



This living reference manual is designed to formalize and document many aspects of our Youth Programming at White Pine Wilderness Academy. As White Pine enters its sixth year, our youth programming has never been more popular, thanks in large part to the parents of our students and campers. As we have grown to meet the incredible need for nature connection opportunities in Indianapolis, solid policies and procedures have become increasingly necessary to maintain program quality, continuity, and consistency. Please read and let us know if you have any questions.

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Philosophy

White Pine Wilderness Academy, founded in 2014, is an aboriginal technologies school at its core. Children who attend our Forest School and Forest Camps, will form a deep connection to nature and their community by learning wilderness survival and the philosophies, traditions and crafts from many of the ancient cultures that created and honed these skills and traditions. Our home campus and indoor and outdoor classrooms are located in the village of Rocky Ripple next to the Central Canal and Butler University along the riparian corridor of the Wapahani River. Our mentors utilize a customized version of the 8 Shields Nature Connection model, created by Jon Young, to guide children in finding their place, both in community and in the natural world.

Our Culture

White Pine Wilderness Academy is a secular school with students and staff from many cultural and religious backgrounds. There is no belief system that is required to attend, other than:

Our 5 Agreements

1. Respect The Circle
2. Respect Each Other
3. Respect Ourselves
4. Respect Life
5. Leave No Trace

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Our Connection to Tradition

The core of our curriculum is an Indigenous approach to nature connection. We teach skills, honor traditions and tell stories from Indigenous cultures the world over. Some of these traditions have a specific lineage, while some do not. Each story, tradition or skill has different protocols and prohibitions depending on the degree of our connection to the story.

The Shikari lineage of Trackers from the jungles of India is closely linked to our school. The stories and skills of the Shikari were passed down directly to White Pine's founder Matt Shull from his Grandfather Ernie Shull, who spent 20 years as a Shikari in India.

The 8 Shields lineage began at The Tracker School founded by Tom Brown Jr. and was further developed by Jon Young at Wilderness Awareness School. Matt Shull and several of our staff study directly with these Elders. We find great meaning in this nature connection model and have been able to develop an expression of it that fits our White Pine programs, staff and families.

The Peacemaker lineage from the Iroquois Confederacy came to the 8 Shields lineage through the work of Chief Jake Swamp. The story of the Peacemaker is a beautiful saga of how 5 nations came to form a peace that lasted for generations. This story also influences the creation of our own Declaration of Independence. Because of the cultural significance of these stories, we take great care to follow all of the protocols and prohibitions in which Chief Jake Swamp mentored us.

At times we are honored to host Elders from Native American, African, Asian and European traditions. We believe that the Inner Tracking framework that we have established at White Pine allows us to present culture in a way that is respectful and reverent without being religious or culturally appropriative.

Under the guidance of Elders and in the spirit of experimentation, White Pine is moving forward into relatively uncharted territory. We are contributing to a regenerative cultural model, inspired by ancient traditions and nature connection.

School Procedures and Policies

Non-Discrimination Policy

White Pine Wilderness Academy is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer, committed to providing a discrimination and harassment-free workplace. It is White Pine Wilderness Academy's policy and practice to ensure that all terms of employment, including application for employment, hiring, promotion and/or advancement opportunities, compensation, training, termination, and any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, citizenship, age, religion, gender and gender identity (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, protected genetic information, veteran status, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

As an Equal Opportunity employer, we prohibit discrimination against or harassment of employees based upon any protected class, including race, color, national origin, citizenship, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, protected genetic information, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law. Discrimination or harassment, in any form, on the basis of an employee's protected class status, is against the law and violates the policies of White Pine.

If you experience or witness harassment or discrimination in the workplace or otherwise become aware of it, report it immediately (orally or in writing) to a member of the North Team.

It is unlawful and against our policy to retaliate against individuals who complain of harassment or discrimination or to retaliate against those who cooperate with, or participate or assist in, an investigation of harassment or discrimination. You can raise concerns and make reports of harassment or discrimination without fear of reprisal or retaliation.

All reports of discrimination, harassment or retaliation will be investigated. If White Pine Wilderness Academy determines that prohibited discrimination, harassment or retaliation has occurred, appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action will be taken. Any employee who has participated in prohibited discrimination, harassment or retaliation will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Student Agreement, Release and Acknowledgement of Risk, Photo Consent

Before participating in White Pine activities, all participants must have a completed Student Agreement, Release and Acknowledgement of Risk, and Photo Consent document on file. A copy is included at the end of this document.

