

A scenic photograph of a lake surrounded by dense trees. The water is calm, reflecting the sky and the surrounding foliage. The trees are mostly evergreens, with some deciduous trees showing early autumn colors. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

Ashokan

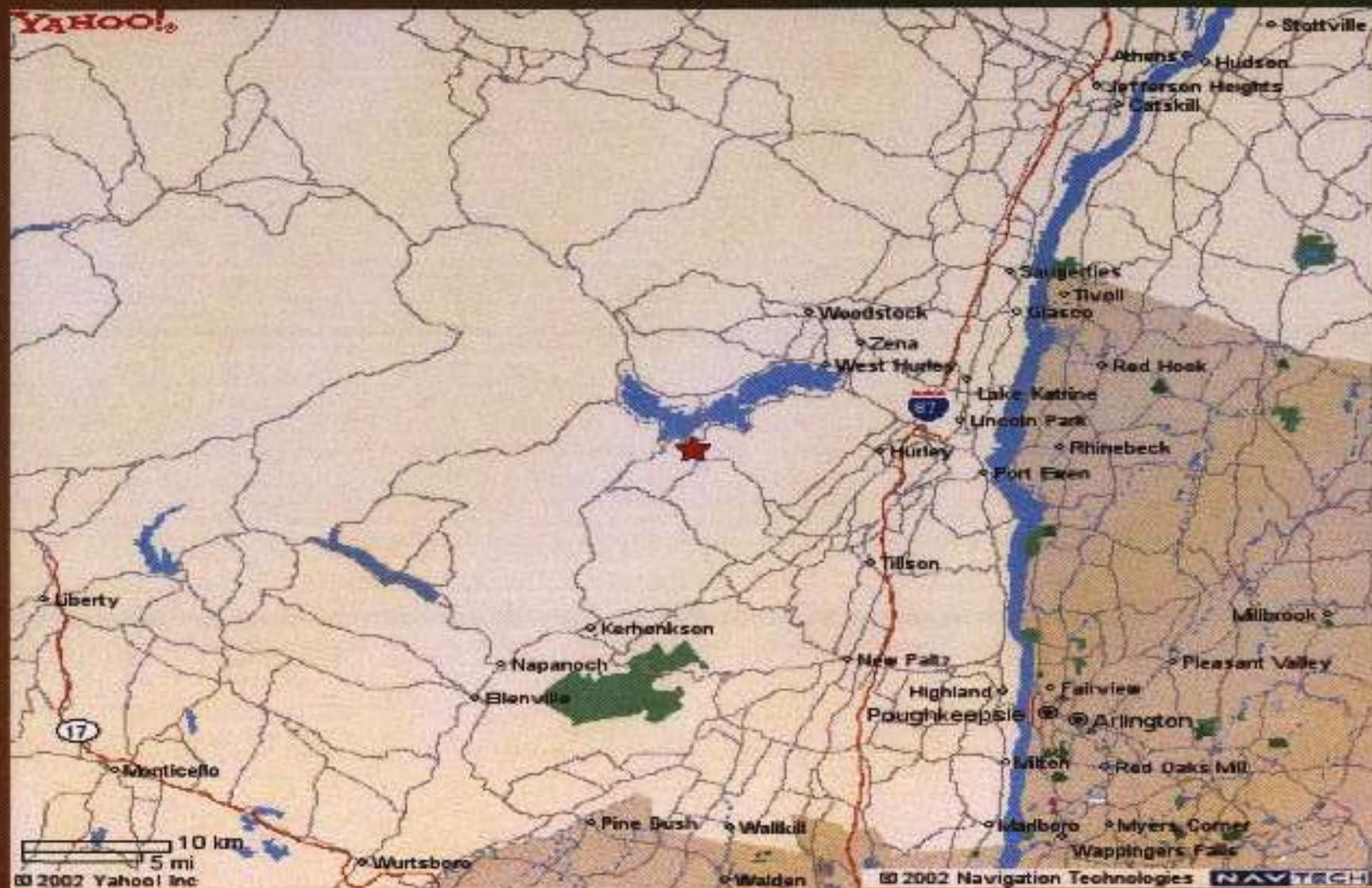
Orientation, 2012

Resident Outdoor Program



- To prepare students for productive lives...
- Become involved in interdisciplinary learning...
- Discover ecological relationships between man and the environment...
- Students learning through first hand observation, analysis, and generalization

Where is The Ashokan Field Campus?



The Ashokan Field Campus

- It is tucked away in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York and only ten miles west of Kingston.
- The Ashokan Field Campus is an outdoor, environmental education center owned and operated by Campus Auxiliary Services of the State University of New York at New Paltz.
- 372 secluded acres of glistening natural beauty are adjacent to the Ashokan Reservoir and the wilderness areas of the Catskill Forest Preserve.
- The campus provides the inspirational backdrop for hands-on educational experiences.

