



Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

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Winter 2020-2021



Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 pm

We hope you will join us for our first ever Virtual Wild and Scenic Film Festival and Fundraiser for the Red Wing Environmental Learning Center. Celebrating 50 years of outdoor adventures and life changing experiences.

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Buy Tickets: <https://qudio.com/event/redwingelc>

ELC Website:

<http://www.redwingelc.com>

ELC Donate:

<http://redwingelc.com/donate>

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Auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/supportelc> **Give to the Max Day is November 19th 2020**

Thank you for joining us this evening.

Check out the adult and Family programs!

SIGN UP FOR WINTER PROGRAMS ONLINE TODAY!

www.redwingelc.com

Click on Current Students tab.

Place your program requests in order of preference.

Last day to sign up is November 15, 2020
after 11/15/2020 you will be placed on the waiting list.

Financial assistance and Covid19 income loss financial assistance is available.

Please contact us if assistance is needed. Thanks to the CARES Act and United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha and Pierce Counties, there are funds available to keep kids in the woods during these difficult times.

Contact Laura Schmidt at rwelcoffice@gmail.com



Spread the Word!

Give to the Max Day is November 19th

[Click here to donate](#) via PayPal or go to www.redwingelc.com under the donate tab.

Thank you in advance for your support.

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: 6th grade
Required for 6th and 7th 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 winter time 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. Pick a group.



Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
December 05	December 12	December 19
9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00

CORE PROGRAMS

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING I

Age minimum: 6th 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	Group 3
Orientation	January 4 4:30-6:00 PM ELC	January 11 4:30-6:00 PM ELC	January 19 4:30-6:00 PM ELC
Session 2:	January 5 3:30-5:30 Mississippi Links	January 12 3:30-5:30 Mississippi Links	January 20 3:30-5:30 Mississippi Links
Session 3:	January 6 3:30 -5:30 Mississippi Links	January 13 3:30 -5:30 Mississippi Links	January 21 3:30 -5:30 Mississippi Links
Session 4:	January 7 4:30-7:30 Moonlight ski Nagel Farm	January 14 4:30-7:30 Moonlight Ski Nagel Farm	January 23 9:00-am3:00 pm Cannon Bottoms
Session 5:	January 9 9:00 am-3:00 pm Cannon Bottoms	January 16 9:00 am-3:00 pm Cannon Bottoms	January 26 4:30-7:00 Moonlight ski Nagel Farm

WINTER CAMPING I

Age minimum: 7th Grade
Fee: \$45.00

Spend a night in the Cannon River Bottoms while enjoying a big bonfire to keep you warm and play outdoor games. 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.
 ELC will provide winter sleeping bags.

Activity/Time	Group 1
Orientation/ 4:30-6:00 pm ELC	January 28
Skills: 9:00 am-3:00 pm	January 30
Trip: Leave : 2:00 pm Return: 3:00 pm Meet at Four Seasons	February 5- February 6



ELECTIVES

ICE CLIMBING RED WING

Minimum Age: 8 th Grade

Prerequisite: None

Fee: \$20 .00

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 group:

Group 1	Group 2
January 16	January 18
10:00 am -2:00 pm	10:00 am- 2:00 pm

ICE FISHING// SPEARING

Minimum Age: 6th 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 and in the local backwaters.

Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
December 19	December 21	December 22
9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm
Meet and Pick up Vermillian landing on Collischen Rd.	Meet and Pick up Vermillian landing on Collischen Rd.	Meet and Pick up Vermillian landing on Collischen Rd.

BAYPOINT ICE FISHING

Minimum Age: 6th 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

Date/Time
January 23
9:00 am -3:00 pm
Meet and Pick up at Baypoint



WHITTLING A SPOONATULA

Minimum Age: 6th 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	Group 3	Group 4
December 1	December 3	December 8	December 10
4:30-7:00 Meet and Pick up at ELC Cabin in Hay Creek	4:30-7:00 Meet and Pick up at ELC Cabin in Hay Creek	4:30-7:00 Meet and Pick up at ELC Cabin in Hay Creek	4:30-7:00 Meet and Pick up at ELC Cabin in Hay Creek

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

KNIFE CONSTRUCTION

Fee: \$25 plus the cost of materials

Minimum Age: 7th Grade

Participants will learn about knife designs, types of steel used in knife construction, and the history behind those designs. They will select the knife of their choice and design a custom handle.

	Group 1	Group 2	
Activity	Date	Date	Time
Orientation:	February 8	February 16	4:30-6:00 pm
Skills:	February 9	February 17	4:30-6:00 pm
Skills	February 10	February 18	4:30-6:00 pm
Skills	February 11	February 23	4:30-6:00 pm

SKI/SNOWSHOE RATTLESNAKE BLUFF

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Fee: \$15

Come join us in exploring Rattlesnake Bluff overlooking the head of Lake Pepin. As the wind blows off the lake, it builds enormous drifts on the north side of the bluff.

