

# WHEATON IN THE NORTHWOODS



**FACULTY INFORMATION**



# ABOUT HONEYROCK

HoneyRock is an *academic center* of Wheaton College and a department in the School of Mission, Ministry and Leadership.

## ACADEMIC CENTER

As an academic center, we provide thought leadership, training, and programming related to leadership development. We offer a unique living and learning environment for people to come and develop as scholars, leaders, and followers of Christ. For some this means a weekend of solitude as they root their identity in Christ, for others this means participation in leadership development programs, and for others this means teaching and learning in a unique and different context.

## DEPARTMENT IN THE SCHOOL OF MISSION, MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP

As an MML department, we offer a variety of academic programs related to mission, ministry, and leadership.

- **Graduate School:** Our graduate degrees, Outdoor and Adventure Leadership with concentrations in Program Leadership, Organizational Leadership or Higher Ed Leadership prepares individuals to be leaders in college, camp, and church contexts.
- **Chase Leadership Certificate:** Our undergraduate leadership certificate provides students with classes and practicums that develop their leadership capacities and prepare them to be leaders in their field.
- **Passage:** Wheaton's orientation program provides new students with a foundation for spiritual formation and life at Wheaton through an experiential course in Holistic Human Flourishing.
- **Vanguard Gap Year:** This year-long pre-college program provides rising college students with time and space to discern their unique callings and prepare for the next chapter of life.
- **Ministry Skills Courses:** These courses equip undergraduate students with the skills to use a variety of outdoor pursuits as tools for ministry, evangelism, and formation.

## HONEYROCK MISSION STATEMENT

*HoneyRock exists to build Christ's church and benefit society worldwide by fostering the development of whole and effective people through transformational experiences.*

Our founders envisioned the camp-like, outdoor environment as an ideal place for building relationships, facing challenges, working hard, and resting with Jesus a holistic approach to leadership development. In the words of one of our founders, Harvey Chrouser,

*"While HoneyRock is called a camp, it is essentially an educational project designed to be a leadership laboratory providing an internship experience where the student undertakes total leadership responsibility of the cabin group in a camp-living situation. **The HoneyRock idea was to create for the student a new kind of teaching-learning environment, unlike the school model.**"*

*"We sought to **deformalize teaching and make it more relational and discipling.**"*

*"We want to instill a **desire for involvement which outweighs the desire to be entertained.**"*

*"It is our **intentional plan** to structure into everyone's experience at HoneyRock a reasonable amount of stress and struggle compatible with the age group."*

*"To be involved in a work experience day after day is for most [youth and young adults] a new test..."*

*"College should help the student make three discoveries... **proof of learning, proof of self, and proof of God.**"*

Thus, our core identity is that of an academic intuition that uses an experiential pedagogy. Over 70 years later, we're still standing true to Coach Chrouser's original vision.

## OUR PASSION: FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT

Our passion at HoneyRock is to foster the development of whole and effective people for Christ and his kingdom. Through a HoneyRock experience, we hope to make space for individuals to encounter, journey with, and abide in Christ.

## OUR PURSUIT: WHOLE AND EFFECTIVE PEOPLE

Whole and effective people are those who have experienced the grace and love of God and are living into the fullness of what God intends for all human beings (John 10). It is based on our identity as hand-crafted, beloved children of God (Eph 2), who are made in his image. Once embraced and owned, we are then empowered, in partnership with God's spirit, to facilitate this experience for others. At HoneyRock, we call this leadership. You could also call it discipleship, parenting, ministry, or coaching.

## OUR CONTEXT: TRANSFORMATIONAL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES

1. **Temporary Community:** God has used temporary community experiences throughout human history to revive, transform, and equip His people. Sometimes, our everyday, permanent systems, patterns, and habits inhibit growth and need to be "interrupted" by temporary "out of the ordinary experiences" to awaken us to God and our needs.
2. **Outdoor Experiences:** God reveals Himself through creation (His presence, glory and strength) and uses it to challenge, renew, and communicate with people. We were created in the garden and given a relationship of stewardship with creation as a critical part of our existence. HoneyRock gives people an opportunity to re-engage this important part of what it means to be human.
3. **A Place Set Apart:** We seek to create a "sacred space" away so that we might slow down, quiet our souls, be present with the people in our midst, and listen to God. Part of this sacred space is the silencing of the thing that contributes the most noise in our lives – technology.
4. **Trained, Invested Guides/Leaders:** As people come into a learning environment like HoneyRock, they need a guide to help them make the most of it. Our emphasis on leader training and preparation is unlike any other in the world. We look for leaders of strong character that are spirit led.

