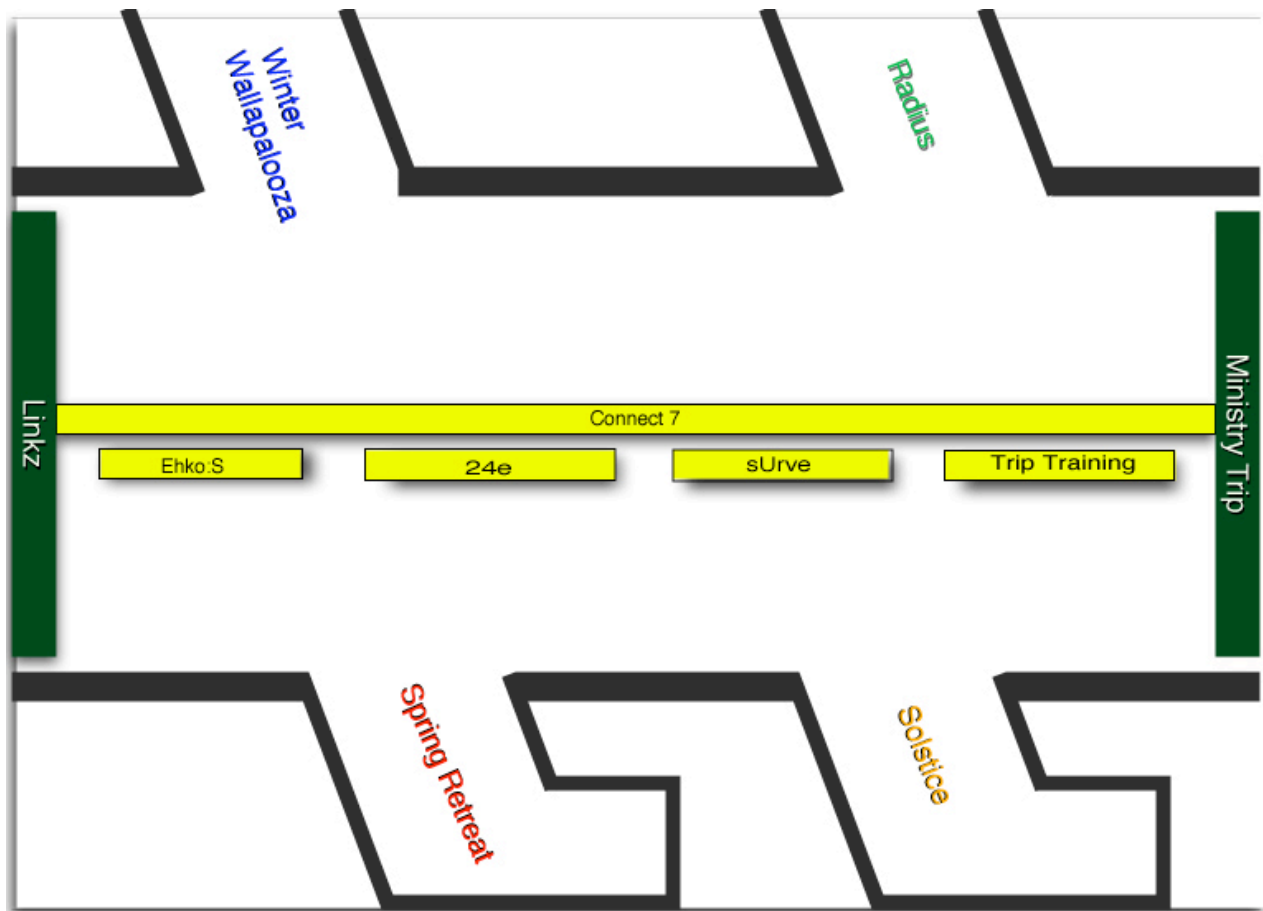




“E” stands for Ehko. Yeah, we know it’s misspelled, but it looks cool right? We call ourselves Ehko, because we desire to echo Christ in everything we do. We exist to reach out to middle school students in the Green and Akron area, no matter where they are in their relationship with Christ, and help them to better understand who He is, and echo His character and life in their own lives. That’s why we do what we do. Below, is what we do. It is a Roadmap of our programs. You’ll see a progression on the road from beginning of the school year, to the end. This is what we want students to get involved with programmatically, so that we can help take them where God wants them spiritually.



