



## Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

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### SIGN UP FOR WINTER PROGRAMS ONLINE TODAY!

[www.redwingelc.com](http://www.redwingelc.com)

*Click on Current Students tab.*

Place your program requests in order of preference

**Last day to sign up is November 15, 2019**

after 11/15/2019, you will be placed on the waiting list.



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**Spread the Word!**

**Give to the Max Day is November 14<sup>th</sup>**

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### BONFIRE AND BOOTHOCKEY SUNDAYS

**Fee:** Free!

**Who:** Everyone and your friends

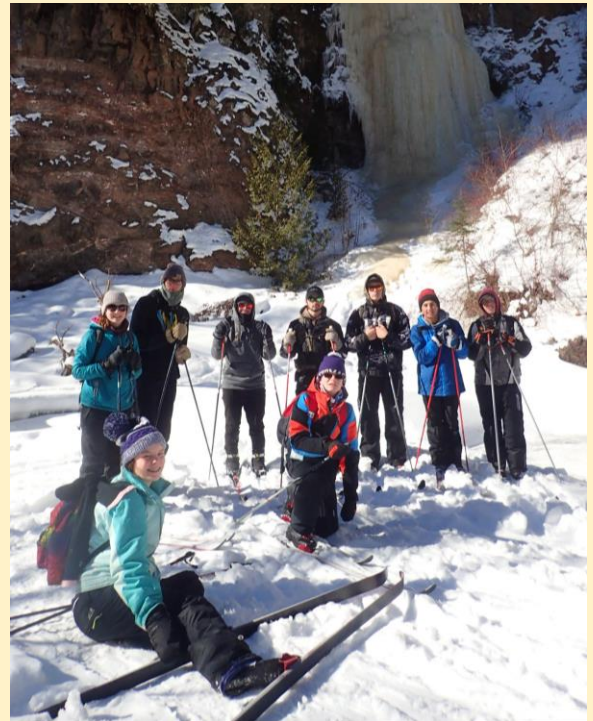
**When:** Sunday, 1pm- 3 pm January 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Riester's Pond.

*On Flower Valley Rd, just past the RWHS.*

**Bring:** Boots! Hockey stick (ELC will have some available), skates for free skating, a drink and a snack to cook over the fire.

**Mark your Calendars!** Come for a casual game of boot hockey. Have our kids bring skates for a free skating around the pond. Enjoy a afternoon of community and winter exercise. Everyone is welcome.



Take a program a second time for  
**50% off the program fee!**  
*First timers will have priority.*

**Financial assistance is  
available.**

Fill out the online application on the  
ELC Website [www.redwingelc.com](http://www.redwingelc.com)  
under the students tab or [Click here.](#)

***Check out the adult  
programs!***

# ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS: EXPLORE

Entry level programs are one day programs that allow a student to try a program and be introduced to interesting natural areas in Red Wing.



## EXPLORE THE CANNON BOTTOMS

**Age minimum: 6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Required for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders**  
**Fee: \$20.00**

This one day adventure is an amazing opportunity to get out and explore an area right out our back door. The Cannon Bottoms area is over 2700 acres of wilderness and the wintertime is one of the best times to be out in it. We will look for various signs of animal life, explore beaver lodges and simply enjoy the great outdoors in the winter.



Group 1	Group 2
December 14	February 15
9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00

## CORE PROGRAMS

### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING I

**Age minimum: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Fee: \$45.00**

From cross country skiing techniques to dressing properly for the cold, this program will prepare you to explore the woods in the spectacular season of winter. Ski local trails, see tracks and signs of wildlife and finish up with a moonlight ski. **ELC will provide equipment.**

Pick a group.

Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation	January 7 3:30-5:30 pm	January 21 3:30-5:30 pm
Session 2:	January 8 3:30-5:30 pm	January 22 3:30-5:30 pm
Session 3:	January 9* 12:00-5:30 ShuttleAvailable	January 23 4:30-8:00pm
Session 4: 4:30-8:30 pm	January 11 4:30-8:30 pm	January 25 9:00 am-3:00 pm

\*SCHOOL DAY

### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING II

**Age minimum: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Prerequisites: Cross Country Skiing I (no prerequisite for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and above)**  
**Fee: \$100.00**

Time to head to the North Shore. There we will ski the local rivers and trails, cook delicious meals, and play games in the cozy ELC cabin.