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Organizational Structure: North and South Teams

The North team is comprised of staff involved in administrative roles at White Pine. There will always be at least one North Team member on duty during camps. The only exception to this is during overnights when we will remain on call. The North team is in charge of managing all communications and inquiries with the public. The North team will provide additional support when needed for any disciplinary, medical, logistical or program concerns.

The South team is comprised of staff involved in program delivery and instructional roles at White Pine. The South team is in charge of preparation of all materials, curriculum and program structure for the day. The South team should engage with parents at pick up and drop off and collaborate with the North team as often as needed.

Staff and Volunteer Background Check

Any individual who applies to work or volunteer within any White Pine Wilderness Academy youth program must undergo a criminal background check. If an individual's background check reflects certain criminal record information for a current or prospective employee, White Pine may deny or terminate an employee's employment. Prospective employees are required to complete background check authorization forms and show proper identification prior to their start date. White Pine reserves the right to recheck background information for an employee at any time during the employee's employment.

An employee's background check information is kept strictly confidential. In the event that an employee has criminal record information reflected on his or her background check, the employee will be informed of the finding and provided with a copy of the report.

Staff and Volunteer Drug and Alcohol Policy

White Pine Wilderness Academy prohibits the use, influence, possession, sale, purchase, or distribution of alcohol, any controlled substance, or illegal drug by any employee during work hours. The illegal use of prescription drugs is also prohibited. Use of tobacco is not permitted inside any White Pine vehicle, building, or facility.

Staff and Volunteer Competence with Emergency Procedures

All Lead Instructors must maintain a current CPR and First Aid training, or more advanced training such as Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder. Regular trainings and refreshers on the White Pine EAP will be conducted during 6-week unit Staff Meetings. Lead Instructors are responsible for knowing and following emergency procedures.

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Staff and Volunteer Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy

Besides being illegal, child abuse and neglect interfere with healthy child development and later achievement in life. State requirements may differ, but states in which reporting suspected abuse is mandatory usually include child care personnel. Child care staff and parents should be aware of reporting requirements and procedures for handling reports of child abuse and neglect. Information on where to call and how to report abuse and neglect should be posted so it is readily available to parents and staff.

Procedure and Practices

All observations or suspicions of child abuse or neglect will be immediately reported to the Child Protective Services hotline: **1-800-800-5556**, no matter where the abuse might have occurred.

Any member of the White Pine North Team will call to report suspected abuse or neglect. All staff involved in the reported incident will follow the direction of Child Protective Services regarding completion of written reports. If the parent or legal guardian of the child is suspected of abuse, staff will follow the guidance of Child Protective Services regarding notification of the child's parent or legal guardian. Reporters of suspected child abuse will not be discharged for making a report; unless it is proven that a false report was knowingly made.

Signs of suspected child abuse or neglect will be recorded as a Code Black incident in accordance with the White Pine EAP.

If a staff member is suspected of abuse, parents or legal guardians of suspected abused children will be notified by the North Team immediately after contact with Child Protective Services is made.

Parents or legal guardians of other children in the program will be contacted by the North Team within 24 hours of contact with Child Protective Services, so that they may share any concerns they have.

Staff who are accused of child abuse may be suspended or given leave without pay, pending investigation of the accusation. Such staff may also be removed from the classroom and given a job that does not require interaction with children. However, no accusation or affirmation of guilt will be made until the Child Protective Services investigation is complete.

Staff found guilty of child abuse will be immediately dismissed. When this policy applies: Whenever any staff member has reason to suspect that any child on the premises of this child care facility may have been abused or neglected by anyone.

