



MOUNTAIN TRAIL

OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Evening programs

To enhance the selection of day programs, schools can choose from a variety of Mountain Trail Evening Programs or opt to run their own evening activities. Many of our offerings provide pure entertainment and relaxation, while others allow students to experience lessons learned in school.

- On a **Night Hike**, students in small groups learn the wonders of nightlife in the forest, from the adaptations of nocturnal animals to the workings of the human eye in the absence of light. Exploring the night forest without flashlights, students use their senses to discover another world.
- In a **Town Hall**, students act as different community interest groups to debate the economic, ecological, and social advantages and disadvantages of allowing theme park development in their town.
- Carlton Burke of Carolina Mountain Naturalists present **Naturalist*** programs. With either “Animals We Love to Hate” or “Appalachian Wild,” students meet and learn about animals through a dynamic presenter.
- **Appalachian Culture** allows students to experience the rich culture through candle making, biscuit roasting, storytelling, square dancing, and other activities.
- We also offer a full **Storytelling*** program with either Steph Crooks or Michael “Badhair” Williams, each of whom engages various age groups with traditional folk tales from Appalachia and the world.
- Students and chaperones get to do-si-do, swing, and reel at a **Square Dance** where MTOS staff teach and call traditional steps and dances.
- Student groups can gather together around a **Campfire** for skits, activities and/or s’mores.
- School groups may also choose to chaperone their own **Dance/Social** or other evening program.

**Storytelling and Naturalist evening programs require an additional fee. Please contact us to inquire about pricing.*