

Wahsega 4-H Center

A learning laboratory in the north Georgia mountains



Who we are...



The University of Georgia

- College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
- Cooperative Extension
- 4-H Environmental Education (EE) Program
- Wahsega 4-H Center

We are part of the nation's largest residential Environmental Education program. From the mountains to the sea, there is a Georgia 4-H Center for you!

UGA 4-H EE Program Highlights

A program of Georgia 4-H under Cooperative Extension at the University of Georgia. It was first implemented at Rock Eagle 4-H center in 1979.

Over 750,000 students have participated in the program from 500 different schools, representing six Southeastern states.

Program now established at five 4-H state facilities representing "living laboratories" in the mountain, coastal, and piedmont habitats of Georgia.

Forty to forty-five seasonal staff are hired annually as 4-H Environmental Educators to assist the visiting classroom teachers. Classes at each center are taught cooperatively by on site staff and teachers from the school.

The 4-H Environmental Education Program serves more than 37,000 students each school year.



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Designated an exemplary state model in environmental education by Georgia members of the National Science Teacher's Association

Winner of an Environmental Achievement Award from the National Environmental Awards Council.

UGA 4-H EE Program Objectives

To develop an awareness, knowledge and appreciation for the environment

To cultivate curiosity, critical reasoning and evaluation

To develop positive relationships among students and their teachers

To make the school program more meaningful by applying knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom to real life situations

To provide experiences in using scientific processes, such as observing, measuring and classifying

To develop self-confidence and physical fitness

To develop appreciation for the local and natural history of an area



Environmental Education at Wahsega

Wahsega offers residential Environmental Education field studies to grades 3-8.

1, 2, & 3 day field study options are available.



A variety of exciting classes to choose from!

Classes at Wahsega are hands on, activity oriented and held almost entirely outdoors. Our classes correlate to the Georgia Performance Standards. See our website, www.wahsega4h.org for a complete class listing.

Popular classes at Wahsega include:

Stream Ecology



Herpetology



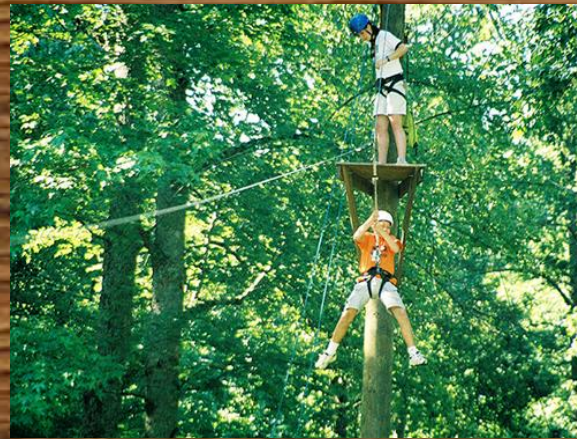
Challenging adventures in the outdoors!

High ropes activities are another exciting component of the EE program at Wahsega. These challenges help students build self esteem, enhance communication and problem solving skills and increase team building skills.

Flying Squirrel

Zip Line

Climbing Wall



Build character and a sense of community

Students have a few extra responsibilities at Wahsega...



1. **KP Duty** – At each meal a small group of students is responsible for KP (Kitchen Patrol). They set up before the meal, help run the meal and stay to help clean up afterwards.
2. **Cabin Clean Up** – On the morning of a group's departure students are responsible for cleaning their cabins, including sweeping the floor and taking out the trash.
3. **Bathhouse Clean Up** – On the morning of a group's departure students are responsible for cleaning the bathhouses, including the sinks, toilets, showers and floors.
4. **Camp Clean Up** – students pick up litter and take out the trash. Together we keep Wahsega beautiful!

Sample Schedule

We are also happy to customize a schedule according to your group's needs.

Day 1

1:30 PM Arrival
2:00 Orientation
3:15-4:45 **Day Class 1**
5:00 Dinner KP reports
to dining hall
5:30-6:30 Dinner and KP clean up
6:30-7:00 Canteen (camp store) open
7:00-8:00 **Evening Class 1**
8:00-9:00 **Evening Class 2**

Day 2

7:00 AM Wake up bell
7:30 Breakfast KP reports
to dining hall
8:00-8:45 Breakfast and KP clean up
8:45-10:15 **Day Class 2**
10:30-12:00 **Day Class 3**
12:00 Lunch KP reports
to dining hall
12:30-1:30 Lunch and KP clean up
1:30-3:00 **Day Class 4**
3:15-4:45 **Day Class 5**
5:00 Dinner KP reports
to dining hall
5:30-6:30 Dinner and KP clean up
6:30-7:00 Canteen open
7:00-9:00 **Evening activities led
by your group**

Day 3

6:30 AM Wake up bell
7:15 Start Cabin Clean Up
7:30 Breakfast KP reports
to dining hall
8:00-9:00 Breakfast and KP clean up
9:00-10:30 **Day Class 6**
10:30 Bathhouse Clean Up
Grounds Clean Up
Lunch KP reports
to dining hall
11:00-12:00 Lunch and KP clean up
12:30 Departure

Facilities

Historic Cabins

Guests spend the night in one of Wahsega's 16 rustic cabins.