5. **Experiential Learning Process:** HoneyRock is a fully immersive, experience laden environment. Here, we let experiences, both planned and unplanned, be the context for teaching Truth and reflecting on God's story and interaction in our lives.

- **Truth:** Anything that speaks to God's revelation, both in scripture and what He reveals of Himself and His ways in creation, relationships, history and theology.
- **Experience:** Any life situation in which the learner is fully engaged with mind, body, soul, and emotion...very often related to the interaction with others.
- **Reflection:** Pondering and wrestling with words, in the mind, or in other creative expressions (art, journaling, poems, etc).

## WHEATON COLLEGE FACULTY AT HONEYROCK

In addition to Wheaton in the Northwoods, HoneyRock provides many unique opportunities for faculty to engage with our environment:

### 1. Teaching:

*Vanguard:* Our Gap Year program includes several classes taught by Wheaton College faculty. Partner with other faculty to teach a seminar on big questions such as: What does it mean to be human? Who is God? What is the Great Commission? Teaching stipends given.

*Passage:* Mentor incoming students as a facilitator of CFM 131: Holistic Human Flourishing. Join 40+ faculty colleagues for an awesome kick start to your year. Teaching stipends given.

2. **Sabbatical/Study Breaks:** Come alone or bring your family for all or part of your sabbatical. Enjoy the Northwoods, work on those writing projects and be part of our school year community!

3. **Collaborative Faculty Workshops:** Bring some colleagues and spend a weekend on special projects or workshops.

4. **Department Retreats:** Bring your department faculty and staff for a time of reflection, preparation, or just to have fun!

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## *Logistics and General Information*

### ARRIVAL

Please join us at HoneyRock on the Saturday evening before your WIN session begins. If you have been here before, you are welcome to head to your cabin on your own. If you would like assistance getting situated, please call or text RJ Boyle with your estimated time of arrival on arrival day and he will meet you at the main office.

### DEPARTURE

Faculty must depart by 10:00 a.m. the Saturday following the end of the WIN class being taught.

### MEALS

The communal nature of meals at HoneyRock is a major component of all HoneyRock programs. It provides students and faculty with an opportunity to fellowship and build relationships outside of the classroom. As such, we provide lunch and dinner to faculty and their families Monday – Friday. Meals beyond this are available at a discounted rate and you can elect which meals you will be attending in the pre-arrival form. Costs are: \$6.00 for Breakfast, \$7.00 for Lunch, \$8.00 for Dinner (Discounts for Children ages 0-9 will also be applied). Payment can be made at the main office or online.

### LODGING

After making requests on the pre-arrival form, you will be assigned a cabin or apartment for the duration of your stay. All cabins and apartments have furnished kitchens with dishes, utensils, pots and pans, microwave and coffee maker. Linens are provided, but there are no linen services and laundry service is not available on camp. Cleaning supplies and vacuum cleaners can be found in each cabin as well.

- **Grocery Stores:** Trigs and Pick ‘n Save in Eagle River are the most economical grocery stores in the area. The Three Lakes Town Market in Three Lakes is a closer but more expensive option.
- **Laundromats:** Seifert’s, in Eagle River, or Three Lakes Laundromat, in Three Lakes.

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Whenever activities are open for WIN, faculty and faculty families are welcome to participate. Several faculty and faculty family events will also be planned. The final schedule of events will be provided at the orientation meeting on Sunday. If you have a special request outside of these planned times, feel free to ask and we will do our best to accommodate! We do have several self-serve options including:

