



Dear Parents,

Welcome to residential living at Hocking College! Over the course of the next year, your student will experience many new and exciting things. We're happy to be part of their educational experiences at Hocking College. For students, living in the residence halls often conjures up a variety of emotions from excitement at the prospect of moving away from home to nervousness about who their roommates are going to be, to fear of being "on their own". Most parents share those concerns, but also wonder who will be watching out their child while they are away from home. The purpose of this guide is to assist you, as parents, in knowing who to contact for what types of concerns, as well as sharing some information with you to help you become part of your child's successful transition to college.

I hope this guide will be helpful to you as the year progresses. As always, feel free to call with any questions and/or concerns and I'll be glad to help out however I can!

Sincerely,

*T. Dane Bennett*

Director of Residence Life, On-Campus Housing, and Student Conduct

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## The Residence Life Staff at Hocking College

There are a variety of staff members who work in the residence halls to support residential students and their families.

The staff members that residents interact with most frequently are the **Resident Success Mentors** (RSMs). In addition to enforcing policies, the RSM staff coordinates educational events that take place in the residence halls covering topics such as coping with homesickness, using your strengths to develop strong study skills, and time management. They also provide a variety of opportunities for you to interact with and get to know the other students living in your building.

The RSMs report to a **Hall Director** who supervises the daily operations of the residence halls and is available to assist students with involvement opportunities, roommate concerns, room changes and any other concerns. This is a live-in position, meaning that this person lives in the residence halls in the event that they are needed for an overnight emergency. Hall Directors at Hocking Heights and Summit/Sycamore Halls are typically current students who have graduated from Hocking College and are pursuing a bachelor's degree through one of our many partnership programs.

The **Assistant Director of Residence Life and Housing** serves as the Hall Director of North and Downhour Hall. As a Hall Director, this position is also a live-in position. Additionally, this person oversees the daily operations of the Residence Life office located in Dowhour Hall.

The **Director of Residence Life, On-Campus Housing, and Student Conduct** supervises all of the individuals above. The director supervises all staff and projects related to residence life and living on campus. In addition, the director oversees the Office of Student Conduct and the judicial process for the college.



# What's FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) that give parents the right to have access to their children's educational records, the right to seek to have the record amended, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the educational records.

## *HOWEVER*

Once a student turns 18 years old or enters a postsecondary institution at any age, their rights under FERPA are transferred from the parent to the student.

This means that unless prior written consent has been provided by the student only minimal information regarding the student can be shared with outside parties, including parents. A release of information form is included in the information provided during check-in.

## Frequently Needed Phone Numbers

Housing Questions	Dane Bennett	740-753-7043
	Scot Danhart	740-753-6175
Cashiers	General Extension	740-753-7029
Roommate Concerns	Hall Directors	
	Downhour/North Halls	740-753-6175
	Hocking Heights	740-753-6177
	Sycamore & Summit Halls	740-753-3913
Financial Aid	General Extension	740-753-7061
Campus Police	Dispatch	740-753-6598
Residence Life Office	General Extension	740-753-6175



## Move In Day

It's amazing how fast the summer will go by and move in day will be here before you know it! Students who are signed up for Smart Start are able to move into the residence halls a week early as part of their participation in that class. Students who are not signed up for Smart Start will move in a week later.

We stagger move in days by floors to help with traffic, parking, and general congestion in the buildings. Students signing up for **Smart Start** will move in on **Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. Move in is scheduled as follows:

August 13 (Saturday)	Residence Hall Move In (Smart Start only)
	Downhour /North Halls: Floors 3, 5, 7
	Hocking Heights: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
	Summit & Sycamore: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floors
August 14 (Sunday)	Residence Hall Move In (Smart Start only)
	Downhour/North Halls: Floors 2, 4, 6
	Hocking Heights: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	Summit & Sycamore: 1 <sup>st</sup> Floors

If a student has an **academic need** to move in sooner than August 13, 2014, we MAY be able to accommodate them, however, no guarantees can be made that the student's assigned room will be available and/or clean and move-in prepared.

Students not signed up for Smart Start can move in on **Saturday, August 20<sup>nd</sup>**, and **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**.