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Emergency Procedures

- 1) **Emergency Action Plan-** Our EAP follows a progressive coded system that rates the severity of the incident. Responses range from treat and release, back up assistance or emergency response. Parents will be notified any time it is determined that assistance is needed.
- 2) **Scenarios-** All Lead Instructors are trained to respond to the following possible EAP scenarios: First Aid, Storms, Missing Camper, Aggressive Camper, Human Factors, & River Rescue
- 3) **Communication-** All White Pine instructors and leadership staff carry two communication devices (two-way radio with 1.5 mile range and cell phone) when leading groups away from the immediate vicinity of the White Pine campus.
- 4) **Accidents/Injuries-** EAP protocol is followed in any accident or injury incident.
- 5) **Tornado-** Staff have been trained in severe weather and tornado drill protocols. We use our cinder block permanent structure as shelter in the event of a severe weather warning.
- 6) **Epi Pen/Inhaler-**These medications will remain with the student throughout the school day. Staff will be informed and will assist with administration as needed.
- 7) **Training-** All Lead Instructors at White Pine are First Aid/CPR certified. There are also several certified Wilderness First Responders on staff who take leadership roles during emergency medical situations
- 8) **First Aid Kits-** There are substantial First Aid supplies located on the White Pine Campus. All instructors carry Field First Aid Kits when leaving the campus for other outdoor spaces during excursions.

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Safety & Risk Management

- 1) **Fire-** Fire is an integral part of the White Pine Curriculum. Safety around fire includes several rules. With few exceptions, fuel or other items placed in the fire stay in the fire. Thick pants such as Carhartt jeans or bibs and closed toes shoes can reduce risk around fire, but are not required.
- 2) **Tools and Knives-** Tool usage is also integral to the White Pine Curriculum. All students wishing to utilize a tool must receive specific instruction and approval before usage is permitted. Knives used for carving are only allowed once a safety test has been mastered. Students misusing tools and knives will receive coaching or lose privileges depending on the severity of the safety breach.
- 3) **Water Safety-** Visits to the White River can be a daily part of the White Pine day. Students are not permitted in or near the river when it is above normal flow due to health and safety concerns. Due to the hydrology of this urban river, entry into the river is only permitted during low flows. When students are allowed in the river, White Pine policy is to allow students to wade, with footwear, no deeper than the student's knees. Life Jackets are required for all students boarding watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. Instructors and leadership make very conservative judgment calls on allowing any river activity.
- 4) **Severe Weather-** When severe weather is forecasted, excursions beyond the immediate vicinity of the White Pine campus are curtailed. Instructors and leadership make conservative judgment calls on permitting excursion activities with the threat of severe weather.
- 5) **Safe Places and Pickups-** White Pine has several volunteers, elders, and instructors that live within several blocks of the White Pine Campus. In the unlikely event of a hostile Human Factor or unanticipated Severe Weather, White Pine staff are trained and instructed to move their students to one of these off-campus safe places to seek shelter until the threat has dissipated.

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General Policies and Procedures

- 1) **School Pick Up/Drop Off-** Drop off begins 15 minutes before the start of the school day. Opening Circle begins 15 minutes after the start of the school day. If you will be arriving outside of that 30 minute drop off time, please notify White Pine. Drop offs occur in the North Office (front office). Parents will be asked to sign-in their students. At pick up, please sign-out your student in the North Office and wait in the Nature Museum.
- 2) **School Calendar and Cancellations-** The school calendar runs from Mid-August to Mid-May. We will have seasonal and holiday school breaks. White Pine rarely closes for weather. In extreme weather conditions, we may be closed for the safety of our families and staff. Parents will be notified via email in the event of a closure. There will not be a refund for weather-related closings.
- 3) **Tuition Payment-** Unless specific arrangements are made, tuition is due by the 1st of each month. An invoice will be sent to each family via email at least a week in advance. Tuition can be paid electronically. A \$25 late fee will be charged for each tuition payment that is not received on or before the 5th of each month.
- 4) **Absences-** If your child will be absent, please notify White Pine. Refunds will not be issued for absences.
- 5) **Forest School & After School Refunds-** Each student registered for an annual program (Forest School, After School) must make a deposit at the time of enrollment. This deposit will hold a student's spot in a class, covers the first month's tuition and is nonrefundable. If a family chooses to withdraw their student, the month of withdrawal tuition payment will not be refunded.
- 6) **Refunds for one-time programs-** Programs such as Overnights, Summer Camps, and Break Camps will only be refunded a) more than two weeks before course start and b) if the spot can be filled by another student on a waitlist. Less than two weeks from the start date, we will accept alternate students, with parents working out the financial details themselves.
- 7) **Age/Skill Requirements-** Children must be the appropriate age for their class by August 1 of the school year. Children who are 6 by August 1 can choose to join our Tree Frog Class (ages 4-6) or our Flying Squirrels Class (ages 6-8). Tree Frogs (ages 4-6) must be bathroom independent, able to walk a half-mile with a backpack carrying their lunch and water, and have a developmentally appropriate understanding of our Five Agreements (Respect the Circle, Respect Each Other, Respect Yourself, Respect Life, & Leave No Trace).
- 8) **Cold Weather-** White Pine is a year-round school. We rarely cancel classes because of severe cold weather. However, we will cancel class if a Warning-level Travel Advisory is issued for Marion County. Students not properly equipped may not be permitted to participate in some outdoor activities at the discretion of White Pine staff.
- 9) **Clothing/Gear-** Students must come properly equipped for the anticipated weather conditions of the day. This includes insulating layers, durable rain gear and waterproof boots for rainy days, and/or cold weather clothing such as bibs, parkas, hats, and gloves.

