

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Great Hollow Wilderness School. If you value young people, feel you have leadership skills and life experiences that can provide inspiration to students who are working to understand themselves and be successful, Great Hollow may be the place for you

GHWS began operation in 1970 for Wesleyan University's Upward Bound Program. The purpose of implementing the outdoor experience was to give the students an opportunity to challenge the limitations that they impose on themselves and those imposed on them by others. GHWS provides a series of intense initiatives that help the students understand their strengths, leadership qualities and capacity for hard work. The program was initiated to provide students with the opportunity to experience concrete examples that illuminate their best qualities. These experiences in turn lead to the development of confidence and pride. GHWS helps to create a sense of community among participants and aids in fulfilling the critical need that students be able to support one another. Wesleyan University's Upward Bound Wilderness experience still runs each year and is the cornerstone of GHWS. It embodies the commitment, philosophy, and spirit from which the entire program was built.

GHWS has expanded to serve other Upward Bound programs, educational opportunity programs; youth service agencies, public schools, private groups, sports teams, peer groups, individuals, and corporations. In recent years, we have added a wide variety of day and overnight camping programs. We offer a unique working environment. Staff members are challenged in the same way that participants are. They are encouraged to explore their own leadership potential and self-understanding. They learn to work together effectively as a team in order to serve the young people who attend all aspects of the program.

GHWS is not for every one. Our staff sacrifices many of the comforts of home. However, helping a student to recognize his/her own talent and ability or watching an individual's sense of pride grow as they overcome an obstacle is an unparalleled reward. There is an educational crisis in this country. It is essential that we provide opportunities for all students to maximize their potential and the opportunities provided them, or help them develop the skills and confidence to make it on their own. If you feel you have the creativity, commitment, and desire to work towards the positive development of young people who are in need of role models, simply fill out the enclosed application and fax or mail it to us. Upon receipt of your application we will contact you.

We look forward to hearing from you,

The Staff at Great Hollow Wilderness School