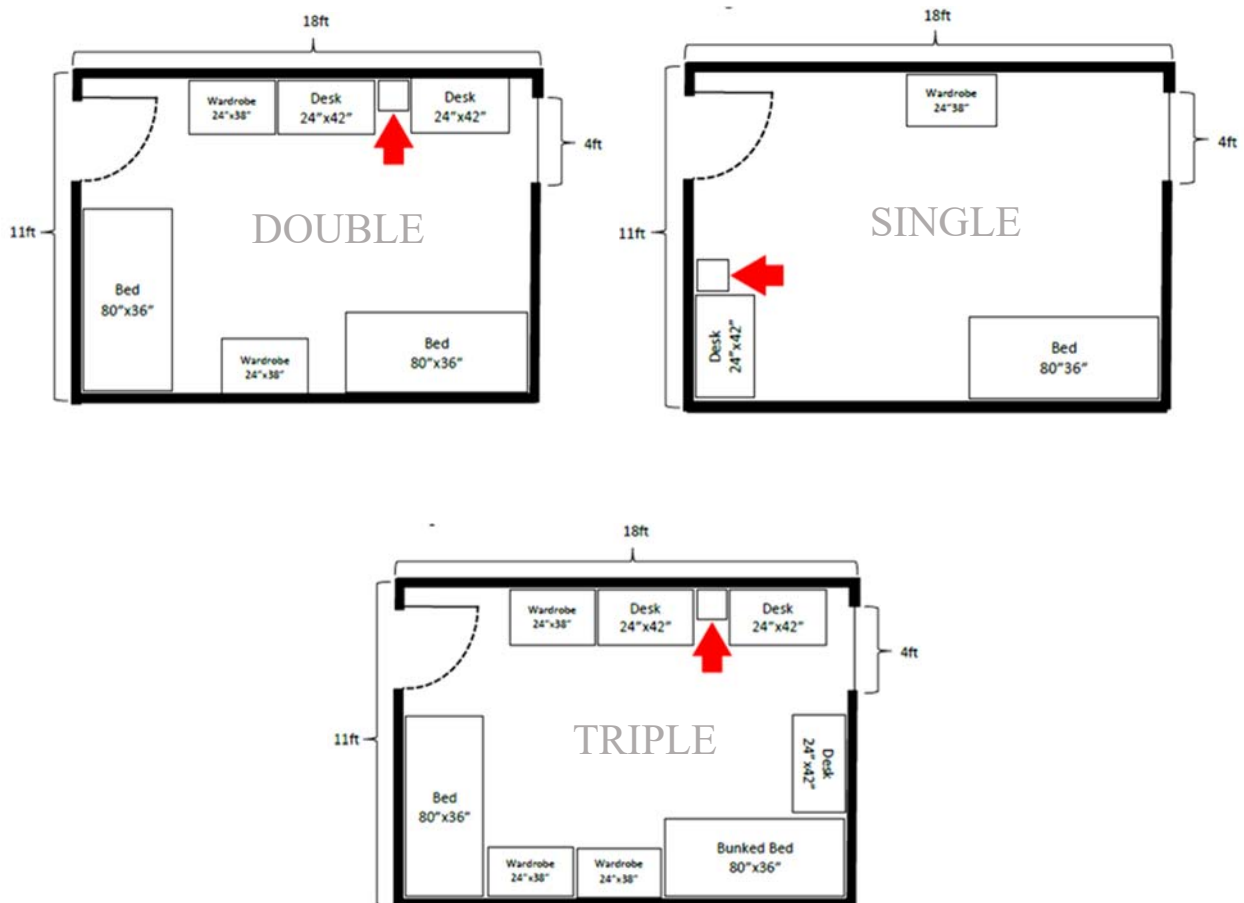
Visit [www.hocking.edu/housing/whattobring](http://www.hocking.edu/housing/whattobring) for a list of suggested items to bring with you.

## Residence Hall Features

Hocking College offers 5 different residence halls, housing approximately 750 residents. The major differences in the buildings are the size of the rooms, availability of kitchens, and the bathrooms. All halls have cameras and are locked 24 hours a day. Access to the halls is limited to residents by means of a proximity card which doubles as their Student ID/Meal card.

