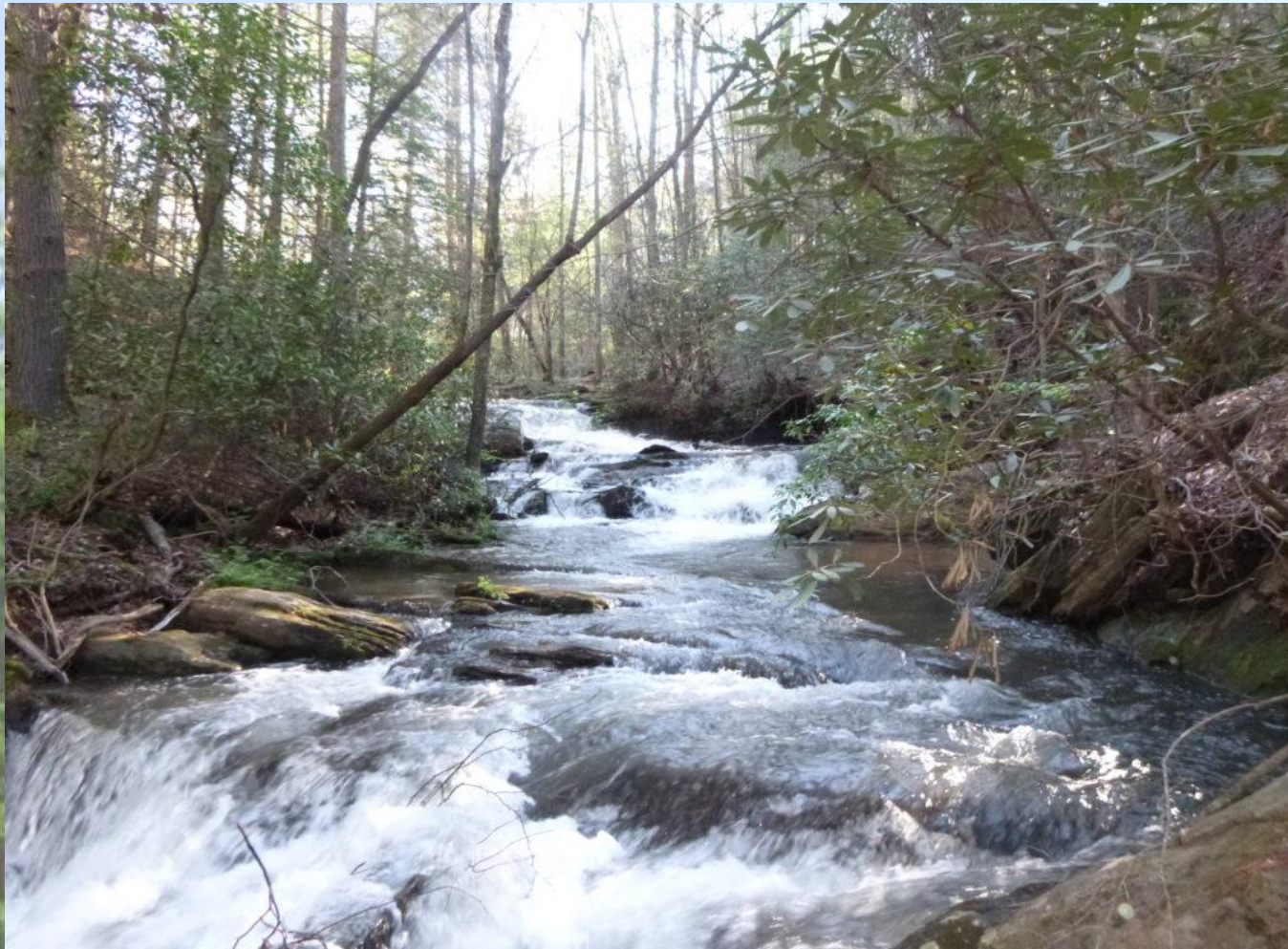


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 **WAHSEGA**
Widow skimmer

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 1,000,000 students have participated in the program from 500 different schools, representing six Southeastern states.

Program now established at six 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.



