



# HEARTLAND OUTDOOR SCHOOL



WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?

FROM THE  
TIME YOUR  
STUDENTS  
ARRIVE

UNTIL  
THE TIME  
THEY  
LEAVE

THEY WILL EXPERIENCE



Team Building  
Activities



Fun Evening  
Activities



Modern  
Facilities



Nature  
Up Close



Outdoor  
Classrooms



And So  
Much More!



An Interactive  
Nature Center



Heartland Outdoor School offers a high-quality program fostering hands on discovery. You will be choosing from a variety of classes and activities to build a customized experience tailored to your school's needs. Come to Heartland to encounter the great outdoors.

# DISCOVER HEARTLAND

This guide is designed for you to discover Heartland and our outdoor education program. Heartland is a year-round conference and retreat center located in southern Morrow County with 350 acres along Alum Creek. We have one of the top outdoor education programs in the state which meets state academic standards and are committed to serving you with a custom experience. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us!

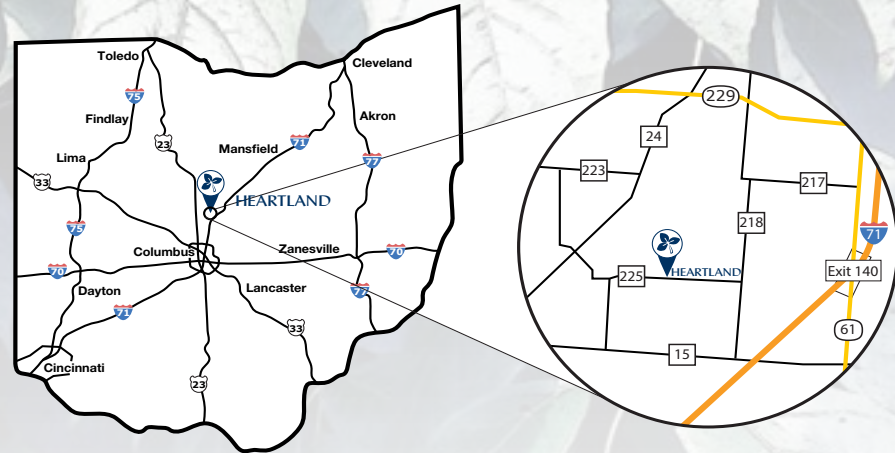
Sincerely,  
Adam Buzbee, Director of Programming and Outdoor Education

## MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage hands-on discovery, teamwork, personal growth and an appreciation for the environment through a fun, safe, quality program

## LOCATION

Heartland Conference Retreat Center's Outdoor School is conveniently located right off Interstate 71 about 35 minutes north of Columbus. Please contact us for a tour!



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# LOCATION MAP



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Legend	
	Trails
	Distance (miles)
	Beechnut .3
	Big Oak .5
	Blue Stem .9
	Bunker Run .8
	Fawn Hollow .7
	Rocky Run .5
	Shale Ridge .6
	Timber Hollow .2
	Whitetail .7
	Wild Flower Loop .3
	Road
	Sidewalk
	Picnic Area
	Campfire Pit
	Property Line

# FACILITIES

## STUDENT HOUSING

Students will be staying in our climate-controlled lodges. Each of the lodges has 17 rooms, 10-12 bunks and houses 196 people each. The lodges also provide modern amenities including indoor restrooms, carpeted bunk rooms, individual showers and a spacious central meeting area.



## TEACHER HOUSING

Option 1 - Lodging with students: Teachers stay in the lodges with the students. Amenities included in our hospitality room are coffee makers, a microwave and a refrigerator.

Option 2 - Hotel-style lodging (required with Cabin Leaders in dorms) Separate from student lodging, our 12 room hotel boasts queen-size beds, a central meeting room, microwave, mini-refrigerator, ice machine, coffee maker, snacks, and soda. (Linens provided)



## DINING

The dining room is centrally located and offers delicious food and drink. Our dining room comes complete with round tables that easily seat 8 people each with meal times coordinated by our staff.

Wi-Fi available throughout the entire campus!



## MEALS

Guests who visit our dining room will enjoy a wide variety of nutritious food prepared by our excellent food service staff. Each meal is "serve yourself" style with hot and cold food options available. We offer opportunities for seconds on our healthy options so that students never go hungry. Water and juice are served to students at their tables. Coffee and soda machines are available to cabin leaders and adults. At each meal as time allows, it is dinner with some entertainment including songs, skits or games that are sure to keep your students laughing. *Our kitchen is able to accommodate most food allergies and other dietary requests or restrictions. These must be noted on Health Forms.*



## EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

### DAY 1

10:30 A.M.	Arrive
12:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:45 P.M.	Travel Time
1:15 P.M.	Class
2:15 P.M.	Travel Time
2:30 P.M.	Class
3:30 P.M.	Travel Time
3:45 P.M.	Class or Afternoon Activities TEACHER/CABIN LEADER MTG.
4:45 P.M.	Travel Time
5:00 P.M.	Flag Pole / Hoppers
5:15 P.M.	Dinner
6:00 P.M.	Dorm Time
6:30 P.M.	Evening Program
9:00 P.M.	Back to Cabin
10:00 P.M.	Lights Out!

### DAY 3

7:30 A.M.	Bring Luggage to Parking Lot
7:45 A.M.	Flag Pole / Hoppers / Weather
8:00 A.M.	Breakfast
8:50 A.M.	Travel Time
9:15 A.M.	Class
10:15 A.M.	Travel Time
10:30 A.M.	Class
11:30 A.M.	Travel Time
11:45 A.M.	Lunch
12:45 P.M.	Leave Camp

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our Food for Thought program is meant to educate both students and teachers on limiting food waste and providing earth-friendly solutions for the waste that cannot be eliminated. An emphasis will be placed on students and the impact their decisions can have on the food waste outcome, not only here at camp, but as they return to school and their home. Our goal is that your students walk out of our dining room well fed & educated about reducing waste!

