



## Outdoor Education Program Guide



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Thank you for your interest in Camp Whitewood's Outdoor Education Program. This guide is meant to give you a better idea about who we are and what we can offer. This is not a comprehensive list of all of our potential programming, so if there is an idea you have that you do not see in this guide, please do not hesitate to bring it to our attention. Our goal is design the perfect Outdoor Education program to suit your needs and the needs of the students. We believe in the power and lasting positive impact of giving children a chance to learn and grow in an outdoor setting. We accommodate a wide range of groups and programs, so whether you are looking for a day program, a weeklong stay or anything in between, Camp Whitewood is the place for you! Thank you and let us know how we can help you out.

-Andy & Scott



#### **Andy Hudak: Executive Director**

Andy comes to Camp Whitewood and Ohio State with rich camp and park experience in Northeast Ohio. Most recently, he served as Recreation Specialist for Cleveland Metroparks where he managed outdoor recreation programs and classes including paddle boarding, sailing, rock climbing and multi-day recreation events. Prior to that, Andy served as Program Specialist to the Ohio State University Extension – Cuyahoga County with the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development

Grant and created the Kinsman Farm. Andy also served as the Parks Supervisor and Naturalist for the City of Brunswick and the Expedition Coordinator at the University of Rhode Island W. Alton Jones Campus. He received his bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies/Economics Management from Ohio Wesleyan University.

As Executive Director, Andy looks to develop and strengthen relationships with schools and other user groups as well as provide leadership to the 4-H summer camping program at 4-H Camp Whitewood. Andy will continue to foster strong relationships and work to actively engage new dynamic programs and events at Camp.