- **Canoes/Kayaks/Stand up Paddle Boards (SUP):** These personal watercrafts are available for your enjoyment. However, all individuals (adults and children) in or on ANY watercraft at HoneyRock MUST wear a life jacket. Failure to wear life jackets may result in the revoking of watercraft privileges. (Note, if using watercrafts at night, Wisconsin State Law requires you to have at least one white light on board).
- **Hiking/Nature Walks:** Visit the information kiosk beneath the office for trail maps and a reflective nature walk.
- **Swimming:** A lifeguard must be present for students to swim at the swim area. Guest families may swim (during daylight) at your own risk.
- **Racquetball:** We have one racquetball court with equipment, but you are welcome to bring and use your own!
- **Fishing:** You are welcome to fish at HoneyRock. However, state law requires that everyone over the age of 16 have a Wisconsin fishing license. Licenses can be purchased in Three Lakes or Eagle River. HoneyRock does not provide any equipment
- **Bear’s Den:** Board games, the Beehive, ping pong, foosball and more are located in the lower level of the dining hall!
- **Weight Room:** The weight room facility is open 24/7 and is located in the “courthouse”. It has free weights, a treadmill, and an elliptical.
- **Pickleball & Basketball:** These activities are located on the lawn outside the dining hall.

### THE BEEHIVE STORE

The Beehive will be open at various times for WIN. Stop by for a cup of coffee and to buy some HoneyRock gear.

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## *Teaching and Class Logistics*

### **CHURCH AND FACULTY MEETING**

We will begin programming for WIN on Sunday morning with a church service. In the afternoon each faculty member has the opportunity (in partnership with a HoneyRock staff member) to facilitate simple and relaxed community building activities prior to the start of class on Sunday evening. This will allow faculty members to get to know their class in an out-of-classroom context prior to diving into the course content.

### **EQUIPMENT**

We have A/V equipment and a white board in all classrooms. Please let us know your specific needs on the pre-arrival form so we can make sure you have what you need.

### **SCHEDULE AND CONTACT HOURS**

Four-hour courses require 50 hours of contact time and two-hour courses require 25 hours. For the intensive courses at HR, it is required that students complete at least 1/3 of homework time prior to the start of the class, 1/3 during the session, and 1/3 after the course is over. 40 of the course hours are met by meeting M-F for two weeks from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. The remaining 10 contact hours can be met at your discretion in the evenings or afternoons. Activities will be available during the afternoons for students not in a formal class session.

### **CLASS LOCATION**

Each class is assigned a location to meet for class. You will be notified of the class location in the weeks prior to the course.

### **VANS**

If you are a certified WC van driver you may be able to reserve a HoneyRock van to take your class into town for class or for fun. Van reservations can be made directly through RJ Boyle.

### **OFFICE AND TECH SUPPORT**

- **Wi-Fi:** There will be a special WIN Wi-Fi network accessible on main camp (dining hall, chapel, Morgan center, education center, office). Some of our cabins and apartments have weak, if any, Wi-Fi signal. You may have to come to main camp for Wi-Fi.
- **Computers:** Please plan to bring your laptop computer if you have one. Let RJ know if you will need help accessing a computer while at HoneyRock.
- **Mail:** Mail will be delivered directly to you and/or your cabin as it arrives. If you are expecting something or you get a delivery notification, feel free to stop by the office.
- **Printing:** Faculty can use the office printer for all print and copy needs. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. M-F. During non-office hours, a key to the office will be available in a disclosed location. Office access outside office hours is for faculty only. No family or students should be in the office during non-office hours.
- **Technical Support:** If you need technical support in the classroom at any time, call RJ directly.

### **STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS**

HoneyRock will distribute and collect evaluations from students and provide you with the results.

# TIPS AND TRICKS *for making the most of the* HONEYROCK LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

## **PLAN 'WAKE UP' ACTIVITIES**

Students will inevitably get groggy at times, especially around 10 a.m., right before lunch, and around 3 p.m. Plan a short outdoor experience or activity at these critical 'groggy' times.

- A run or walk around the building
- A short coffee break
- A game of dodgeball or an inning of kickball
- A change in location to spice things up!

## **CHANGE LOCATIONS**

Your classroom assignment means that you can't use another classroom, but you can use any of our outdoor areas or your own cabin. Students love to have class at their professor's cabin! If you are going to do an afternoon or evening session, try to do it in a different location.

## **INTERPERSE LECTURE WITH DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

If you would like assistance coming up with short and easy activities that help teach your content, we are happy to help. Send RJ your syllabus and he will provide suggestions! Consider things like:

- Group problem solving or case studies
- Direct experience: (can you recreate the experience you are teaching about for the students? Eg. wandering through the wilderness)
- Metaphors and symbols
- Field observation
- Creative projects (creating maps etc.)