UGA 4-H EE Program Highlights



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

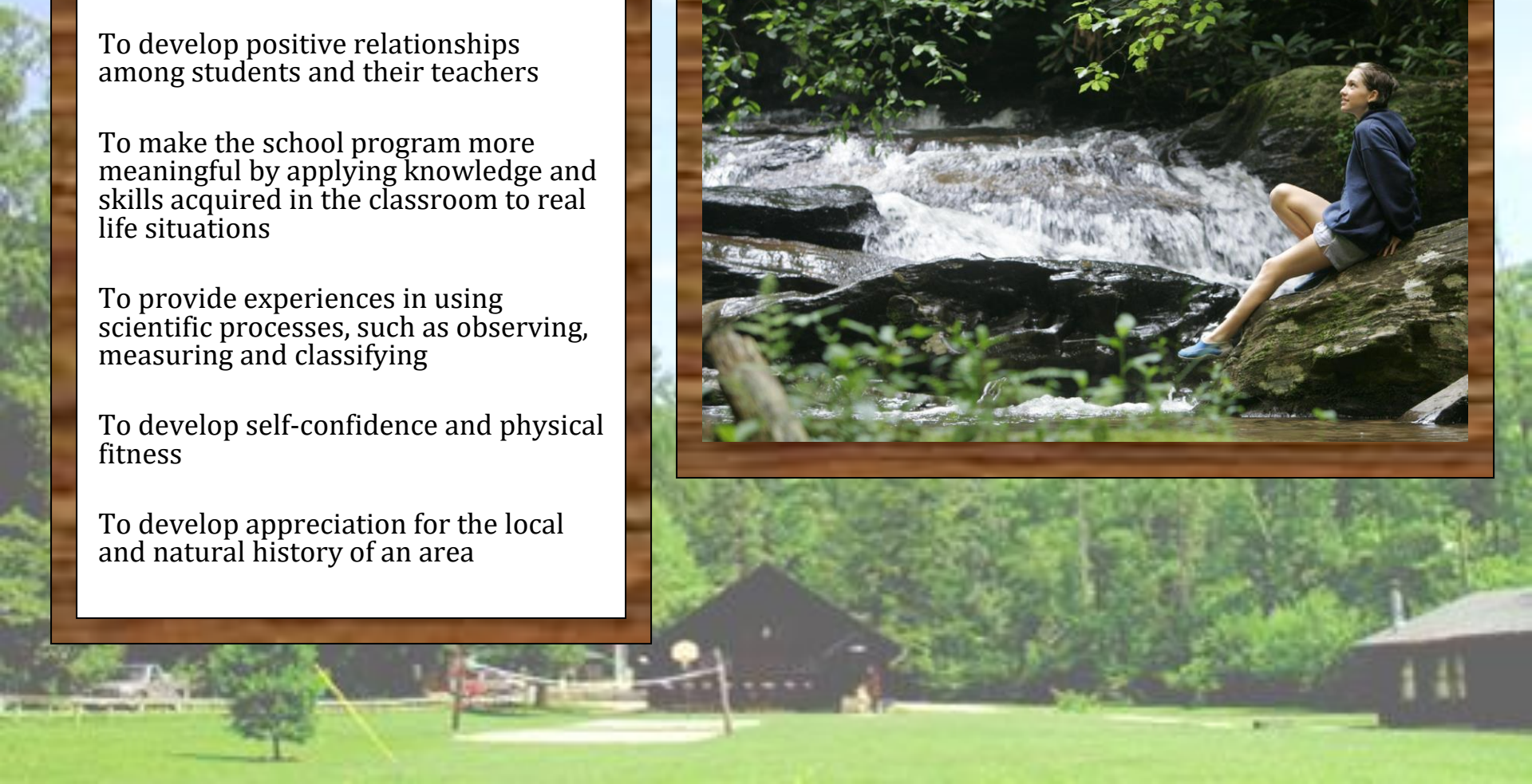
To develop positive relationships among students and their teachers

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.

Popular classes at Wahsega include:

Stream Ecology



Herpetology



Other Classes

Wahsega 4-H Center offers 16 different day classes and 6 night classes

Pioneer Life



Forest Ecology



Entomology



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.