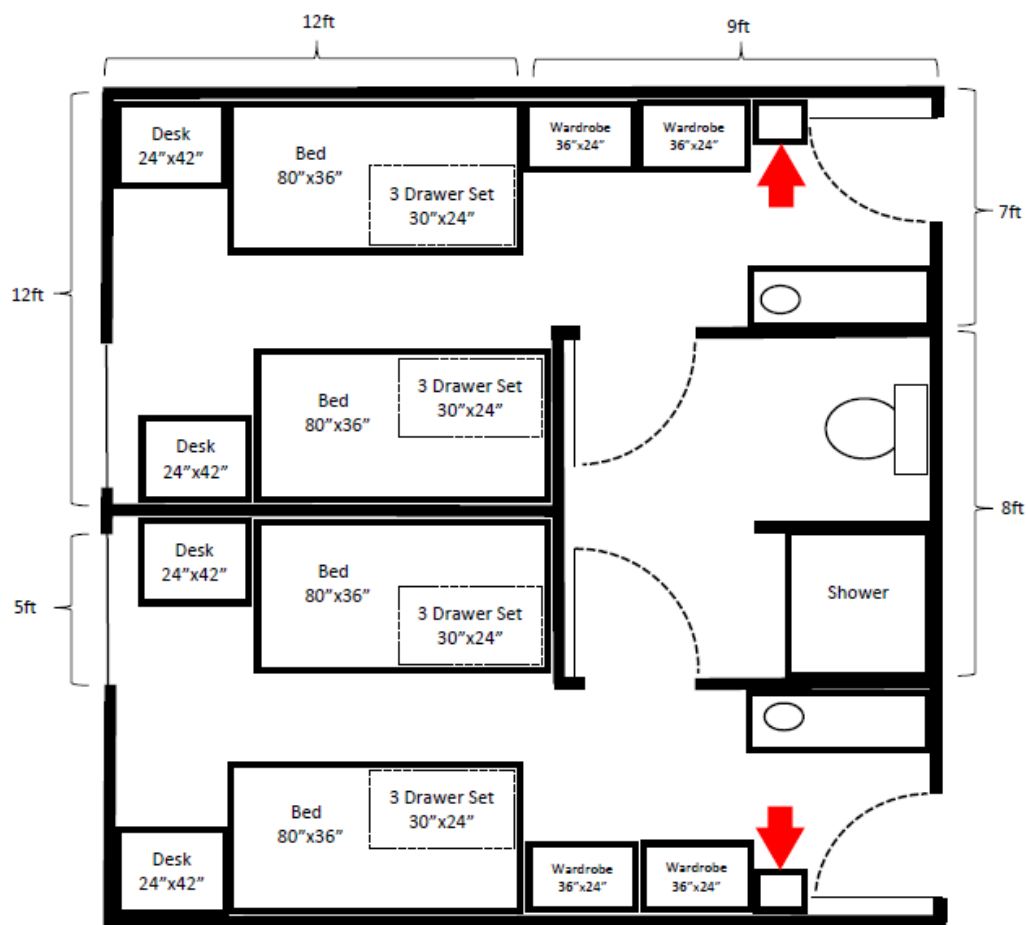
### *Hocking Heights:*

- Located right on campus
- Single, Double, and Triple occupancy rooms (12' x 18')
- Single-sex bathrooms shared with the hall cleaned by Hocking College staff
- Heating/AC unit in each room
- Community Room with free cable access located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Laundry available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- Kitchen Available on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Room furnishings include; twin bed (36"x 80") desk w/ hutch, desk chair, wardrobe (all previous articles are one per resident), and microfridge (red arrow)
- Free WiFi
- Cable access provided at no additional cost to the student
- Tiled floors



### North and Downhour Halls

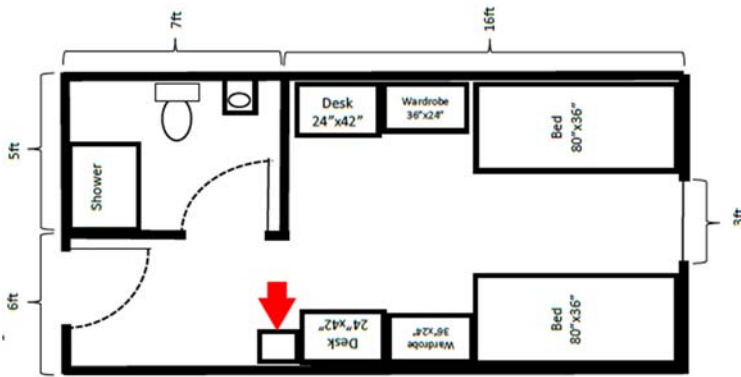
- Located right on campus
- Double rooms (12' x 12' living area) with a suite style setup (two double rooms with a bathroom in the middle)
- Heating/AC unit in each room
- 4<sup>th</sup> floor study lounge
- 5<sup>th</sup> floor social lounge with television and cable access
- Room furnishings include: twin bed (36"x 80") desk w/ hutch, desk chair, wardrobe, moveable three drawer dresser located under bed (all previous articles are one per resident), and microfridge (red arrow)
- Free WiFi
- In-room sink
- Laundry available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Downhour for both halls
- Cable access provided at no additional cost to the student
- Polished concrete floors