Activity	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:30-8:00	January 14
Trip: Leave : 4:00 Return: 5:00	January 17 January 20
Wrap-up Potluck with Participants and Parents 6:00-7:30 pm	January 22

### PIONEERING I

**Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Fee: \$45.00**

Live like those who first arrived in Minnesota by taking on the pioneering life. You will stay in a log cabin built by students who came before you. As you learn the survival skills of a pioneer, you will split wood, cook over a fire, maintain the trails and play games.

Activity	Group I
Cabin Skills: 4:00-6:30pm	March 3
Overnight: Leave: 4:00 pm Return: 1:00 pm	March 6- March 7



\* School Day

# CORE PROGRAMS

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING LEVEL III

**Fee: \$175**

**Prerequisites: Cross Country Skiing II**

This program features five days of ski touring in the north woods of Minnesota. Participants will stay at the Two Harbors cabin!

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:00-7:30 pm	February 25
Trip: Leave 3:00 pm- Return 6:00 pm	February 28 March 4
Wrap-up Potluck with Participants and Parents 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	March 10

## WHITEWATER KAYAKING I

**Minimum Age: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Fee: \$25.00**

Come learn the basics of whitewater kayaking in the YMCA pool. We'll work on paddle strokes, balance, and rolling techniques. At the end of the day we'll play water polo in our kayaks. See adult dates in the adult programs section! Pick a group!

Activity / Time	Group 1	Group 2
<b>Skills: 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</b>	December 3	December 10
<b>Skills: 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</b>	December 4	December 11
<b>Skills: 7:00 pm—8:30 pm</b>	December 5	December 12

## WINTER SURVIVAL I

**Age minimum: 7th Grade**

**Fee: \$45.00**

Learn the basics of winter camping, including:

Fire building skills and outdoor cookery.

Ice crossing and basic ice rescue.

Animal track identification.

Prevention and treatment of hypothermia and frostbite.

We will spend one night at the Two Harbors cabin and one or two nights in the snow.

Activity/Time	Group 1	Group 2
<b>Orientation/ Skills: 3:30-6:00 pm</b>	January 7	February 4
<b>Trip: Leave : 3:00am Return: 5:00 pm</b>	January 10 January 13*	February 7- February 10*



**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE ! ONLINE FORM AVAILABLE UNDER THE STUDENTS TAB OR [CLICK HERE.](#)**

\* School Day

**WINTER MULTISPORT**

Minimum Age: 8th grade  
 Fee: \$100 (Lutsen ticket not included)

Head to the North Shore for four days of down hill skiing, cross country skiing, ice climbing, and more. We will base camp out of the beautiful Two Harbors cabin, playing night games, exploring the area, cooking meals and enjoying the winterland. Down Hill skiing at Lutsen Ski Hill, cross country skiing rivers and Pincusion in Grand Marais, And ice climbing the frozen seepages along the rivers of the north shore. **Each student will need to have their own downhill ski or snowboard gear or rent and buy their lift ticket for the day, all other gear will be provided.**

Activity	Dates
Ski Orientation 4:30-6:00 pm	February 10
Overnight: Leave: 4:00 pm Return: 5:00 pm	February 13- February 17

**WHITTLING A SPOONATULA**

Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Fee: \$10.00

Students will spend time at the ELC cabin learning safe whittling practices while carving soft and hard woods.

Group 1	Group 2
February 11	February 13
3:30 pm -6:30 pm	3:30-6:30 Pm

**ICE FISHING**

Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Fee: \$15

*Participants 16 years of age or older need an angling license.*  
 This program will introduce participants to the various techniques of ice fishing in the local backwaters.  
 Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2
January 4 9:00 am-3:00 pm	December 21 9:00 am-3:00pm

**YOUNG EXPLORERS 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Sign up at [www.redwingelc.com](http://www.redwingelc.com) under the students tab.

Winter deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>. After November 15<sup>th</sup> you will be put on a wait list.

