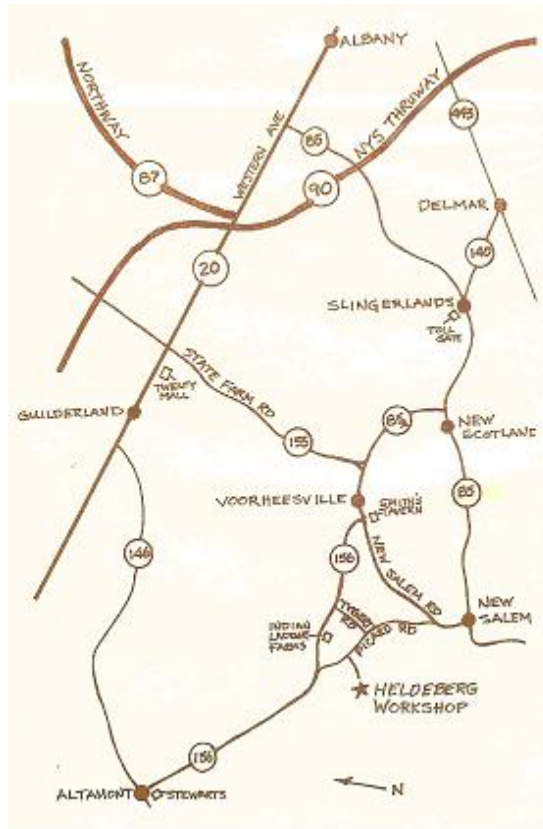


Children's Program Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the Heldeberg Workshop?

Heldeberg Workshop is located on Picard Road (Rt. 307) between Voorheesville and Altamont, New York. Use 353 Picard Road, Altamont 12009 for GPS or Mapping



From Albany, Delmar and Slingerlands:

Take New Scotland Avenue (Rt. 85) west to the Village of New Salem, take a right turn onto Rt. 85A EAST, and then the first left onto Rt. 307 (Picard Rd). The Workshop is about 2 miles further on the left.

From the Northway, Stuyvesant Plaza and Voorheesville:

Take Western Avenue (Rt. 20) to Rt. 155 in Guilderland. Take a left onto Rt. 155, and continue to Voorheesville. At the end of Rt. 155, continue around the traffic circle, taking a right onto Rt. 85A WEST. In 0.7 miles take a right onto Rt. 156 following the signs toward Altamont. Go 1.7 miles to Tygert Road (the Indian Ladder Farms sign is located at this intersection). Take a left onto Tygert and follow it to its end, then turn right onto Picard Road. The Workshop is about 0.3 miles on the left.

From Schenectady and Altamont:

Take Rt. 158 or Rt. 146 to the Village of Altamont; go straight through the village and cross the railroad tracks. Take a left onto Rt. 156 towards Voorheesville, (the Stewart's shop is on the corner). In 4 miles take a right onto Rt. 307 (Picard Rd. The Workshop is 0.5 miles on the right.

When do classes meet?

Classes meet from 9am to 12pm.

Where do classes meet?

You will see a Heldeberg Workshop sign at the beginning of the driveway. Classes meet at the main pole building (the large building at the end of the driveway, by the traffic circle).

Where do I drop off my child?

Drive slowly up the driveway to the large pole building. Park temporarily in the designed spot in the circle. Please walk your child up to the area in front of the pole building and leave your child with their teacher.

Where should I park when I am staying on the Land for longer periods of time?

Parking is either in the designated parking area or along the driveway.

What should I wear?

Light colored long pants, shoes or sneakers and socks are appropriate for most classes; some classes, such as spelunking and blacksmithing, require special clothing.

Spelunkers should wear warm clothing (jeans, sweatshirt or flannel shirts) boots or sneakers and work gloves. Helmets will be provided. Bring a change of clothing for afterwards as caves can be muddy. Spelunkers also need 3 sources of light.

Blacksmithing students should wear long pants and long sleeved shirts and wear work boots.

Are there bathrooms on the Land?

Well-maintained outhouses are available; there is no electricity on the Land, nor is there potable water.

What should I bring?

Sunscreen, and a hat are recommended. Insect repellent, if you choose to use it, should be applied at home. Spelunkers need to bring 3 sources of light. You also need to bring your own drinking water and snack.

Is there a risk of ticks?

Yes. Ticks are common in Albany County in the spring, summer and fall. It is a good idea to wear light colored clothing. This will make ticks easier to spot. You should also tuck your socks up over the bottom of your pant legs. It is also a good idea to check carefully for ticks when you go home. Insect repellent, if you choose to use it, should be applied at home.

What happens if the weather is bad?

Classes and Parent's Night will be held "rain or shine" unless we have really severe weather, i.e., thunderstorms. If classes or Parent's Night is canceled, a message will be placed on our answering machine. You can access this at 765-2777.

How can I leave a phone message?

The Heldeberg Workshop phone number is 765-2777. Leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Before the summer program begins, messages are checked on Saturday morning and Monday evening. During the regular summer session, the phone is checked daily. If your phone does not accept private calls, our return calls will be blocked.

Are Junior Volunteer Assistant (JVA) positions available at the Heldeberg Workshop?

JVA positions, formerly referred to as CIT (Counselor in Training) positions, may be available at the Heldeberg Workshop. You must be at least 16 years old to qualify for a JVA position. To apply, you must fill out a regular signed application; include a letter of why you are interested in becoming a JVA, health forms, contact information and mail it to ***Heldeberg Workshop JVA Coordinator, P.O. Box 323, Voorheesville, NY 12186.***

The JVA Coordinator will contact you for an interview.