



# ELC

Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

Volume 2020 No. 1

Spring 2020

## Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the  
Sheldon Theatre

2-4 pm Electric Car Show

4 pm Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Bring the whole family to celebrate  
Earth Week!

Check out awesome electric cars.

Watch sweet outdoor and adventure  
films.

GET INSPIRED TO TAKE ACTION  
AND GET OUTSIDE!



## ELC Turns 50!

Celebrate ELC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Watch for more event and party details.

Sign up online for spring programs  
on the ELC Website

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

Click on Current Students tab.

Place your program requests in order of preference.

**Registration deadline: February 15, 2020**

after February 15<sup>th</sup> you will be placed on the waiting list.

Take a program a second time for

**50% off the program fee!**

First timers will have priority.

Fishing Rod Construction and Whitewater III not included.

## Canoe Raffle!

Over the last three years, the ELC has been facilitating a High School Class entitled Teamwork Adventures. In this class, we utilize the ELC model of learning, of hands on experiential learning. We have built snowshoes and went snowshoeing, we built fishing poles and go fishing, and we have built cedar strip canoes and then we go canoeing. It has been an amazing program, and we have witnessed great changes in the students that are part of this program. To help fund this program we are raffling off one of the canoes, and the proceeds will go directly to supporting this innovative and collaborative class. **There is a limited number of tickets and they are \$10 each. The drawing for the boat will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> during halftime of the High school girls Basketball game, and you do not need to be present to win. Please contact Jason at [rwelcjason@gmail.com](mailto:rwelcjason@gmail.com) to purchase your potentially winning ticket. Thank you on behalf of the Teamwork Adventures**

# ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

Dress for the weather for all ELC programs

Entry Level programs are one day activities that allow students to try a program and be introduced to interesting natural environments in the Red Wing area.

## EXPLORE ROCK CLIMBING

Fee: \$20.00

Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Come climb on the classic limestone of Barn Bluff. It is an opportunity to experience rock climbing while learning about the history of Barn Bluff, climbing techniques and climbing safety. **Second timers are welcome to sign up!** Pick a group.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
May 12	May 14	May 19	May 21
3:30- 6:30	3:30- 6:30	3:30- 6:30	3:30- 6:30

## PIONEERING I – HAY CREEK CABIN

Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Fee: \$30.00

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 experience the luxury of a sauna.



Activity/Time	Date
Orientation/ Skills 3:30-6:00 pm	March 25 <sup>th</sup>
Trip Leave:4:00 pm Return: 1:00 pm	March 27 <sup>th</sup> March 28 <sup>th</sup>

## CORE PROGRAM

### WHITewater KAYAKING AND RAFTING II

Prerequisite: Whitewater I

No prerequisite required for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above  
Fee \$100.00

ELC will provide kayaks and rafts

Very few activities offer outdoor enthusiasts as wide a range of experiences as kayaking. Whether you are in it for heart-stopping roller coaster exhilaration or the peace and serenity of getting lost in the moment, whitewater kayaking/ Rafting can never let you down. The spring runoff, makes central Wisconsin an amazing place to conduct our whitewater level II program. We will be running class 2 and 3 rapids while car camping on this paddling trip. Come join and see what all the excitement is about. **Whitewater I, and II are prerequisites for Whitewater III**

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation/ Skills 10:00- 5:00 pm	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Trip Leave: 1:30 pm Return: 6:00 pm	May 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Wrap up/Potluck 6:00-7:30	May 28 <sup>th</sup>

**Financial assistance is available.**

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## Adult and Family Opportunities

### FISHING ROD CONSTRUCTION - STUDENT AND ADULT

Minimum Age: 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade through Adult

Fee: \$75.00

**Adult Fee: Varies Depending upon blank and handle selection**

This program will introduce the student to the art of building a fishing rod. Each student will make their own fishing rod with the help of DLF Custom Fishing Rods of Rochester Minnesota. DLF is owned and operated by Dan Fryer, a member of the Custom Rod Builders Guild. Dan, a certified professional rod builder will assist each student in building a rod, starting with a blank and adding thread, creating thread art and will be certain that each rod is as individual as the student.

**It takes approximately 20 hours to build a rod. The program days are in a open house format.**

Register online under the students tab.