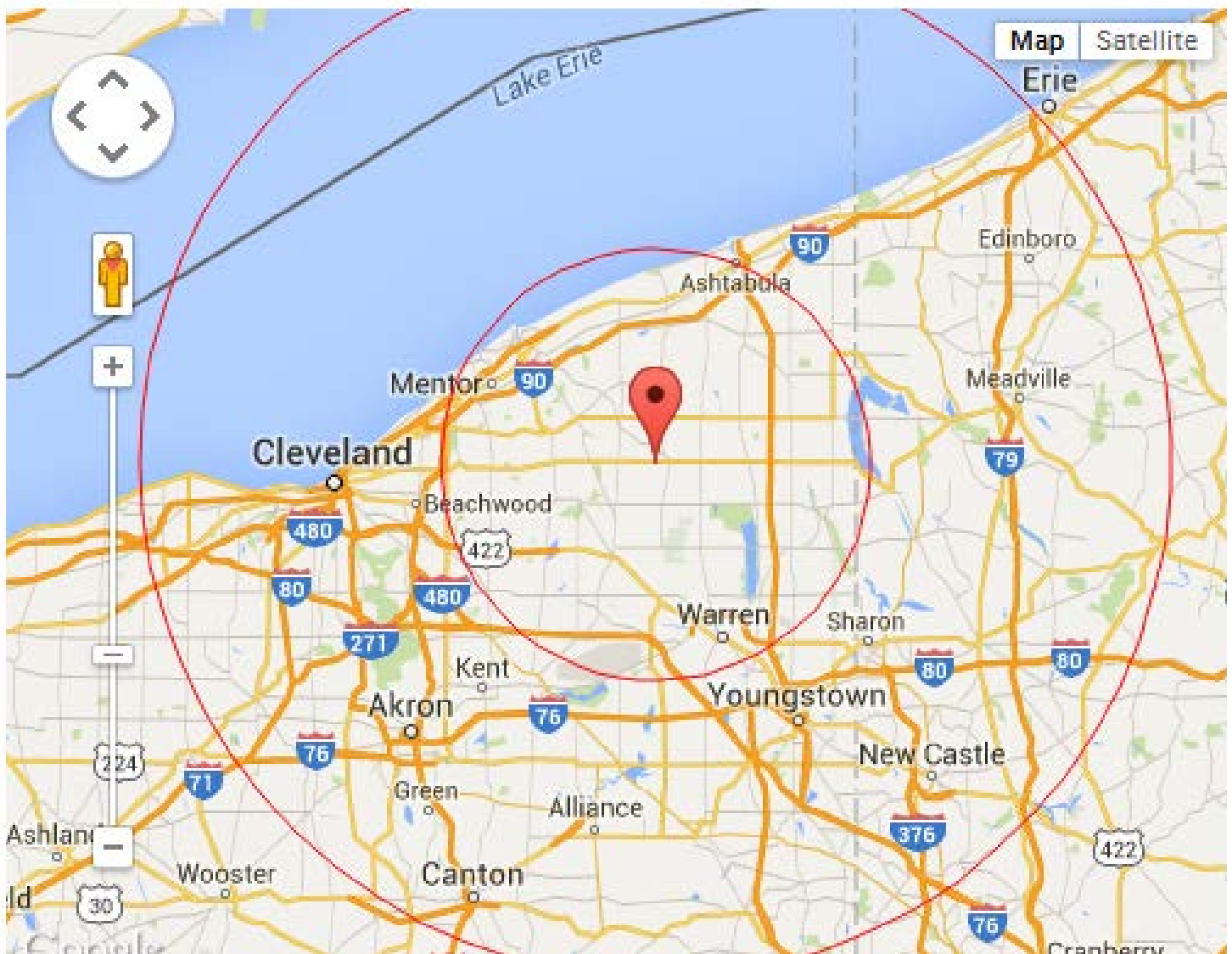
#### **Ashley Hughey Program Director**

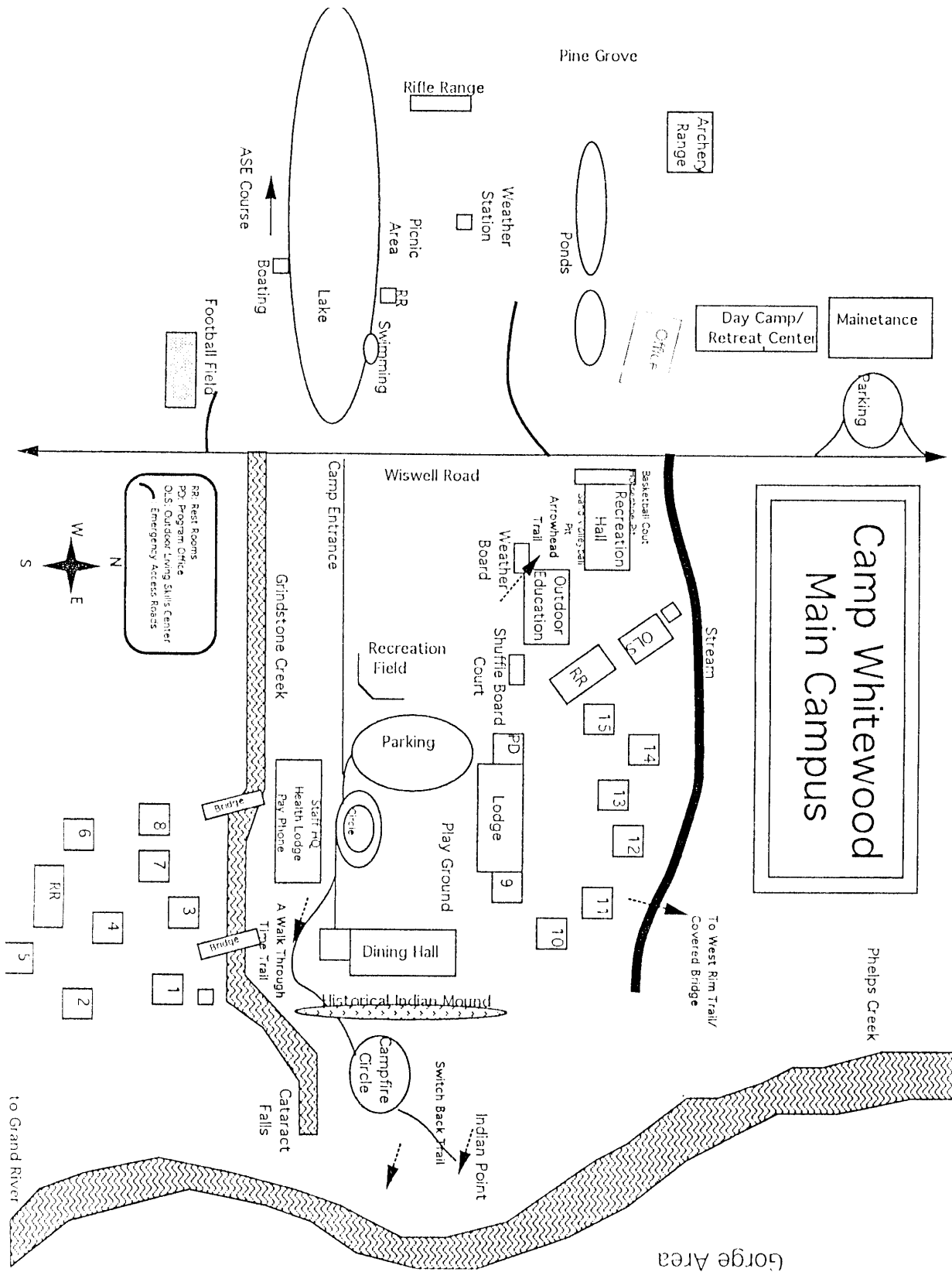
Ashley enjoys being on the water every chance she can get. She comes to camp after being the 4-H Educator for Portage County and Camp Director for that week of camp for 7 years.