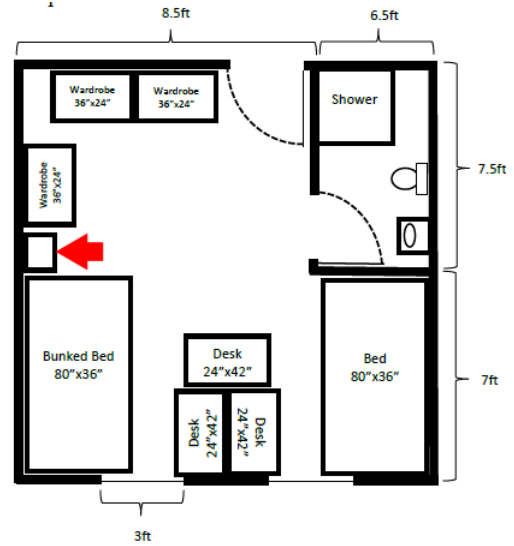
*Summit on the River and Sycamore Hall:*

- Close to campus (approximately 10 minute walk)
- Basketball court and sand volleyball pit
- Double, Super Double and triple occupancy (limited triples available in Summit)
- Central heat and air conditioning
- Community Rooms with cable television located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Kitchens available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floors
- Laundry rooms available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Summit, 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Sycamore
- Room furnishings include twin bed (36" x 80"), oak desk w/hutch and lamp, desk chair, wardrobe (all previous articles are one per resident), and microfridge
- Cable access available (at resident's expense)
- Broadband internet (must have wireless card)