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Students not properly equipped may not be permitted to participate in some outdoor activities at the discretion of White Pine staff. Also required are appropriate footwear 30+ oz. water bottle, full lunch (for Forest School, Summer Camp, and Break Camps), and Small backpack for gear and clothing. White Pine is able to provide a gear list for families upon request.

- 10) Sunscreen/Bug spray-** Parents must provide sunscreen and bug spray to students. White Pine staff will not apply these products to students.
- 11) Illness-** Please do not send a child to school who is visibly ill including severe cold/cold, fever, vomiting or fatigue. A child must be symptom-free for 24 hrs before returning to school. If your child develops any of these symptoms while at school, you may be asked to pick them up before the end of the school day.
- 12) Medication-** Emergency medication such as epinephrine injectors and rescue inhalers must be kept by the student they are prescribed to. Students must be able to use these medications on their own, or with the assistance of a trained and first aid certified staff member. For other medications, arrangements will need to be made with the White Pine Leadership team and Instructors on a student-by-student basis.
- 13) Behavior-** All students and staff are expected to understand and follow our Five Agreements. Disciplinary action will be taken in accordance within the frameworks of Connection-Based Discipline and Restorative Justice, at the discretion and best professional judgement of both the North and South teams. Most behavioral problems will result in a revocation of privilege and/or isolation from the student group for a period of time necessary for the individual to accept and understand the consequences of adverse behavior. In rare cases, students may be asked to leave for the remainder of the day. IN extreme cases, if behavior cannot be corrected, students may not be permitted to return to White Pine.
- 14) Volunteering-**
 - a) Firekeepers:** Scouts (ages 9+) who desire to take a leadership role can apply to the Firekeeper program. Firekeepers are expected to assist Lead Instructors in an apprenticeship capacity and manage students.
 - b) Parent/Family Volunteers:** Parent and Family volunteers are welcome and encouraged at White Pine in the role of Instructor Assistant or North Team Assistant. Parents and family members of enrolled students do not need to pass a background check. Instructor Assistants will assist a Lead Instructor with a group of 10 students for the day. Please arrive no later than the start of drop-off and plan on staying to the end of pick-up. Please contact the instructor of the class you would like to volunteer for directly through email. Instructor email addresses are available on the instructor Bios on the website. North Team Assistants can come any time to assist with miscellaneous office and camp duties, please contact the North team in advance.
 - c) Community Volunteer:** Community Volunteers are adult students or friends who do not have a child enrolled at White Pine. All Community Volunteers must complete a background check. Community Volunteers can assist a Lead Instructor or help with miscellaneous North tasks. Commitment levels vary from 2

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hours a week to a 20 hour a week Firekeeper role. Contact the North team to volunteer.

15) Meetings- Prior to the start of the school year, all families are invited to attend a “Back to School Night” class meeting. Throughout the school year, there may be additional “as needed” parent meetings. White Pine will also offer parent education opportunities over the course of the school year, as well as quarterly Council Meetings.

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Our Curriculum

White Pine Wilderness Academy's expression of the 8 Shields inspires and organizes all of our youth programming: Forest School, After School, Overnights, Summer Camp, and Seasonal Break Day Camps. Our Unifying Curriculum is based on the Sacred Order of Shelter, Fire, Water and Food. Our Core routines include: carving, archery, fire building, tracking, storytelling, naturalist skills, scouting and adventure. The guilds that appear within each unit are not limited to that time of year, just explored in greater depth.