Team Building



Flying Squirrel



Climbing Wall



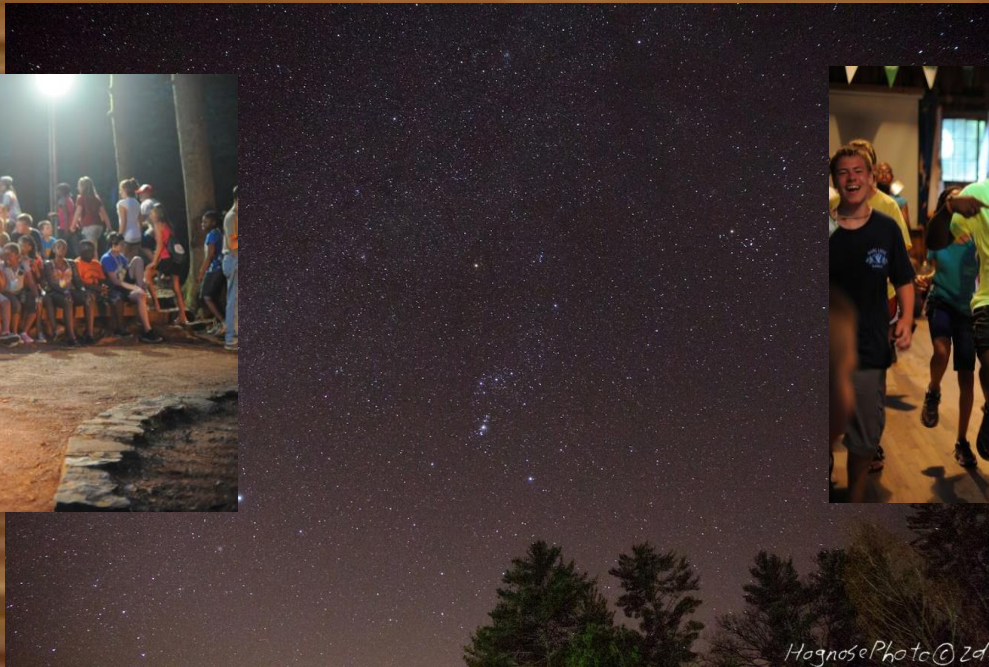
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Campfire



Sensory Awareness



Dance Party



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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

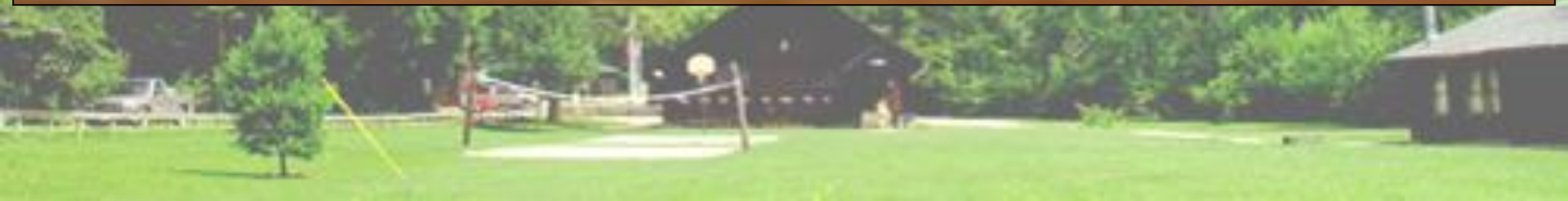
1:00 PM Arrival
2:00 Orientation
3:15-4:45 **Day Class 1**
5:00 Dinner KP reports
to dining hall
5:30-6:30 Dinner and KP clean up
6:30-7:00 Canteen (camp store) open
7:00-8:00 **Evening Class 1**
8:00-9:00 **Evening Class 2**

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

Each cabin has two electric heaters and a window air conditioning unit, pack as though you are going glamping. Cabins do not have bathrooms, instead Wahsega has a girls and a boys bathhouse.



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, GaGa Ball, and large recreation field offer plenty of room for students to spread out and play during free time.

Dance Party!