Ashley has worked for different camp and Parks and Recreation Departments in her tenure including Camp Micah, Kent State University PEAK Summer Camp, Cleveland Metroparks, Army Corps of Engineers as a summer Park Ranger, and so much more.

Ashley and her husband, Jim, enjoy Lake Erie and inland lakes as much as time allows during the summer months. They love to fish for walleye and spend time outside together.

Camp WhiteWood is located in southwest Ashtabula County off St. Rte. 322. We are conveniently located within a 2 hours drive of several major metropolitan areas including Cleveland, Akron/Canton, Youngstown and Erie. Our address is 7983 S. Wiswell Rd Windsor, OH 44099. The map below shows Camp WhiteWood's location with a 25 mile radius and a 60 mile radius.







## **Facilities**

***Dining Hall/Kitchen*** – Our Dining Hall seats 200 people at tables of 10. With all wood framing and a stone fireplace, it is the quintessential camp Dining Hall. Food is served family style from our Amish kitchen staff. We think you will agree with us when we say that our food far exceeds the typical “camp food” in its quality. No one will leave hungry! Our kitchen is also prepared to handle any special dietary needs as long as we know in advance.

***Cabins*** – Our cabins are divided into a boys and girls village. The girls village has 8 cabins that each sleep 14 and one that sleeps 16. There is also an additional cabin on the girls side that is typically used by chaperones



Dining Hall



Cabins

and/or staff that sleep 4. The boys side has 6 cabins that each sleep 14 except one that sleeps 12. There is also a cabin on the boys side that is typically used by chaperones and/or staff which sleeps 8. The cabins are heated and have bunk beds and mattresses.

***Bathrooms*** – Each village has its own bathroom and shower house. The showers have curtains or stalls for privacy.

***Staff Cabin*** – The staff cabin is available for school and/or group staff that come to camp. The staff cabin has a kitchen, living room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms and back porch. The staff cabin can sleep 14 and gives adults a private place



Craft Hall

separate from the students.

***Health Lodge*** – Our health lodge is attached to the staff cabin and has a separate shower and room with two beds for the nurse. It also has a bed for any visitors and a fully stocked nurse’s station.

***Craft Hall*** – The craft hall is the perfect place for any craft or messy activity. If you have a craft in mind, please let us know and we can help plan it with you.

***Recreation Pavilion*** – Also known as the Rec Pad, serves as a covered outdoor gathering space centrally located on Camp. It has a stage, electric, lighting and wooden benches. The Rec Pad can hold 180 people and also houses the Recreation Closet which



Dining Hall



holds a wide array of sports equipment such as basketball, kickball, volleyball, box hockey, football and more.

*Grindstone Creek Lodge* – A beautiful indoor facility that has a stage, auditorium seating, fireplace, and

small kitchenette. The Lodge can hold 150 people and is a great place to hold large groups, break-out sessions and as a place to gather during bad weather.

*Archery Range* – Our archery range is equipped with both compound and recurve bows set to a variety of draw weights to accommodate all ability levels. Our archery program is lead by a certified archery instructor. Students will learn safety and basic archery techniques.



Archery Range

*Boat House* – Our boat house is the meeting place

and launch point for our canoeing and kayaking lessons. Students will learn proper paddling techniques while enjoying the natural beauty of our 9 acre Reflections Lake.



