is used by visiting classroom teachers.



## FIELD TRIPS

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# CLASS SELECTIONS

**AQUATIC STUDIES...**students will explore the inhabitants of our creek and use appropriate tools to observe and identify the aquatic organisms. Concepts include water cycle, food chains, adaptations and environmental impact.

**ECOLOGY...**visit various ecosystems and analyze how they determine the kind of organisms living there and their patterns of behavior. Explore the various plants, animals and their interdependencies around Hemlock Falls forest.

**SURVIVAL...**learn what it takes to survive in the woods. Students will build shelters, start fires, learn about finding food and water, and what you should bring with you on your hikes so that you will be prepared in the case of an emergency.

**GEOLOGY....**explore the blackhand sandstone of the Hemlock Falls area and learn about its natural history. Compare rocks and learn their characteristics and places in the rock cycle. Use various equipment to determine the hardness of rocks according to the Mohs Scale.

**SOILS STUDY...** dig in and compare soil types, erosion, soil profile and characteristics around Hemlock Falls.

**HERPETOLOGY...**learn about reptiles and amphibians by handling our snakes and turtles. Explore the creek, and the forest to search for their habitats and understand their relationship and importance to our environment.

**TREE IDENTIFICATION...**use a dichotomous key to identify several tree species common to our area by bark, leaf and bud. Use Biltmore sticks to learn about forestry calculations and the natural order of succession in the Hemlock Falls forest.

**GROUP INITIATIVES...** our team building activities challenge students physically and cognitively to solve problems, communicate and think creatively. While working on small challenges or large group activities students are challenged to give and accept positive peer support and maintain a positive attitude.

**CREEPY CRAWLIES...** Insects! Use nets and magnifiers to study insects, their anatomy, life cycles, adaptations, classification and the role insects play in our ecosystem

**ORNITHOLOGY...** Hemlock Falls is the perfect setting to study the many feathered friends in our area. Use binoculars to observe birds and their adaptations, behaviors and habitats.

**Check our website for a complete list of available classes and additional information regarding field trip options. The Mohican Outdoor School staff can also custom design a field trip program to meet your curricular needs.**

## REGISTRATION FORM

**To register, complete form, enclose non-refundable deposit of \$25 for each date and return to Mohican Outdoor School.**

**Cost: \$12 per student Adults: Free**

Name of Group/School:

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Contact Person:

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Email Address:

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Daytime Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students:\_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Requested:\_\_\_\_\_

Class Choices:

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