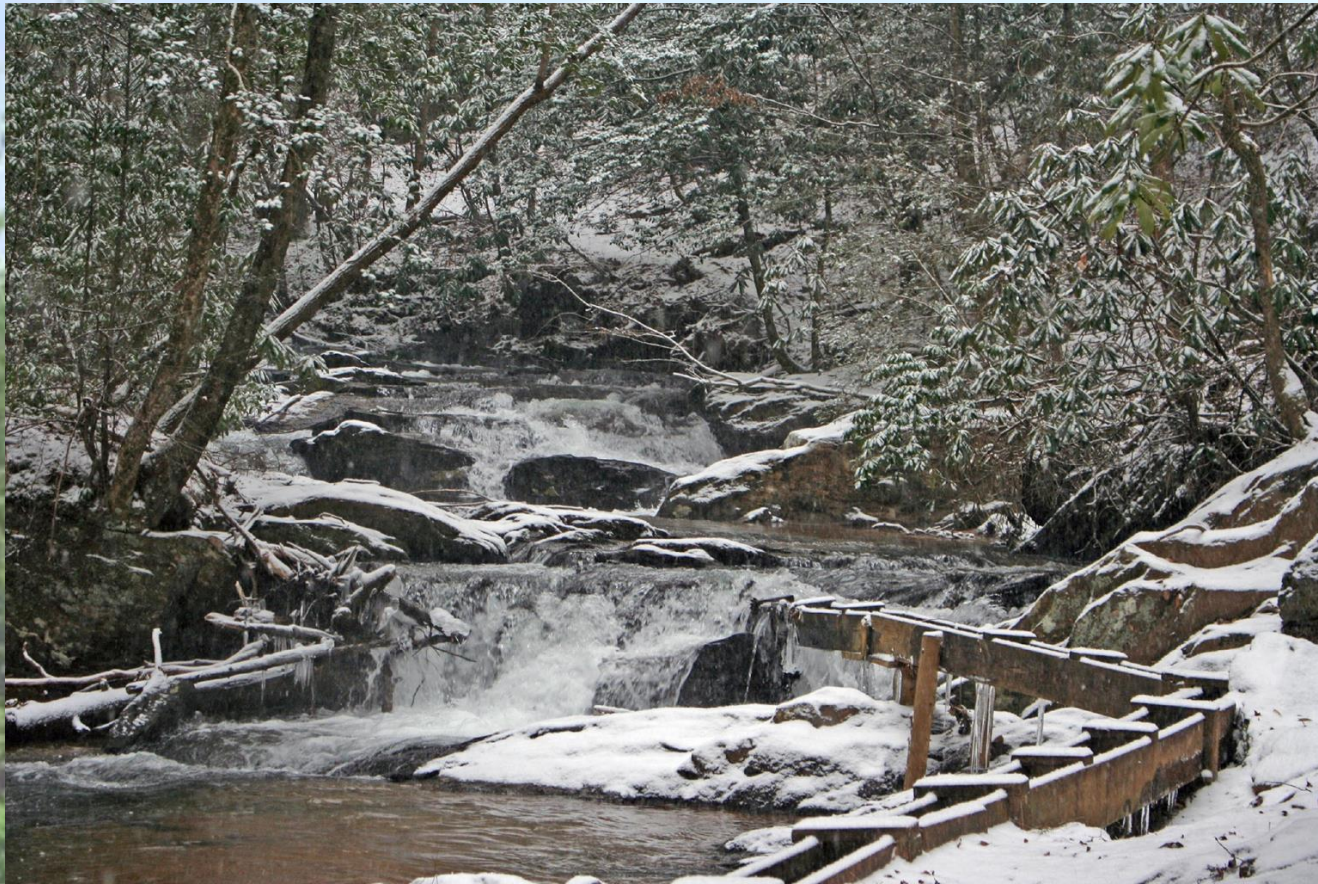
Our large recreation hall with sound equipment and special lighting makes a great place to hold a dance.



