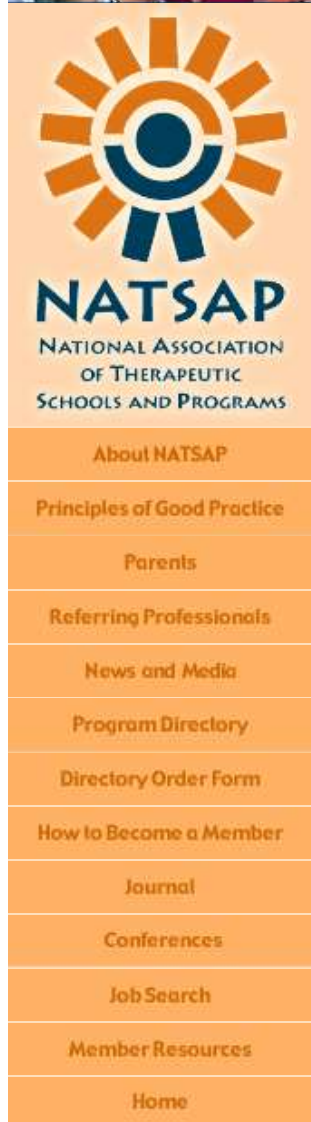




Eckerd Youth Alternatives E-Sun-Alee

(Outdoor Therapeutic Program)

Gender: Coeducational **Phone:** (800) 914-3937
Ages: 10-18
Grades: 4-12 **Fax:** (727) 442-5911
Enrollment: 70 **Email:** admissions@eckerd.org
Duration: 6-12 months **Website:** www.eckerdyouthalternatives.org
Founded: 1988

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Deer Lodge,
TN 37726-4507

Executive Contact: Martha Chamberlain

Eckerd Youth Alternatives is a national leader in outdoor therapeutic treatment programs for troubled youth. Eckerd Youth Alternatives' E-Sun-Alee is a positive, nurturing, highly effective outdoor residential treatment program for boys and girls ages 10 to 18 who are:

- struggling with school;
- causing family conflicts;
- experiencing depression;
- having self esteem issues; and
- exhibiting ADD/ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder or other emotional problems and behavioral issues.

The name E-Sun-Alee means "their tomorrow" in the Muskokee Indian language. Since 1988, E-Sun-Alee has helped thousands of kids leave their troubled pasts behind and open the door to a brighter tomorrow.

E-Sun-Alee outdoor therapeutic treatment program combines fully accredited education with group and individual counseling, high-interest adventure programs and relationship and communication-building skills in a therapeutic outdoor setting. Individual treatment and education plans address special needs, while youths live, learn and grow in small, family-like groups.

A unique element is the positive bond that develops between the counselor and each child. Eckerd Youth Alternatives is one of the few programs nationwide in which trained counselors have around-the-clock contact with troubled youth and make such strong, therapeutic connections. The youth are connected to adult staff role models who help them build self-confidence, develop respect for self and others, accept personal responsibility and make good decisions.

E-Sun-Alee is located on 326 beautiful wooded acres in the Cumberland Mountain Plateau area between Nashville and Knoxville. E-Sun-Alee's natural surroundings not only offer a serene setting free from television and the everyday congestion of life, they also provide a stimulating, activity-rich environment, including:

- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Challenge courses

- Swimming and fishing
- Canoe trips

Admissions information and applications available online at www.eckeryouthalternatives.org or call 1-800-914-3937 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time for assistance.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: [Yes](#)

Accreditation, Licensure, Approval: [State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services; Council on Accreditation; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Approved by INS](#)

Professional Affiliations: [NATSAP-Full Member; Child Welfare League of America; National Association of Wilderness Camps](#)

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