**YOUNG EXPLORERS BOOT HOCKEY AND SKATE**

Fee: \$15.00

Boot hockey and Skating at Riester's pond. Bring your own gear or ELC can provide. Pick a group:

**YOUNG EXPLORER : CABIN LIFE**

Fee: \$15

Spend the afternoon at the Hay Creek cabin!. We will set and check live traps, sled and take a sauna.

Pick a group.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
January 28	February 4	February 5	February 19
3:30-5:30	3:30-5:30	3:30-5:30	3:30-5:30

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
January 9	January 16	January 28	January 30
3:30-6:00	3:30-6:00	3:30-6:00	3:30-6:00



**YOUNG EXPLORER: SNOWSHOEING IN THE CANNON BOTTOMS**

Fee: \$15.00

Come spend time exploring what the Cannon Bottoms have to offer. As we snowshoe though the Bottoms in search of tracks, wildlife and beaver lodges, we will play games and cook a snack over a fire.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
January 18	January 18	February 8	February 8
9:00-12:00	12:30-3:30	9:00-12:00	12:30-3:30

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**TINY TREES BIRD FEED DECORATING**

Fee: \$15

Birds need a holiday too! Make a bird seed ornament and garland to decorate a tree for our feathered friends. All materials provided. Need to bring: water, snack, and a plastic bag to bring your goodies home. Meet and Pick up at Hok Si La park.

December 28	12:30-2:30 pm
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**TINY TREES WINTER FUN**

Fee: \$15

Let's explore winter! There's a lot more to it than you think. From signs of winter and animal tracks to your favorite winter drink, we'll cover it all. Need to bring: water, snack, small backpack, comfortable walking shoes/boots, dress in layers for the weather. Meet and Pick up at Hok Si La park.

January 4	12:30-2:30 pm
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**TINY TREES SNOWFLAKE STUDY**

Fee: \$15

We will learn about how snowflakes form and the types of shapes that snowflakes are composed of. We will practice being scientists by using our observational and comparison skills. By the end, everyone will be able to identify snowflake types based upon their shape. Need to bring: water, snack, dress in layers for the weather Meet and Pick up at Hok Si La park.

February 23	12:30-2:30 pm
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**Adult and Family Programs**

**YMCA ADULT KAYAK CLINIC**

Learn strokes and how to roll kayaks in the YMCA pool. Also, have some fun playing kayak polo!

Contact YMCA to register. 388-4724

Nonmembers \$11.00

Members \$8.00



**Red Wing Family YMCA**

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Date	Time
December 17	7:00- 8:30 pm
December 18	7:00- 8:30 pm
December 19	7:00- 8:30 pm

**A big thanks to the YMCA for the use of their pool and staff!**

**Mike Lynch Minnesota Starwatch Party**

Friday, December 6, from 7:00 to 9:00pm

Meet at ELC-No sign up necessary

You're invited to bring lawn chairs to make yourself comfy! Make the stars your old friends as we watch the great celestial show in the skies over Red Wing! We'll have giant telescopes aimed at Saturn as well as the moon, star clusters, galaxies, and other great celestial treasures. We'll also check out constellations like The Big Bear, Cygnus the Swan, Pegasus the Winged Horse, and some of their great stories behind them. Mike Lynch is a meteorologist at WCCO Radio and has been hosting star watch parties and teaching astronomy classes for over 48 years. He also writes a weekly stargazing column for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and is the author of the books; "Mike Lynch's Minnesota Star Watch" and "Stars, a Month by Month Tour of the Constellations." Both books will be available for purchase at a discount. Super cool glow in the dark star shirts will also be available for purchase. Even if it's the cloudy you'll learn a lot, have a great time!

**ADULT ICE CLIMBING**

Sign up under the students tab

[www.redwingelc.com](http://www.redwingelc.com)

Fee: \$20

Come learn the basics of ice climbing in the backyard of Ed Ward and Heather Nagel. They are farming ice to climb. No experience or equipment needed.-just the desire and a little physical fortitude.

Pick a date:

Date	Time
February 6	5- 7 pm
February 14	5-7 pm





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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make checks payable to:  
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**Thank you for your support!**



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