



The Hawks Nest

Outdoor Classroom for WUMC Campus

Weddington Christian Academy - Hawk Annual Fund

This year we reimaged our “Invest in a Child” program and created [The Hawk Annual Fund](#). This springs we hosted our very first [Fun Run](#), where the students of WCA raised funds which we hope will benefit both the school and larger WUMC community. As you know, WCA is so much more than a school; it’s a place that has been raising generations of World Changers and Christian Leaders. We are so very grateful to be in ministry and a mission of the WUMC Family. Our PTF team believes that an Outdoor Classroom on the WUMC Campus will greatly bless both the students and families of the Academy as well as many other organization that the church supports.

Outdoor Classroom Concept

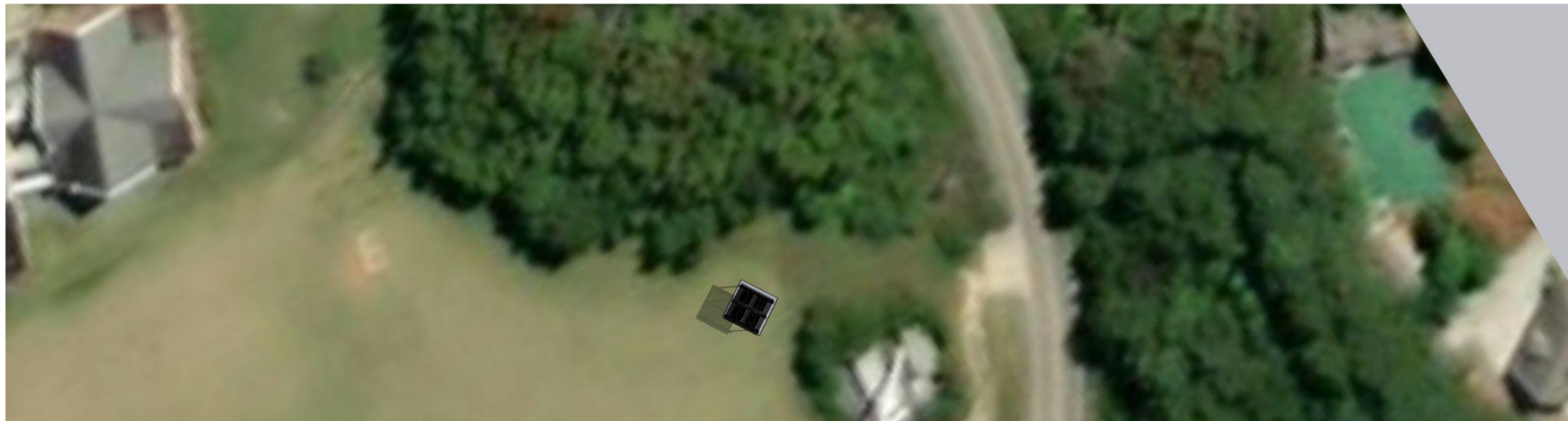
Research has shown that outdoor learning can have huge benefits on student mental health and academic performance. Students are often calmer and better able to focus when learning in nature, and teachers have reported better behavior and social interactions with fewer disciplinary issues. We modeled our space on the pergola by the church office.

Source: <https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/21/08/make-outdoor-learning-your-plan#:~:text=Research%20has%20shown%20that%20outdoor,interactions%20with%20fewer%20disciplinary%20issues.>

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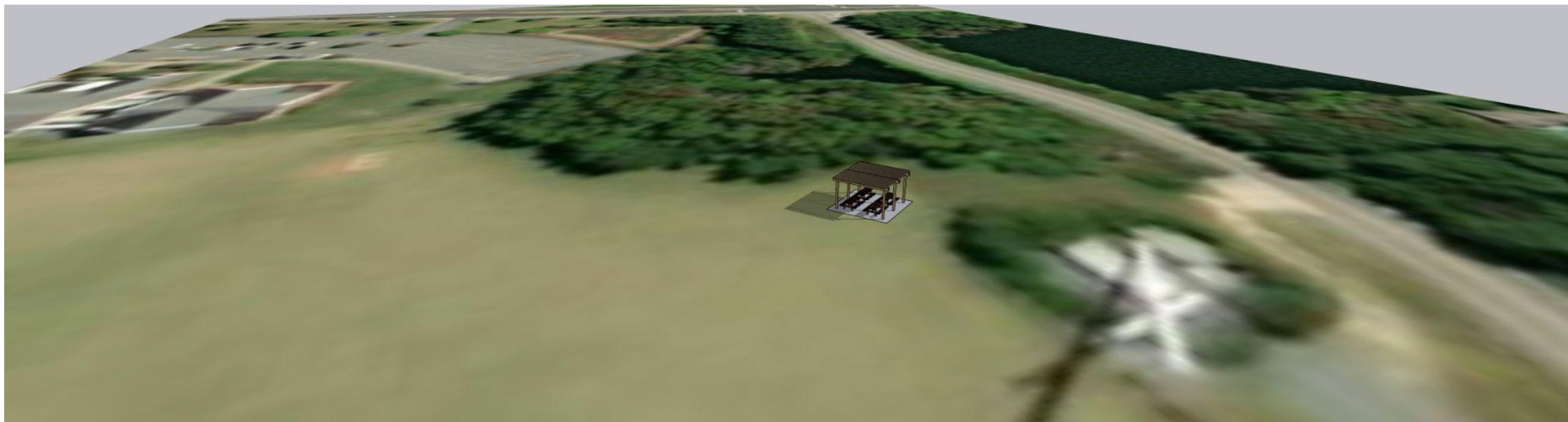


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We are requesting the approval and blessing of the Trustees to build our outdoor classroom on the location outlined on the provided renderings. We would like to complete the work for our Hawks Nest and have this ready for the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year. We have a project team ready and willing to make this dream a reality. It's incredibly important to us that our WCA Families see us putting their funds to good use. We envision classes enjoying Bible study, reading, and learning in the beauty and splendor that our Lord provided. Thank you again for the partnership and blessings you have extended to our WCA Family.