Come and enjoy this winter wonderland. ELC can provide snowshoes.

Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2
January 30	February 6
10:00 am -2:00 pm	10:00 am -2:00 pm
Meet and Pick up Hill Avenue Trail (more details to come)	Meet and Pick up Hill Avenue Trail (more details to come)

MOONLIGHT CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Fee: \$15.00

Prerequisite: Cross Country Skiing I

This is an amazing opportunity to ski by only the light of the moon!

We will explore a local area and cook dinner over an open fire. A perfect winter experience!

Group 1	Group 2
February 11	March 4
4:30-8:00 pm	4:30-8:00 pm
Meet and Pick up Bay City Campground	Meet and Pick up Bay City Campground

SKI/SNOWSHOE THE RUSH RIVER

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Fee: \$15

The Rush River Delta gives us the river bottoms ecosystem. Open waters of the Rush gives the eagles and otters fishing opportunities during the winter months.

Group 1
February 15
10:00 am -2:00 pm
Meet and Pick up; Rush River Boat Landing

YOUNG EXPLORERS 4th -5th Graders

Sign up at www.redwingelc.com under the students tab.

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

YOUNG EXPLORERS GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT AND FEEDING

Fee: \$10

Have you ever wondered what bird that is or how birds survive the winter? This is your chance to learn the basics to bird identification and creating a backyard feeding station. We will also participate in The Great Backyard Bird Count. This is an annual four day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent.

Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts, so join us in helping the birds..

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
January 18	January 18	January 20	January 20
9 am-12 pm	12:30-3:30 pm	9 am-12 pm	12:30-3:30 pm

*School Day

YOUNG EXPLORER SLEDDING

Fee: \$10

Young Explorers are invited to spend an afternoon playing winter games and sledding at our ELC cabin located in the Hay creek Area. Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
February 3	February 4	February 10	February 11
4-7 pm	4-7 pm	4-7 pm	4-7 pm

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YOUNG EXPLORER ICE SKATING

Fee: \$10.00

Young Explorers are invited to spend an afternoon playing winter games and ice skating at the athletic field.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
December 12	December 29	February 4	February 10
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YOUNG EXPLORER: SNOWSHOEING IN THE CANNON BOTTOMS

Fee: \$10.00

Come spend time exploring what the Cannon Bottoms have to offer. As we snowshoe through 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
December 21	December 21	December 22	December 22
9 am-12	12:30-3:30	9 am-12 pm	12:30-3:30

Adult and Family Programs

ADULT MOONLIGHT SKI/ SNOWHOE THE CANNON BOTTOMS

Free will donation

Sign up under the student tab

ELC can provide snowshoes

Grab your friend and join ELC for an Adult Moonlight Ski. This is an amazing opportunity to ski by only the light of the moon! We will explore the cannon bottoms and cook dinner over an open fire. A perfect winter experience!

Group 1	Group 2
January 27	February 24
4:30-7:00- pm	4:30-7:00- pm

FAMILY ICE CAROUSEL AT CAMP PEPIN

Free will donation

No sign up required

We will start the building of a Ice Carousel at 10 am on January 9th. If you care to take part, bring your ice chisel and shovel. At 4 pm we will light our luminaries and celebrate our first ever Lake Pepin Ice Carousel. We will spin in on Sunday, January 10th from 10 am to 1 pm.

Group 1	Group 2
January 9 4 pm Bring a luminary!	January 10 10 am -2 pm Carousel and ice skate.

FAMILY SKI THE CANNON BOTTOMS

Free will donation

This is an amazing opportunity to ski with the family during the day or by the light of the moon! We will explore the cannon bottoms and cook a meal over an open fire. A perfect winter experience!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
January 28 4:30-7 pm	February 20 9am-3 pm	February 25 4:30-7 pm

ADULT ICE CLIMBING

Sign up under the students tab

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.

Date /Time
February 13 10:00 am -2:00 pm

Enjoy Winterfest 2021

at YMCA Camp Pepin

In conjunction with the Ice Carousel on Lake Pepin, there will be heated camper cabins and retreat houses available for a discounted price where you and your family can enjoy the winter weekend. Each cabin has its own dedicated bathroom, fire pit and a rigorous Covid cleaning plan. Snowshoe through our backwoods trails, spend an evening making s'mores by the campfire and wake up to the beauty of an ice carousel just outside your cabin door! **Jan 8-10 Weekend Camper Cabin Package for ELC families is \$225.** [Click here and scroll to the bottom of the page to check out the cabins, but you must contact Camp Pepin \(see below\) for special discounted rate.](#)

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Contact mharris@redwingymca.org or 651-800-9316 for more information about the cabins.



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Thank you for your support!



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