FALL SEMESTER

Southwest Unit (Late Aug- Late Sep)

The Southwest is that hot and dry time between summer and autumn. This is the home of the the Scouts, the invisible ones and the archetype of the trickster. Those who are strong in the Southwest can have trouble in confined learning environments needing their awareness on multiple things at once. Our focus animal is the Coyote. The Southwest Shield offers additional focus on the Guilds of *Scouting *Packing and Caching

West Unit (Early Oct - Mid Nov)

The West is autumn a time of harvest and celebration. As the temperatures drop the eastern woodlands come alive with color. Here we cultivate the qualities of community, celebration and abundance. Our focus animal is the Sandhill Crane and our Sacred Order element is Food. The West Shield offers additional focus on the Guilds of *Music *Instruments *Wood Chopping *Hunting and *Cooking.

Northwest Unit (Mid Nov- Late Dec)

The Northwest is the crepuscular time when the last blue light fades into black. The winds are growing colder and a few stubborn leaves still cling to the trees. The white tailed buck can be seen looking over his shoulder before disappearing into the woods for the winter. Most of us are preparing for bed, but the trackers are out again for one final sit spot before nightfall. Our focus animal is the White-tailed Deer. The Northwest Shield offers additional focus on the Guilds of *Shikari (tracking) *Trapping *Fibre Cordage and Knots.

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SPRING SEMESTER

North Unit (Early Jan - Mid Feb)

The North is associated with the cold winter and the darkness of night, here like the trees, we draw our energies inward to rest and reflect. Our focus animal is the Buffalo and our Sacred Order element is Shelter.

The North Shield offers additional focus on the Guilds of *The Inside Sit Spot *Journaling *Culture *Sewing *Storytelling *Inner Tracking and *Hides and Tanning.

Northeast Unit (Mid Feb - Late Mar)

The Northeast is associated with that sacred time between the darkness of night and the blue light of dawn, here we nourish the qualities of empathy, awareness, inner calm, and asceticism. Our focus animal is the Owl.

The Northeast Shield offers additional focus on the Guilds of *Sit Spot *The Quiet Mind *Mapping *Baskets, Pots and Quivers.

East Unit (Early Apr - Mid May)

The East is associated with the fresh energy of dawn and spring. As the plants burst into life we cultivate the love and enthusiasm of the naturalist and the conservationist. Our focus animal is the Snapping Turtle and our Sacred Order element is Water.

The East Shield offers an additional focus on the Guilds of *Plants, Foraging and *Ecology.

SUMMER SEMESTER

Southeast Unit (Mid May- Late June)

In the Southeast Spring is well under way and the forest is abundant with wildflowers and animals at play. It seems only natural to jump into the fray with exuberance, aliveness and freedom. Our focus animal is of course, the Otter. The Southeast Shield offers additional focus on the Guilds of *Games *Roughhousing *Wondering and Exploring.

South Unit (Early July- Mid Aug)

In the South summer has begun and the sun is at its zenith. The trees shift their energy from the explosive growth of spring to the hardening of wood in the summer. We are invited into the qualities of strength, determination and creativity. Our focus animal is the Badger and our Sacred Order element is Fire. The South Shield offers additional focus in the Guilds of *Carving *Stone *Metal **Fishing *Weapons *Adhesives and Finishes.

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Skills

- Fire building
- Carving
- Flint Knapping
- Tracking
- Cordage
- Sewing
- Foraging
- Medicine/Tea
- Shelter Building
- Clay Ceramics
- Archery
- Bow Building
- Scouting
- Camouflage

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Youth Programs Overview

Forest School (M & F 10am-2pm, T through TH 10am-3pm, Mid August-Mid May)

White Pine Forest School is a unique opportunity for Indiana families looking for preschool, kindergarten, or homeschool enrichment with a Nature Connection focus. Our camps are deeply empowering, life changing, and loads of fun! Our home campus is tucked in the village of Rocky Ripple next to the Central Canal and Butler University along the riparian corridor of the Wapahani River. Our mentors utilize a customized version of the 8 Shields Nature Connection model to guide children in finding their place, both in community and in the natural world. Come experience the regenerative power of a life connected to environment, community, and ancestry.

After School Camps (W & TH 4:30pm-6:30pm, Mid August- Mid May)

After School camps are a fantastic way for students to keep in touch with their mentors and friends throughout the school year. We have an extended drop off for After School Camps from 4-4:30pm. All WP camps emphasize our core routines with additional focus on our 8 Shields model. After School camps have an added emphasis on Fun!