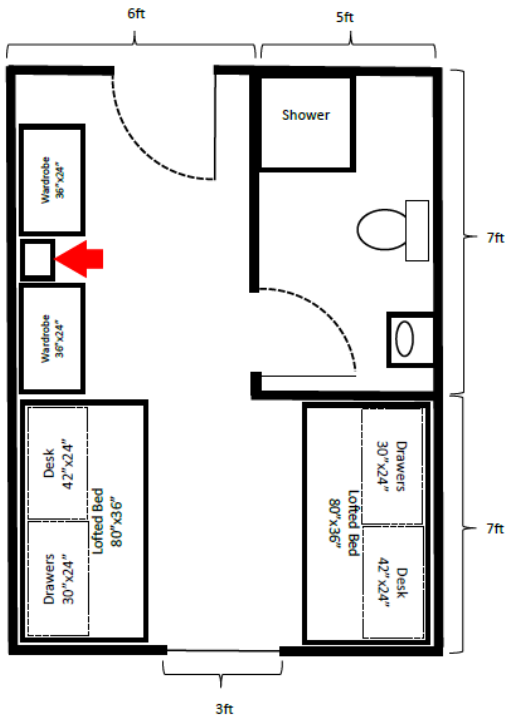
**Sycamore Super Double**



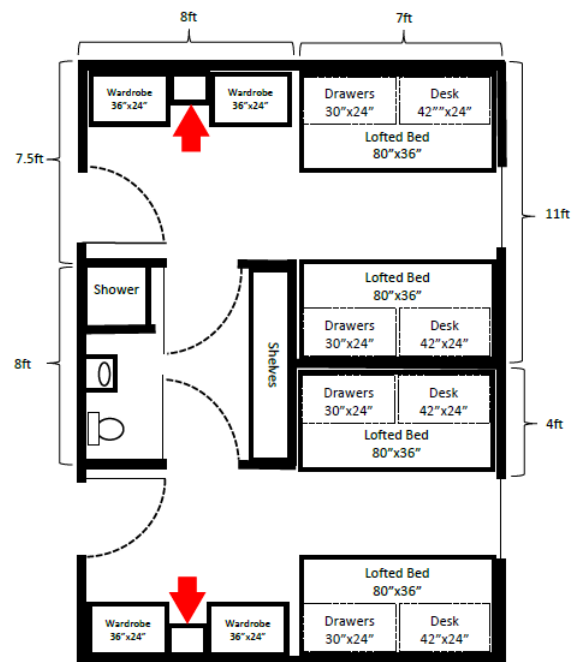
**Summit Triple**



**Sycamore Standard Double**



**Summit Double**



## **Residence Hall Addresses**

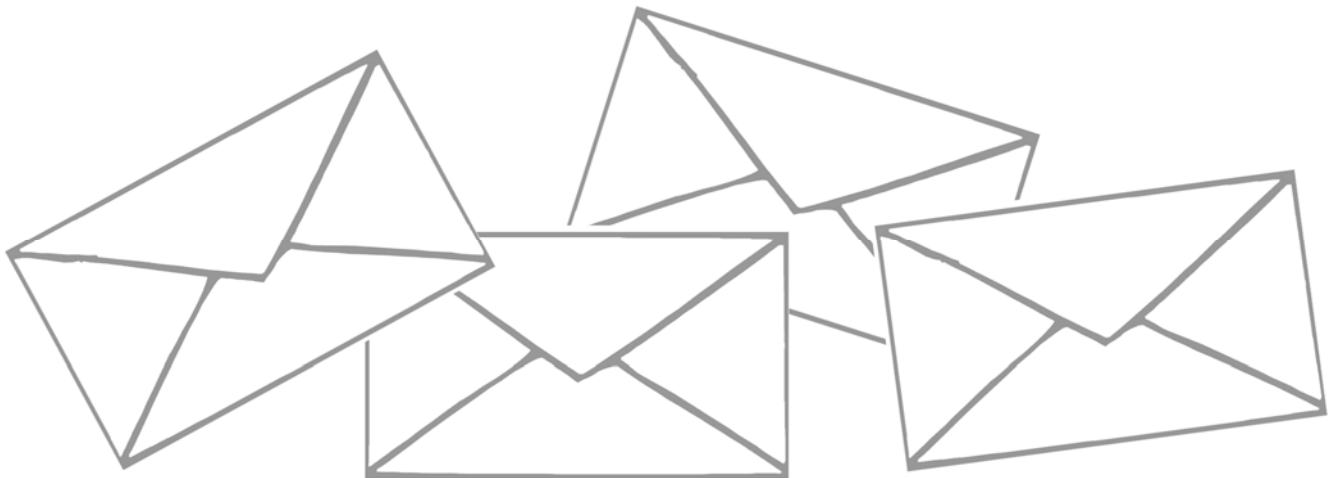
Downhour Hall      3301 Hocking Parkway  
Downhour Hall [insert room number]  
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Hocking Heights      3301 Hocking Parkway  
Hocking Heights [insert room number]  
Nelsonville, OH 45764

North Hall            3301 Hocking Parkway  
North Hall [insert room number]  
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Summit                1100 East Green Drive  
Summit Box [insert room number]  
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Sycamore Hall        1000 East Green Drive  
Sycamore Box [insert room number]  
Nelsonville, OH 45764





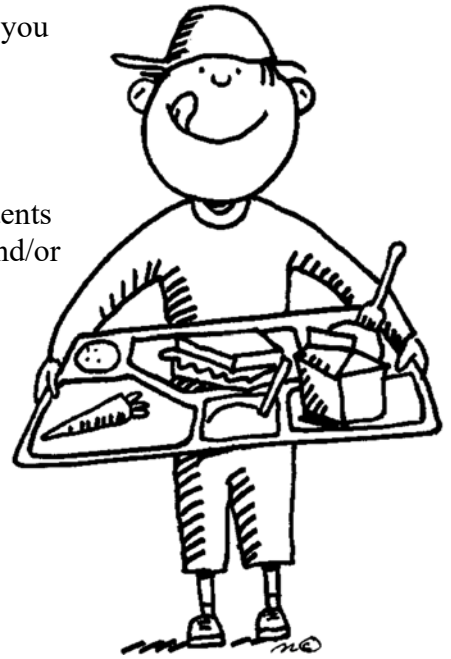
## Dining Services

Because different people have different tastes, the Dining Hall offers a large variety of food to satisfy even the hardest to please appetite. Whether it is our home cooked meat loaf, a wrap sandwich, or one of the many choices in between, you can satisfy your every craving while staying on campus.

### *Meal Plan Information*

Residential students are required to purchase a \$550 meal plan. Students can then use their Student IDs like a debit card in the Dining Hall and/or the Convenience Store.

If a student uses their \$550 prior to the end of the term, they can either pay cash or use a debit/credit card in the Dining Hall or they can put additional funds on their meal plan in \$100 increments by calling 740-753-7029. Meal Plans may also be purchased at that number.