Facilities

Cabins do not have heat or air conditioning, pack as though you are going camping. Cabins do not have bathrooms, instead Wahsega has a girls and a boys bathhouse.



Facilities



Dining Hall

Wahsega's dining hall can seat 200 people. The dining hall can accommodate most dietary restrictions (vegetarian, religious, allergies, etc.) with advance notice.

Facilities



Plenty of room to get outside and play.

The basketball and volleyball courts, baseball field and large recreation field offer plenty of room for students to spread out and play during free time.

Dance Party!

Our large recreation hall with sound equipment and special lighting makes a great place to hold a dance.

Facilities

Campfires!

Wahsega has a small fire ring with seating for 40, as well as an amphitheatre with 2 fire rings, a stage area and seating for 200.



Facilities

Wahsega's **Herpetology Laboratory** features a collection of exotic and native species of reptiles and amphibians. **Turtle Topia** is an outdoor extension of the Herp Lab where many students enjoy spending their free time.



Facilities

The Chattahoochee National Forest is a beautiful place to learn!

Wahsega has numerous hiking trails, a waterfall, a pond and a stream that runs right through the center of camp.



Facilities

Additional facilities include:

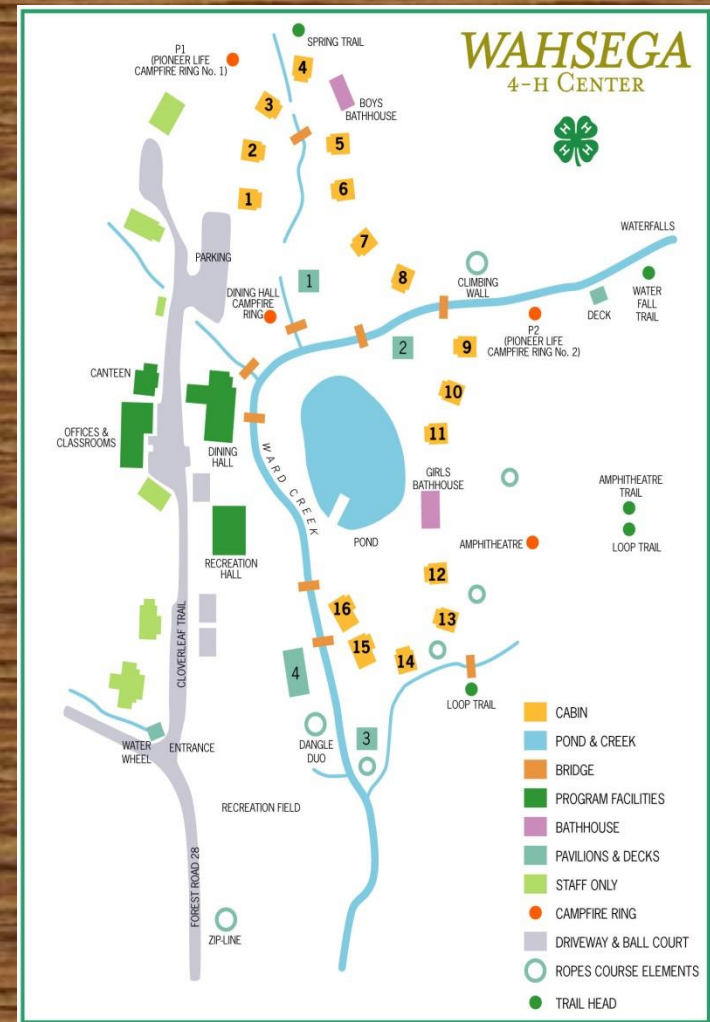
Classroom with TV-microscope connection

self-guided Discovery Room

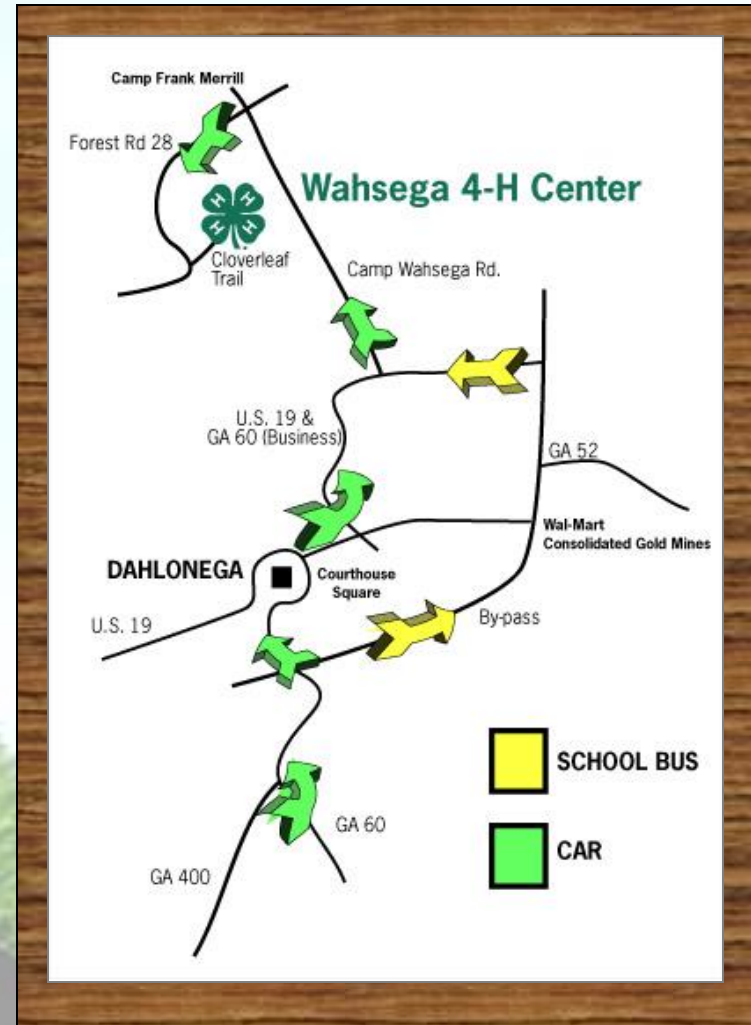
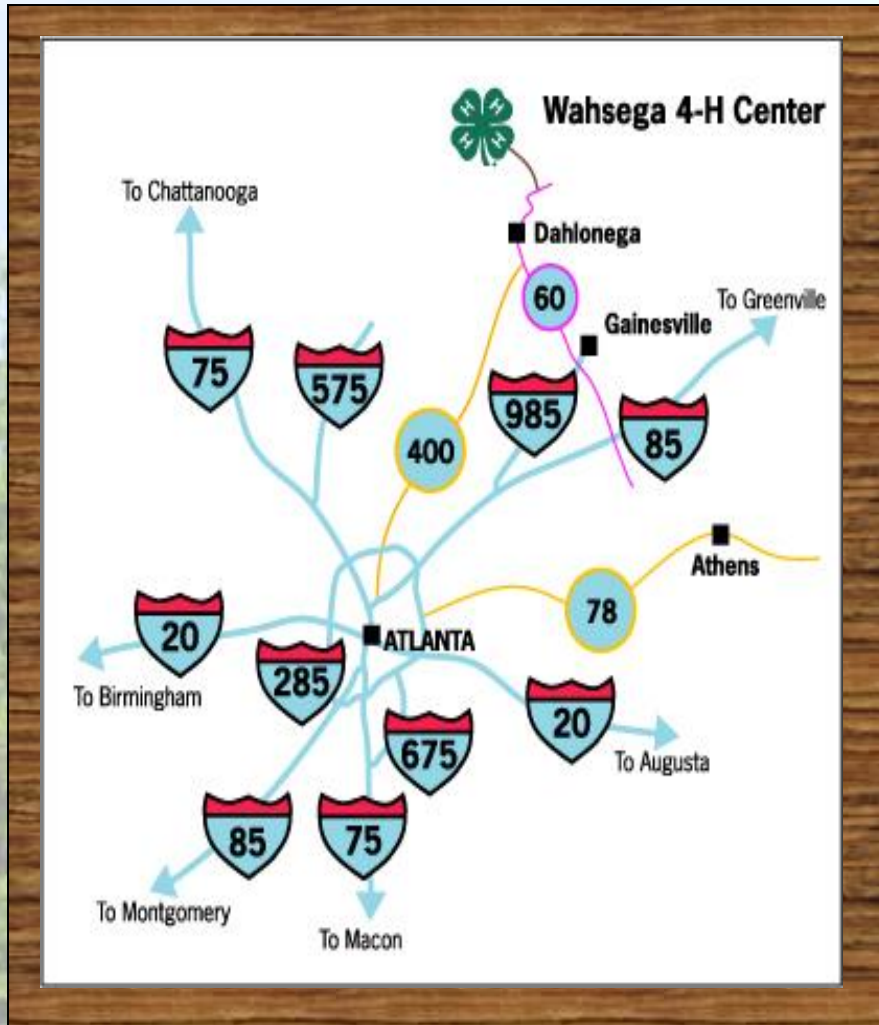
Astronomy Lab for viewing constellations on rainy or cloudy nights

4 open air pavilions

Two bathhouses, one boys and one girls



Directions to Wahsega



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