Seasonal Break Day Camps (IPS Fall, Winter, & Spring Break)

Like After School Camps, Seasonal Break Camps are an excellent opportunity for students to keep in touch with their friends and mentors. We always provide professional mentoring in our Core Routines with an emphasis on the Guilds of the Unit we are in. Seasonal Break Camps always have an added emphasis on Fun!

Break camps are scheduled to coincide with the Indianapolis Public School calendar for Fall and Spring Break. Winter Break camps are held after New Years Day as permitted by the IPS winter break schedule.

Overnight Camps (12pm Saturday-12pm Sunday, Monthly)

These epic adventures include night games, campfire stalks, scouting missions and all our usual curriculum of nature, skills, and connection. Overnight camps are available to only 15 Scouts per month and are led by a White Pine Lead Instructor along with one assistant. Campers sleep together in the yurt or in the main building with access to showers and a kitchen. Two meals and snacks will be provided. These are great opportunities for our regular students to push beyond their comfort zone through ceremonial rites of passage like solo fires, extended sit spots, and blindfold exercises.

This immersive experience will be full of the same skill building, storytelling, and nature connection as other White Pine programs, but with the unbroken momentum of a full 24 hours to create a truly one-of-a-kind-experience for campers.

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Summer Camps (M-F 10am-4pm, June - Early August)

Our summer camps are awesome adventures for youth ages 6 to 17. The week long format allows for lasting bonds to be formed between students, peers and instructors. With extra focus on summer survival strategies specific to Indiana, we immerse ourselves in the arts of tracking, camouflage, navigation, wild edible plants, water purification, primitive hunting, and fire. Each group of 10 students is led by one expert primitive skills instructor and one assistant (Fire-Keeper, Parent or Community Volunteer). Our days are filled with ancient stories, wondering, deep nature connection, comprehensive instruction, games, and fun.

Community Events

Quarterly Rendezvous

Everyone is invited to attend our Quarterly Rendezvous. These are 5 hours on a Saturday or Sunday and are scheduled around the changing of the seasons. Each Rendezvous includes:

- Shaking off the Dust Open House, Potluck, Live Music, and Free Play
- Focus Activity highlighting the seasonal Pathway
- Council Meeting

Spring Equinox Rendezvous- Our East community will lead us in a fun activity from the Herbalism and Foraging Pathway.

Summer Solstice- Our South community will lead us in a focused activity from the Survival Skills Pathway.

Autumnal Equinox- Our West community will lead us in a fun activity from the Sacred Hunt Pathway.

Winter Solstice- Our North community will lead us in a story, or cultural activity from the Inner Tracking Pathway.

Youth Programs

Parents with children in our Forest School, After School, Overnights and Summer Camps are invited to assist instructors during school hours. Past and present students and families are invited to participate in our Camping and Backpacking guild.

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Adult Pathways

Pathway students gain access to an incredible amount of culture and opportunity. These Community Events represent the Core of the White Pine Vision and are free of charge.

East

East Pathway students are invited to participate in the active Food and Growers Association and Annual Native Thanksgiving.

South

South Pathway students are invited to participate in our Camping Guild, where monthly community camping and backpacking trips are planned. This is a great opportunity to field test all of the South Skills you are learning.

West

Completing a Sacred Hunt course makes you a member of the Sacred Hunt Community, a network of students and mentors in the Indianapolis area and beyond. Through the Community, you will receive the following support as you begin your lifelong adventure as a hunter:

- Mentored hunts from White Pine Instructors and Volunteers. Mentored hunts are free, however tips and/or donations to the Ethan Runnels Scholarship Fund are appreciated.
- Invitations to pop-up events for processing, tanning of hides, and other field-to-table opportunities.
- On-demand assistance with animal tracking, processing, and other after-the-shot questions.
- Attendance to quarterly open houses to share stories and learn from other like-minded hunters.

North

North Pathway students are invited to participate in monthly Inipi and pipe ceremonies as well as annual Vision Quest and Sun Dance Ceremonies.

Please keep in mind that Community Events have specific traditions with prohibitions and protocols. These customs influence things like etiquette, behavior, clothing, dialogue and donations, they play a vital role in each of our Pathways and are more than can be disclosed in writing. These traditions are passed on gradually through being on a Path.