## **SPEND TIME WITH STUDENTS**

Outside of class, as you are able and comfortable, spend time with students doing activities, going for ice cream etc. This builds their relationship with you and may increase engagement as the week goes on! If you want to do activities such as climbing, skiing, biking, archery, riflery etc, during a class period we can set up staff for you as we are able!

## **AVOID CONTENT HEAVY FINALS**

If possible, design final exams or projects that focus on integration and application rather than factual content knowledge.

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS *and* FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

For your reference, it's helpful to know what students are told! We appreciate any help you can provide in helping students be on time to meals and devotionals, and in enforcing our technology policies.

Here is what students are told:

- **Food:** You will eat all of your meals in the dining hall. If you entered special dietary needs on your registration form, the kitchen will be prepared to accommodate you. Meals are served at 7:15, 12:15 and 5:15 during the week and 10:30 and 5:15 on the weekends.
- **Schedule:** The weekend you arrive, you can expect to do some light team-building and orientation activities. Your first class will be the first Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. After that, you can expect to be in class from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. M-F. Your professor will also add 4 additional 2 hour sessions throughout the 2 week class period that you are expected to attend. When you are not in class, activities will be available for your enjoyment and you will very likely be working on assignments for class.
- **Internet and Technology:** You may have heard that HoneyRock is a place set apart and that we limited technology. This is true, but it is important to know that we are not against technology, we are for the positive impact of living in the “here and now” with the people you’re around. Thus, although you will have access to your phones and computers as well as Wi-Fi, your use of those devices will be limited to certain spaces (Classroom, Chapel, Bear’s Den, Library, Living Spaces, Loberg).
- **Free time and off campus travel:** Students are welcome to leave camp and visit the local towns as they are able. We will provide transportation into town for laundry on the

Saturday in the middle of each two-week session. We will also provide transportation to town for a few ice cream runs at various points.

## FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

We will do our best to provide fun activities and experiences for you and your family. Depending on the ages of children and number of families, we may arrange for some of the following during teaching times or on the weekends:

- Visit to Children’s Museum
- Canoe to Lick-A-Dee Splitz (Van to return)
- Scavenger Hunt
- Children’s Film
- Craft Shop/Ceramics Shop
- Family Bike Ride
- Family Water Ski
- Pontoon Boat Adventure
- Hikes to local campsite
- Rock climbing
- Bond Falls State Park
- Kids in the Kitchen (make cookies for lunch that day!)
- Kids at Ops (explore behind the scenes at HoneyRock!)

*If you have any special requests, please don’t hesitate to ask. We will send a tentative schedule a few weeks prior so that you can plan with your family.*

# LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

## DINING

*The Craftsman, Eagle River*

Well done classic American fare

*Kickback Grill, Eagle River*

Higher end grill spot right on the lake - with outdoor seating!

*Friendship House, Eagle River*

Family Café

*Toad in the Hole, Eagle River*

Intimate & delicious breakfast nook

*Nutty Squirrel, Eagle River*

Lower prices and great food

*Agave Azul, Eagle River*

Mexican Cantina (open Mondays)

## ICE CREAM/FUDGE

*Lick-a-dee Splitz, Three Lakes*

*Peanuts, Eagle River*

## COFFEE/CAFÉ

*Deja Brew, Three Lakes*

*Fika Bakery, Three Lakes*

Run by a former Wheaton student.

Open afternoons and evenings!

*The Daily Grind, Eagle River*

*Eagle River Roasters, Eagle River*

*Roots, Eagle River*

## ACTIVITIES

*Eagle Falls Adventure Golf and Laser Tag*

*Eagler River*

*Elmer's Fun Park, St Germain*

Mini Golf, Horses, Bunji-trampolines, Go-karts, bumper boats etc

*Kartway, Eagle River*

Mini golf, bumper boats, go-karts and a kid's zone

*Children's Museum, Eagle River*

## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

*Three Lakes School Playground, Three Lakes*

Fun playground, behind the school, open to the public

*Don Burnside Park, Three Lakes*

Behind the Winery in Three Lakes

*Cy Williams Park, Three Lakes*

Right on the main drag on the way into Three Lakes

*River View Park, Eagle River*

## NATIONAL/STATE FOREST TRAILS/AREAS

*Anvil Lake Trail State Natural Area, Eagle River*

About 20 minutes from HoneyRock, great walking trails/ loops. Access: Take Highway X towards ER. Turn right on Dam Rd (before the large dam) for 1.5 miles. Turn right on Nine Mile road for 2.5 miles. Turn left on Military rd for about a mile and the parking lot on your right.