Date	Time	Location
March 30-April 3 April 6-8	3:30-6:00 pm	ELC

# ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

## FLOODWATER CANOE CAMPING

**Fee: \$40.00**

**Prerequisite: Canoeing I**

This course was brought back as an ELC classic but has proved to be so much fun that we have added it again. The spring floods provide a wonderful opportunity to explore and experience the Cannon Bottoms in the flooded state. We turn the canoes into floating platforms on which we cook and sleep. There are many opportunities to observe various wildlife adapting to floods.

Activity/ Time	Date
Orientation: 4:00-8:00 pm	May 19
Trip: Leave 4:00 pm Return 1:00 pm	May 29- May 30



## BASIC ARCHERY

**Fee: \$50.00**

**Minimum Age: 8th Grade**

Basic archery, a prerequisite for future bow hunting programs, teaches students the basic shooting skills needed for other archery programs. The ELC will provide bow and student will provide arrows.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation: 3:30-5:30 pm	April 14
Shooting Stances 3:30-5:30 pm	April 15
Shooting Stances 3:30-5:30 pm	April 16
Basic Archery – 3D Range in Hastings 3:30 pm -7:00 pm	April 17

**Firearm Safety Certificate is required for ELC hunting and trap shooting programs. Sign up through Community Education for spring classes.**

## CARP SHOOT:

**Minimum Age: 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Fee: \$15.00**

We will go for an evening paddle in the backwaters: Spawning carp will provide a challenge to the steady archer. Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
May 6	May 13
3:30-7:00 pm	3:30-7:00 pm

## EVENING SAIL

**Fee: \$20**

**Minimum Age: 6th grade**

Join us for an evening sail on the beautiful Lake Pepin. Bring something to grill on the back of the boat as we anchor in protected bays. Pick an evening in your age group.

Group 1 Grades 6-7	Group 2 Grades 6-7	Group 3 Grades 8-12	Group 4 Grades 8-12
May 5	May 7	May 12	May 14
3:30-7:30	3:30-7:30	3:30-7:30	3:30-7:30

## FLOODWATER PADDLE

**Fee: \$20.00**

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

**Prerequisite: Canoe I**

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Date:	Time
May 15	4:00-8:00 pm

## ORIENTEERING AND OVERNIGHT AT THE HAY CREEK CABIN

**Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Fee: \$35**

Have you ever wondered how to use a map and compass or how a GPS unit works? This ELC program will introduce you to the skill of orienteering (using a map and compass) and how to find your way should you ever get lost. These are great ELC skills to have and practice as you continue to take programs and venture out into the woods. So come with us and get yourself turned around and then we will find our way out, it is sure to be a GREAT adventure. We will stay at the Elc Hay Creek Cabin, play games, and cook over a fire.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 3:00 -6:30	April 23
Overnight: 3:30- 3:00	April 24 April 25

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# Young Explorers

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### YOUNG EXPLORER: ANTLER HUNT

Fee: \$15

We will build a fire and cook a meal of macaroni with a smoky flair.

Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
March 17	March 19	March 26
4:00 -6:00 pm	4:00 -6:00 pm	4:00 -6:00 pm

### YOUNG EXPLORER: MYSTERY PROGRAM

Fee: \$15

Take advantage of the weather and ideal conditions and go for an adventure! Each day will be a different program based on what is ideal such as paddling through the flooded forest, foraging for wild edibles,. It's a mystery!

Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
April 22	April 28	May 5
4:00 -6:30 pm	4:00 -6:30 pm	4:00 -6:30 pm

### YOUNG EXPLORER: FISHING

Fee: \$15

Pick a date:

After school fishing for whatever is biting . Could be trout, sunnies, suckers or the " Lock Ness of Pepin". Pick a date:

Group I	Group 2	Group 3
May 13	May 21	May 27
4:00 -6:30 pm	4:00 -6:30 pm	4:00 -6:30 pm

## Tiny Trees

Programs for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

### TINY TREES: SHELTER BUILDING

Fee: \$15

Learn some basic techniques for building a structure in the woods using materials available to you in nature. It's a group effort as you create a community of homes made from the earth! Pick a date:

Group I	Group 2
April 4	April 4
10:00am -12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

### TINY TREES: EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA:

Fee: \$15

Let's take a day to celebrate our Earth! Come ready to plant, clean, and protect the planet that provides the perfect conditions for life.

Group I	Group 2
April 10	April 10
10:00am -12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm





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**Thank you for your support!**



**“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson**