

## Welcome to Educator's Week!

### Camp Oty'Okwa:

The camp is located in Hocking County, about 1 mile from Conkles Hollow State Nature Preserve. It is owned by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, used by school groups and hosts a resident camp in the summer. The property includes diverse habitats, hiking trails to rock outcrops, a state nature preserve, and land preserved under conservation easement.

### Food and lodging:

Food will be prepared and served in the dining hall. Snacks will be available in the morning and afternoon. We use Sebring Lodge for sleeping. The lodge has firm wooden bunks with mattresses and individual showers in each section. Each participant will have an entire bunk, part of which can be used for sleeping and the other part for storing personal belongings.

Participants may also decide to sleep in one of the platform tents or rustic camp cabins. These also have beds and mattresses. Restrooms and showers are located nearby, but are not in the cabins.

### Packing list:

- Sleeping equipment: sleeping bag or bedding for a single bed and pillow
- Towels and washcloth
- Personal supplies: shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.
- Clothing
- Shoes and extra socks
- Boots or shoes for hiking
- Water bottle (optional = thermal cup for coffee/tea)
- Jacket/sweatshirt
- Rain gear
- Flashlight
- Binoculars
- Small pack for hikes
- Water bottle
- Notebook/writing utensils
- Camera
- Medications
- Camp/outdoor chair if desired
- Sense of discovery
- Sense of humor
- Sense of wonder!!

Snacks and water jugs of ice water will be provided. Canned/bottled drinks will be available for 50 cents.

### **College credit and contact hours:**

Participants will be responsible for keeping track of the sessions that they attend during the week. For those desiring 3 semester hours of graduate credit, sessions hours must total 45 hours. 30 hours of sessions are needed for 2 semester hours of credit. Contact hours will be granted according to the number of hours of sessions that are attended.

The schedule will allow everyone to complete the number of hours needed. At the end of the week, a summary of sessions attended will be turned in to the camp staff so that graduate credit and contact hours can be awarded.

### **Materials:**

All presenters have been asked to send their materials to the staff. A flash drive of all materials and pictures will be prepared and mailed to each participant. We try to eliminate use of paper for Educators' Week. This will not only help the environment, but also give participants to a chance to receive clean, dry handouts!!

### **Daily schedule:**

- Early morning activity (Optional)
- Breakfast
- Morning session
- Lunch
- Afternoon session
- Break
- Supper
- Evening activities

There will be 5 types of sessions:

- Whole group sessions: these will include presentations, activities, and hikes
- Breakout sessions: these will be organized for elementary educators, naturalists, and middle/high school educators.
- Field trips to local areas of interest
- Early morning activities
- Evening adventures

### **Recycle your books and materials**

If you have resources that you no longer need and books that you no longer use, bring them to camp to share with other participants. We will have a material recycling table!