



**Mohican School**  
*in the Out-of-Doors, Inc.*  
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### Student Quote

*"I enjoyed every second of the outdoor school and I would stay longer"*

### Mission Statement

*Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, Inc. champions environmental stewardship and is committed to providing a unique understanding of the interrelatedness of the natural environment emphasizing outdoor cooperative learning in a community-centered setting.*

*The Mohican School in the Out-of-Doors, Inc. admits students of any race, color, sex, age, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.*

# Mohican Outdoor School Parent Information

2011-2012

*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 210,000 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 Bunker Hill 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 Academic

Content Standards 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 share the instruction. The staff has been trained in First Aid and CPR and is background checked and fingerprinted in the same manner as classroom teachers. The classroom teachers who bring students to the outdoor school, have sessions with their students. Outside resource personnel sometimes visit the school.

**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 self-administration of prescription and non-prescription medicine which also states that **medicine must be in the original container**. 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 supper the first day; the last meal will be before the students return home on the last day of their session.

**Equipment List** Each student will be given an equipment list of items needed at the outdoor session. 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, comic books, 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 old clothes. Use the suggested equipment list wisely and include raincoat and cold weather articles. Rain gear may be a trash bag with holes for the head and arms. Boots or waterproof 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. 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.

**Spending Money** Your child may buy snacks before bedtime and souvenir items if they wish. Spending money is collected by your child's school days or weeks before their departure for Mohican School. One check from your child's school is deposited into our "MOS Bank" and the students write checks for their items - a great practical math lesson. We cannot accept personal checks from parents made out to Mohican Outdoor School. All spending money must be collected by your child's 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 over 200 available acres. Day trips and facilitated programs for groups are available year-round. Contact the office for available dates.

Mohican School facilities are available to rent for wedding receptions, family reunions, meetings, and other events.

Mohican School is a sponsoring site for the Mohican Wildlife Weekend held each spring. A Walk in the Past is held each fall and takes visitors back in time to the 1800's. Check our website at [www.mohicanoutdoorschool.org](http://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		
	<b>Notebook paper in pocket folder or in 3-ring binder</b>	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.	
	<b>NON-ESSENTIAL BUT CONVENIENT ITEMS</b>		
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			
<b>PLEASE--Do not send aerosol or spray cans</b>			
OPTIONAL	Stationery or post cards	1 box	
	Stamps and envelopes		
	Disposable Camera(s)		
	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!**