## **Support Services for Students**

Sometimes, despite all preparations, students need help after they've arrived on campus. Here is some information you can share with your student when they call home asking for help:

### ***Access Center***

The Access Center assists students with physical disabilities, health problems and/or those with learning disabilities. If you need services, the Access Center can make the adjustment to college life easy by finding the right fit at Hocking College for your learning style.

For those who qualify, the Access Center staff can assist with advising, tutoring, test taking and also arrange for campus transportation and classroom access. In addition, the Access Center can link students with other college services and external service agencies.

Eligibility is determined on the basis of the presence of a disability and a need for services and accommodations to support an equal educational opportunity. Documentation of the disability is required as well as the student's stated experience with services and accommodations that have been effective in the past. All documentation of disability submitted will be kept confidential.

If you feel that you are a good candidate for the Access Center, we recommend you contact the office before registering for classes. Services are arranged on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to act promptly to avoid unnecessary delays. At Hocking College, we want to accommodate you in any way we can so that you can successfully complete your degree and learn life-long skills you can use every day.

To contact the Access Center, call extension 7106.

### ***Counseling Center***

Hocking College's counseling center is located in Oakley 210. Professional counselors provide confidential one on one counseling sessions for students who are looking for additional support and help getting through stressful times or just looking for someone to talk with. All services provided are free to the student. Contact (740)753-6096.

### ***The Learning Connection***

The Learning Connection (TLC) is a federally funded TRIO program at Hocking College designed to assist and encourage 190 first-generation and low-income students to achieve. The program helps students develop the skills and motivation necessary to successfully complete a college education.

#### ***Why should I Join:***

- TLC is an inviting place to get help with school work, meet people, seek guidance, do fun activities, check your e-mail, relax and reduce stress.
- TLC participants have a great support system to stay in school and finish their degree.
- TLC participants have easy access to tutors and advisors to help them improve academically and keep good grades.

## **What's in the Area?**

There is a great deal of opportunities for recreation and enjoyment in the area of Nelsonville. The URL for the Athens County Visitors Guide can be found below. Paste this into your web browser for great information on local attractions, activities, dining and festivals.

### **[Athens County Visitor's Guide](#)**

#### **Local Health Care Facilities**

Facility Name	Address	City	Phone
Express Care ( <i>Clinic</i> )	265 West Union Street, Suite A	Athens	740-594-2456
Fruth ( <i>Pharmacy</i> )	10 W. Washington St	Nelsonville	740-753-5676
Holzer Clinic- Albany	2364 Blizzard Lane, Suite C	Albany	740-698-1900
O'Bleness Hospital ( <i>ER</i> )	55 Hospital Dr.	Athens	740-593-5551
Shriver's ( <i>Pharmacy</i> )	40 Watkins St	Nelsonville	740-753-2484
Walmart ( <i>Clinic</i> )	929 E State St	Athens	740-594-3398
Walmart ( <i>Pharmacy</i> )	929 E State St	Athens	740-594-3628

#### **Local Dining Options**

Restaurant Name	Address	City	Phone
Boot Factory Grill	45 E Canal St	Nelsonville	740-753-3130
Burr Oak Lodge	10220 Burr Oak Lodge	Glouster	740-767-3570
Full Brooks's Café	6 Public Square	Nelsonville	740-753-3391
General Wok	707 Chestnut St	Nelsonville	740-753-9696
JJ's Pizza and Bakery	67 W Washington St	Nelsonville	740-753-9052
Lake Hope Lodge	27332 St Rt 278	McArthur	740-596-0601
Little Italy Pizza	488 E Canal St	Nelsonville	740-753-2321
Los Mariachi's	99 Watkins St	Nelsonville	740-753-9255
Mama Renie's Pizza	23 Public Square	Nelsonville	740-753-2116
Rhapsody Music and Dining	18 Public Square	Nelsonville	740-753-5740
Romano's Pizza	1228 Chestnut St	Nelsonville	740-753-3547
Tammy's Country Kitchen	1333 E Canal St	Nelsonville	740-753-2705

#### **Area Lodging**

Name	Address	City	Phone
Days Inn	330 Columbus Rd	Athens	740-593-6655
Holiday Inn Express	555 E State St	Athens	740-592-4640
Ohio University Inn	331 Richland Ave	Athens	740-593-6661
Super 8	2091 E State St	Athens	740-594-4900