Boat House

*Campfire Circle* – Our campfire circle has two circles of benches surrounding a fire pit. It also has lighting and electric hook-up. The campfire circle is the perfect place to tell stories, sing songs and roast marshmallows.



Campfire Circle

*Phelps Creek* – A high water quality tributary of the Grand River, Phelps Creek is pristine natural habitat protected by a conservation easement. Phelps Creek is a perfect place for students to experience firsthand concepts in geology, ecology, watersheds, and biology.

*Native American Earthworks* – Prehistoric Erie Indians built a fortification and village on camp grounds. A low wall still remains and is a great learning tool for any Native American program.



Phelps Creek



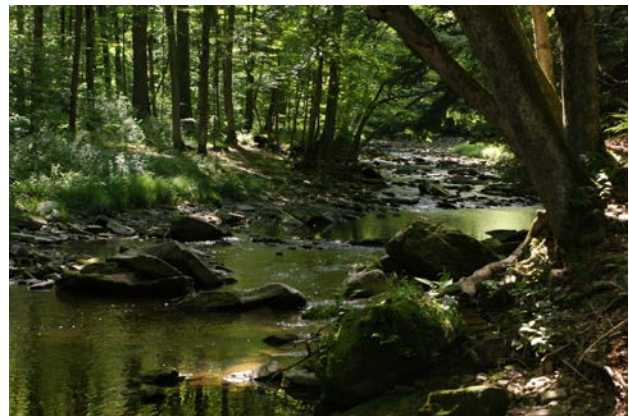
## Programs and Schedules

We accommodate a variety of Outdoor Education programs at Camp Whitewood, from day trips to week long stays; we have the ability and experience to meet your group's needs. Typically the students will be broken into small groups and go through a rotation of activities. If you have a program or idea that you would like to see but is not included here, please let us know so we can work together to achieve the program you want. These are classes and activities that our staff has experience teaching and have worked well:

- Stream Study
- Tree ID
- Fire building
- Survival Skills
- Teambuilding Challenge Course
- Archery
- Canoeing
- Maple Syrup
- Air Rockets
- Outdoor cooking
- Animal Tracks
- Nature Crafts
- Night Hikes
- Campfire (songs, skits, stories)
- Nature Hikes
- Fishing
- Atlatls



Boating



Phelps Creek

All of our classes are taught to encourage hands-on experience and participation by students. We believe that students learn by doing. Our activities are both fun and educational, utilizing children's energy and creativity to guide them towards a greater connection and appreciation for the world around them. Many schools and teachers come prepared to teach classes or lead activities as well. Camp is a great time for teachers to reinforce concepts taught in the classroom and connect with students in a different environment. We encourage teachers to use camp as a time to enhance the work done in the classroom. We are here to help and assist you.

### Sample Daily Schedule

7:45-8:00 – Flag Raising/Hoppers to the Dining Hall  
 8:00-8:45 – Breakfast  
 8:45-9:00 – Cabins/Travel Time  
 9:00-10:15 – Rotation 1  
 10:15-10:30 – Restrooms/Travel Time  
 10:30-11:45 – Rotation 2  
 11:45-12:00 – Hoppers/Restrooms  
 12:00-12:45 – Lunch  
 12:45-1:00 – Cabins/Restrooms  
 1:00-2:15 – Rotation 3  
 2:15-2:30 – Restrooms/Travel Time  
 2:30-3:45 – Rotation 4  
 3:45-4:00 – Restrooms/Travel Time  
 4:00-5:15 – Rotation 5  
 5:15-5:30 – Hoppers/Restrooms  
 5:30-6:15 – Dinner  
 6:15-6:30 – Flag Lowering  
 6:30-7:30 – Recreation Time  
 7:30-9:00 – Evening Program (campfire, night hike, etc)  
 9:00-9:15 – Snack  
 9:15-10:00 – Showers, ready for bed  
 10:00 – Lights Out



Reflections Lake

	<u>Canoeing</u>	<u>Stream Study</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Hike</u>	<u>Rockets</u>
9:00-10:15	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
10:30-11:45	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 1
1:00-2:15	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 1	Group 2
2:30-3:45	Group 4	Group 5	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
4:00-5:15	Group 5	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4

**Please email or call our office to schedule a visit or your program today!**  
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