Facilities

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

Astronomy Lab for viewing constellations on rainy or cloudy nights

4 open air pavilions

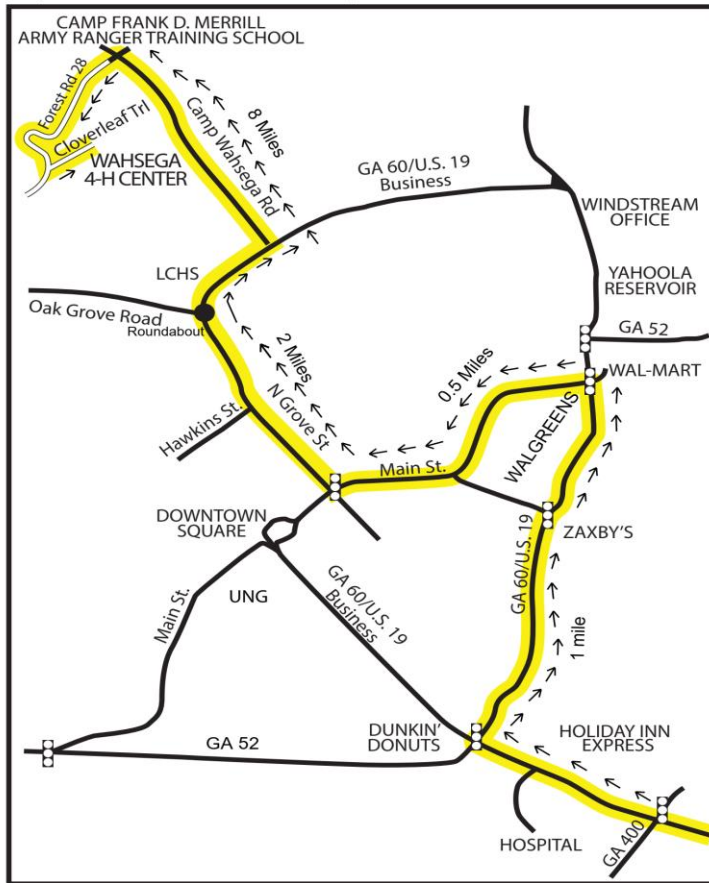
Two bathhouses, one boys and one girls



Directions to Wahsega

DAHLONEGA, GA

The highlighted route is the easiest route to take through Dahlonega because it avoids the downtown square while not adding extra miles. GPS and online maps will not provide directions for this route. This map is not to scale.



Wahsega 4-H Center is 12 miles north of Dahlonega on Forest Service Rd. 28 one mile from the end of Camp Wahsega Road and the entrance to the Army Ranger Training Facility. We are in the Ward Creek valley on property owned by the University of Georgia in the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Avoid getting lost

GPS or online maps provide unreliable directions in our remote area. **Buses sometimes get stuck when they do not follow our directions.** Use the directions that we provide in this document or on our website at: [About Wahsega -Georgia4H](#)

Directions from the Atlanta area:

- You will need to travel north on GA 400 out of Atlanta.
- GA 400 ends near Dahlonega at GA HWY 60 where the highway becomes a 2-lane road.
- Go to the end of GA 400, which is 53 miles from the exit off I-85.
- Take a LEFT onto Highway 60 toward Dahlonega at the end of GA 400. If you pass the Home Depot on your left and the road becomes 2 lanes, you have missed the left turn.

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Directions from the Athens area:

- You will need to travel north.
- Take US 129/Jefferson Hwy/Pierce Avenue north out of Athens.
- In Gainesville, cross Jesse Jewel Pkwy and stay on GA 60
- Go 15.5 miles from Jesse Jewel Pkwy to where GA 60 crosses the end of GA 400.

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Directions from other areas:

Use GPS, online maps, or a Georgia map to go to the intersection of East Main Street (GA 60/GA 52/U.S. 19) and Morrison Moore Parkway (GA 60/GA 52/GA 9/U.S. 19) in Dahlonega. If you use GPS or online maps to find it, the address of a Walgreens at this intersection is 566 East Main Street.

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Directions continued

- Go north toward Dahlonega for 5.4 miles from the end of GA 400 to the first traffic light.
- Turn RIGHT at the traffic light onto Morrison Moore Parkway (GA 60/GA 52/GA 9/U.S. 19).
- Continue through the 1st traffic light to the 2nd traffic light. Prepare to turn LEFT on East Main St.
- Turn onto East Main St. toward downtown Dahlonega. Walgreens is on the corner at this intersection across from the entrance to the Walmart shopping center and Consolidated Gold Mine.
- Go to the traffic light and turn RIGHT on North Grove St. Pueblo's Restaurant is on the corner.
- At the roundabout take the first exit to continue on North Grove St.
- Go 2.2 miles on N. Grove St. Watch for signs to Camp Frank D. Merrill and Wahsega 4-H Center.
- Turn LEFT onto Camp Wahsega Rd. and go 8.5 miles to Frank D. Merrill Army Ranger Camp.
- Curve around the barricades and pull up to the stop sign across from the military check point.
- Turn LEFT on Forest Rd. 28-1. After 100 feet of pavement, this road is gravel. Continue 1 mile.
- Turn LEFT into Wahsega 4-H Center. The driveway is named Cloverleaf Trail.

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