THE ROAD BEGINS...

Linkz- This is the best way for new students to get connected in our ministry. Whether they are new 6th and 7th graders, or students who have not been to the Chapel before, this is a time when we want to start the year off right. Linkz is a retreat at Camp Carl where we mix fun with building new friendships and a challenge of spiritual growth for the new school year. Linkz 2009 falls on Sept. 25-27 on the calendar. We encourage all students to come to this event for the best start to their spiritual life with Ehko!

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

Ehko:S- Our Sunday morning program that runs from 10:40am-11:50am in the 3rd floor Youth Center (through the gym). Sunday mornings are when we have our small groups led by staff and an amazing group of volunteers. In these small groups, we will go through scripture (starting with the book of Matthew this fall) and help the students to understand how this can be applied to their lives in relevant ways. We believe Scripture to be our guide and our direction for life.

24e- Every Wednesday night at both campuses, we gather for a midweek program revolving around fun activities, relationships and connecting with God. Students will take part in worship through music, large group teaching, and will also have the opportunity to share their story of faith with the group. 24e runs from 6:45-8:15 in the 3rd floor Youth Center (through the gym).

sUrve- Christ commands us to love and serve others. Again we misspelled the word so that we could emphasize the “U”, as in Christ expects “U” to serve, not just some people. We want to obey this command. Once a month, we want to give students the opportunity to serve in already existing ministries inside and outside of the church to help people in ways they can’t help themselves, in order to spread good news with our words and actions. These details are sporadic as we work with the schedules of other ministries.

Ministry Trips and Training- Ministry trips are the goal for our students programmatically as they are the most intense times for discipleship throughout the year. Our first goal is to leave an impact on the world around us as Christ commanded. Our second goal is for our students to see the world from a different perspective and to grow dramatically in their relationships with Christ. In order to be as prepared as possible, the trip leader will schedule training times which are crucial and therefore mandatory. Trip dates and locations and training schedules will be announced by January.

Connect 7- Discipleship is difficult to carry out with just 1 hour a week for our staff and volunteer leaders. We encourage our leaders to connect with their small groups outside of church every now and then. Whether that is going to students’ sporting events, or taking the group out for pizza, we want to show kids that Ehko and their relationship with Christ should not exist only within the walls of the church on Sundays and Wednesdays.

ON RAMPS

We must provide non-threatening opportunities for students who haven’t been a part of Ehko since “Linkz” a chance to get on the road. These “On Ramps” are great opportunities for our students to invite friends who aren’t Christians or aren’t connected to a church.

Winter Wallapalooza- Perhaps the most fun a student will have all year! This event is an all-nighter in the middle of winter where students are urged to invite friends to get connected and hear a clear presentation of the gospel. We will stay up all night and have crazy games and go to an off-site location. In the past we’ve gone to an indoor water park, and other times done a lock-in at a recreation center. Details for this year’s event are coming soon.

Radius- We want outreach to be a part of who we are as a church and as a student ministry. We give students a chance to invite their friends to a party that has a crazy theme, food and games. The gospel will be presented clearly as we hope to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. These events will happen twice a semester on a Wednesday in place of a regular 24e.

REST STOPS

The straight and narrow road of the Christian life is not an easy one to travel. So we like to take some opportunities each year to go a little deeper, to get out of our routine and challenge ourselves to take that next step in our faith.

Spring Retreat- Every Spring, we like to take the opportunity to get away for a retreat. Unlike most of our events and programming, this is one event that is strictly for students who are a part of Ehko. This is a chance for Christian students to commit to taking the next step in faith, whether that is to challenge themselves on a certain issue, or to take their Bible reading to the next step, or to be open to sharing their faith. Mixed in with the serious times will also be some crazy activities and fun. Details coming by January.

Solstice- Solstice is our summer programming. These are opportunities for your whole family to join with our Ehko family and have a fun getaway, or a time of worship. These events are perfect for getting away from our every day grind, reconnect as a family, and showing our love for God and each other.