*Sam Campbell Memorial Trail, Three Lakes*

About 20 minutes from camp. Red Pine grove walking path with boardwalks and educational lessons along the trail. Great for adults and kids. Access: Take Highway X towards ER. Turn right on Dam rd (before the large dam) for 1.5 miles. Turn right on Nine Mile road for 2.5 miles. Turn right on Military rd for 2.5 miles. Sharp right onto Old Military Rd for 1.5 miles. Parking lot is on your right about 2 miles down.



# PACKING *for* HONEYROCK

## WHAT TO BRING

*Clothing for a variety of Wisconsin temperatures (40's-70's), outdoor activities and camp fires:*

- Rain Coat
- Sweater/Sweatshirts
- Long sleeve tops
- Short sleeve tops
- Jeans/Pants
- Shorts
- Wool socks
- Light weight gloves
- Beanie/Light winter hat
- Toiletries (shampoo etc.)
- Swimsuit
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Headlamp or Flashlight(s)
- Travel mug
- Lighter or Matches
- Water bottle
- Bug Spray
- Laundry soap for use at Laundromat
- Hiking/Athletic shoes and sandals
- Breakfast food, coffee and other snacks if you want them (can also be bought here at a local grocery store. On your trip up, we recommend stopping in Rhinelander if you need groceries – they have an Aldi, a Walmart and a whole foods store called “Golden Harvest”)
- Course materials: Laptop, books, handouts etc. (White board markers provided and copier available!)

## *Ideas for Families with Kids:*

- Puzzles, Games, Coloring Books and other rainy day activities
- Shovels and Pails for the beach
- Outdoor exploration toys (Magnifying glasses, binoculars)
- Swim toys/floats
- Nightlights
- Bikes/Scooters

## *You may also consider bringing:*

- Board games or cards
- Books
- Fishing gear
- Personal athletic gear (Frisbees, racquets, bikes, climbing gear)
- Camera
- Hammock

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Personal watercrafts
- Pets
- DVD Players/TV's
- Video Games

# EMERGENCIES *and* IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

## **PHONE NUMBERS**

**RJ Boyle, WIN Manager**  
630-699-9770

**HoneyRock Emergency Phone**  
715-891-0960

**HoneyRock Office**  
630-752-7474

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

We have a part time nurse on staff at HoneyRock. She has office hours throughout the week and is available for faculty, students and families. Any major medical needs will be redirected to local hospitals and clinics. If assistance is needed outside of her office hours, students and faculty can call RJ.

## **IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY**

The majority of HoneyRock Staff are trained in CPR and Red Cross first aid. As soon as an emergency becomes evident, you should call the emergency phone, regardless of whether or not you feel equipped to handle it. Calling the emergency phone initiates a response system that will ensure all necessary measures are taken in response to the incident.

After calling the emergency phone and addressing immediate concerns, all WIN related emergencies should be reported to RJ Boyle, regardless of the severity of the incident.

In the event of an emergency where 911 is called, please call the HoneyRock Emergency Phone immediately after calling 911. If there is no answer. Call RJ. When calling 911, please be sure to mention that HoneyRock is in **Oneida County**.

## **MISSING PERSONS**

If a student, or faculty member appears to be lost or missing, the program manager should be called immediately. This will initiate the response system. All possible measures should be taken to keep developments of the situation within the response team. The HoneyRock director and/or program coordinator will call parents and notify others involved as soon as sufficient information is gathered and an initial search has been made.

## **MANDATORY REPORTING**

Sometimes HoneyRock can be a stressful environment for students in ways that are unexpected, and/or can bring out unique or reckless behavior. As a reminder, as a Wheaton College employee you are a mandatory reporter in this setting, including actions that fall outside of the Community Covenant. Please report any incidents to RJ.



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