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**  
**REDUCING WASTE**

### DAY 2

7:45 A.M.	Flag Pole / Hoppers / Weather
8:00 A.M.	Breakfast
8:50 A.M.	Travel Time
9:15 A.M.	Class
10:15 A.M.	Travel Time
10:30 A.M.	Class
11:30 A.M.	Travel Time
11:45 A.M.	Line up for lunch at patio / Hoppers
12:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:45 P.M.	Travel Time
1:15 P.M.	Class
2:15 P.M.	Travel Time
2:30 P.M.	Class
3:30 P.M.	Travel Time
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# CLASSES

With more than 40 different classes designed for grades ranging from K-8 you can create a fully customized experience tailored to your school's needs. The standard 3-day Outdoor Education experience covers 8 class hours. Popular class options include Eco-X-Stream, Living History, Reptiles & Amphibians, Rocks 102, Archery and Team Challenge. For more information on all of our class offerings please refer to our website: [heartlandoe.com](http://heartlandoe.com)

## GRADES K-2

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Animal Encounter    | Making Tracks       |
| Archery             | Nature Craft        |
| Birds of a Feather  | Ohio Living History |
| Climbing Wall       | Rockin' Habitats    |
| Creek Critters      | Sounds of Nature    |
| Discovery Hike      | The Fantastic Five  |
| Green Sprouts       | Under Your Feet     |
| Hidden              | Wild Ohio           |
| Interesting Insects |                     |

## GRADES 3-8

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Amazing Machines            | Mad About Mammals                                       |
| Archery                     | Pathfinders   |
| Arthropods                  | Poet-Tree   |
| Backyard Buffet             | Ohio Living History                                     |
| Climbing Wall               | Ornithology   |
| Construction Zone           | Reps & Amps   |
| Critter Scene Investigation | Team Challenge  |
| Earth ROCKS 102             | Wilderness Survival                                     |
| Eco-Explorers               | High Quality H2O<br><small>(7th &amp; 8th only)</small> |
| Eco-X-Stream                |   |
| Fantastic Fish              |   |
| Group Problem-Solving       |   |

## ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

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|-----------------------|----------|
| High Ropes            | Tie Dye  |
| Sling Shot Paint Ball | Zip Line |

Some classes have age requirements, activity minimums or extra costs. Please call to customize your classes.



# ACTIVITIES

## EVENING PROGRAM OPTIONS

Heartland offers your school a variety of evening activities. You and your students will have fun laughing, dancing, singing and playing during our engaging activities each night of your stay.

Popular options for a 3-day experience include:

- Tribe Fires
- Dance Night

- Evening / Night Hike
- Wacky Olympics

For a complete list please refer to our website



## AFTERNOON ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Afternoon activity options are available depending on group size and your schedule's availability. Several fun and engaging activities to choose from include:

- Archery
- Bird Watching
- Climbing Wall
- Nature Crafts

- Creek Stomping
- Nature Hikes
- Nature Center
- Large Group Games



# PRICING

## OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE BASE PRICES

GUEST	5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS	3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS
Students	\$221.50	\$152.00
Cabin Leaders	\$111.00	\$76.00
Teachers	FREE	FREE

*Seasonal discounts are available!*

**Field Trips are available with customized pricing.  
Call for more information!**

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE RATES?

Rates are per person and include programming, food and lodging. Additional charges apply for sling shot paintball, high ropes, zipline, or tie-dye (tie-dye is charged per shirt and includes teacher and chaperone shirts)

## NON-TEACHER CHAPERONES: 50% REDUCED RATE

If you choose to bring cabin leaders, they will be charged at the rate of 50% of the student rate in order to offset the expenses of meals and services provided to them. When bringing non-teacher chaperones it is expected that schools provide at least one cabin leader for every 10 students. Additional charges apply for tie-dye, sling shot paintball, high ropes or zipline.

## TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS: FREE!

School staff play a valuable part in the camp experience. Not only are they needed to assist the Heartland Staff with any discipline or homesickness that may arise, but we desire for school staff to experience the outdoor school adventure with their students at camp. Because of this value, teachers and administrators stay for free. School staff numbers and ratios will be determined by a mutual agreement for the benefit of our student guests. A charge applies for tie-dye.

# WHAT ARE TEACHERS SAYING ABOUT HEARTLAND

## HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

"Your Ohio Living History program was excellent! So hands-on and educational and it is one of the best programs I've ever been to on a school trip." ~ North Linden Elementary - Columbus City Schools

"The classes did an excellent job of re-enforcing what is studied at school. Students also gained knowledge above what we study at school." ~ Liberty Christian Academy - Pataskala

"The Outdoor Education Staff were very well prepared and knowledgeable. They kept the students interested and very excited." ~ Northridge Intermediate - Johnstown

"I had a lot of fun and received wonderful feedback from my students!" ~ Shanahan Middle School - Olentangy

"The most valuable aspect of the program is the hands-on experiences." ~ Tollgate Middle School - Pickerington

"The Heartland staff are always open to our ideas and willing to work with us - it makes camp a great experience for us as well. Thanks for another great year!" ~ Granby Elementary - Worthington

"I can't put my finger on any one aspect of the program that is most valuable to my students. What makes the camp experience such a great one is every part of it, from the friendly staff to the classes and programs. Even having the staff stand at the end of the parking lot and waving good-bye is special." ~ Madison Christian School - Groveport



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