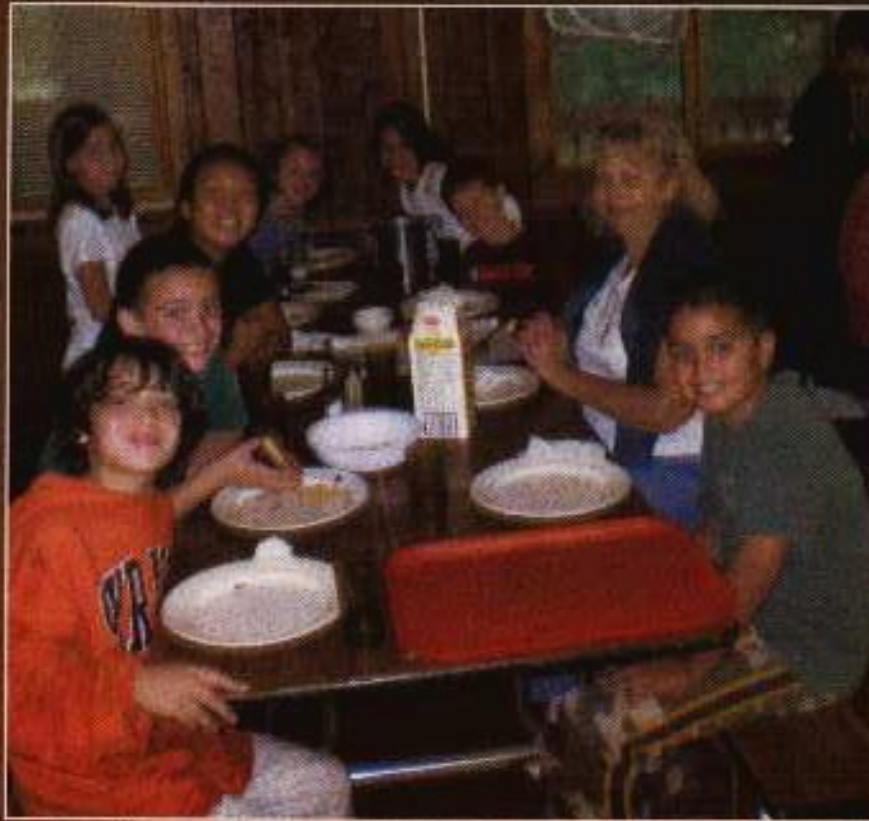


Where do the students sleep?

Beaverkill Bunkhouse: Tucked in at the base of a hillside beside a small pond, our "Big Bunkhouse" is divided into four sleeping areas: two rooms on the female side, two rooms on the male side. Both the male and the female sides have approximately 24 bunk beds (for a total of 96 people) and a community bathroom with separate facilities and showers.



Where do the students eat?



- A well-lit dining hall serving family style is catered by Ashokan's courteous and caring food service.
- Full food service presents a healthy and sumptuous menu.
- Special meals can be arranged for those with food allergies.
- All meals are planned and prepared by highly-trained staff.

Our programs include...

Natural History Activities

Cathedral Gorge



This nature hike explores a deep, natural gorge named by visiting tourists in the 1800s. After crossing a covered bridge built in the 1800s, students will discover local flora & fauna, waterfalls, evidence of beaver activity, and evidence of early industry.

Forest Ecology



- Plant and animal communities which make up each forest type are examined through observation and first-hand experience.
- Each trip is unique and new discoveries are made each day.

Pond Ecology

Pond and stream communities are explored. Collections are made of pond insects, animals and small fish for closer examination. Larger animals, beaver & waterfowl are often sighted. Collecting nets, pans & other equipment are provided.



The Indian Village



The Indian Village is a reconstruction of a typical seasonal hunting & fishing camp of the Lenape people at the time of the first contact with Europeans.

The camp includes a wigwam and Big House (not an Iroquois longhouse), dugout canoe, fish drying racks, storage bins, cooking utensils, tools & trade goods. Students will be involved in daily life activities that may include games, tool making, fire building, cooking, and storytelling.

Adventure Education

Challenge and Discovery

Non-competitive games, cooperation activities, group initiatives, socialization and group problem solving make up this activity.



Survival

Students learn how to prepare for hiking in the wilderness and become familiar with the basic principles of survival. They will forage for fire-and shelter-building materials and learn to build both.



Canoeing



Basic canoeing techniques and safety procedures are demonstrated and practiced.



Colonial Crafts



- Includes blacksmithing, broom making, tinsmithing
- All craft activities put emphasis on apprentice system
- Concept of community is woven throughout each craft
- Roles people had in communities discussed

Night Programs



**Includes birds,
mammals,
snakes, and
inspirational
programs**

Typical Daily Schedule

- 7:00am Wake up
- 7:45am Pre-breakfast activity
- 8:25am Breakfast
- 9:30am Morning Activity period
- 11:05am Free time
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm First Afternoon Activity period
- 2:45pm Bathroom and Snack
- 3:00pm Second Activity period
- 4:30pm Free time
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Teacher hour
- 7:30pm Evening Program
- 8:45pm Snack and pre-breakfast sign up
- 9:30 LIGHTS OUT!

Forms and Information Sent Home

- Ashokan Medical Forms Packet**
- Permission Slip/Medical Forms**
- Ashokan Health Record**
- Ashokan Medications Information**

Ashokan Packing Checklist

- Medical forms and medicine
- Waterproof poncho or coat with a hood
- Waterproof hiking boots
- Long pants – 2 - 3 pair
- Long sleeved shirts-sweatshirts (one cotton)
- Hat and gloves if below 40 degrees
- Sleeping bag
- Two bath towels, wash cloth, shampoo and soap
- Comb or hairbrush
- Tooth brush and toothpaste
- Pajamas(sweatpants)
- Socks - 2 pair a day
- Underwear one a day plus extra
- Short sleeved shirts
- Laundry/plastic bag
- Old shoes/sneakers
- Warm jacket/coat
- Heavy warm sweater

Optional Items

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- Camera and film (throw away)
- Binoculars
- Books/comics
- Small backpack/fanny pack
- Non-spray insect repellent
- Water bottle

DO NOT BRING

- ELECTRONIC DEVICES
- SPRAYS OF ANY KIND
- COLOGNE OR PERFUME
- FOOD OR CANDY (except for bus ride)
- COUGH DROPS, LOZENGES, OR VITAMINS (except as medicine)
- UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING
- JEWELRY
- MONEY



The End