



## 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, 2021**  
after 11/15/2021, you will be placed on the waiting list.

**Save the Date!**

**Ice Carousel and Skate at  
Camp Pepin  
January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Watch for details**

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Thank you in advance for your support.

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**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL — 2021**

# RED WING HOLIDAY WINE TASTING

**Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**7:00 to 9:00pm**

**Held on the  
Summit at the  
St. James Hotel**

*Proceeds to benefit  
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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 on  
page 5!**

## 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**

**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. Lunch will be cooked over a fire. Pick a group:



Group 1	Group 2
December 11	February 12
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 10 3:30-5:30 PM	February 7 3:30-5:30 PM
Session 2:	January 11 3:30-5:30 PM	February 8 3:30-5:30 PM
Session 3:	January 12 3:30-5:30	February 10 4:30-7:00
Session 4:	January 13 12 -5:30 pm	February 12 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Session 5:	January 14 4:30-7:30 PM	

### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING II

**Age minimum: 7th Grade**

**Prerequisites: Cross Country Skiing I (no prerequisite for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and above)**

**Fee: \$100.00**

**Proof of Vaccination Required**

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: 4:30-7:30	February 7
Trip: Leave : 4:30 Return: 6:30	February 18 February 21
Wrap-up Potluck with Participants and Parents 6:00-7:30 pm	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>

# CORE PROGRAMS

## WINTER CAMPING I

**Age minimum: 7th Grade**

**Fee: \$75.00**

### Proof of Vaccination Required

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	Date
<b>Orientation/ Skills: 1:00 –8:00 pm (full moon)</b>	January 17
<b>Trip: Leave : 2:00 pm Return: 6:00 pm</b>	January 21 January 24

## WHITEWATER KAYAKING I

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

**Fee: \$25.00**

### Proof of Vaccination Required

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: 6:30-8:00 pm</b>	December 14	January 4
Skills: 6:30-8:00 pm	December 16	January 6
<b>Skills: 6:30-8:00 pm</b>	December 21	January 11

# ELECTIVES

## NEW! LEARN TO SKATE SKI

**Fee: \$45.00**

**Minimum age: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Have you ever been interested in trying to Skate ski? It's a fantastic cardio sport that will have you flying around on top of the snow. Spend a week outside with ELC alumni, Heather Nagel and learn the basics. Gear will be provided and we will meet down at the Mississippi Golf links every day for a week. Time will be spent learning the various techniques and playing different games that help to reinforce what was learned.

Activity	Date
Equipment fitting 4:30-5:30	January 20
Skate Skiing at Mississippi Links 4:30-5:30	January 24
Skate Skiing at Mississippi Links 4:30-5:30	January 25
Skate Skiing at Mississippi Links 4:30-5:30	January 26
Skate Skiing at Mississippi Links 4:30-5:30	January 27
Skate Skiing at Mississippi Links 4:30-5:30	January 28

## MOONLIGHT SKI OR SNOWSHOE THE CANNON BOTTOMS

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

Fee: \$10

Spend an evening snowshoeing by moonlight and cooking dinner over a fire in the River Bottoms.

Group 1	Group 2
January 18	February 15
4:30-7:30	4:30-7:30

## NEW! WELCH SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB!

ELC WILL SHUTTLE KIDS TO WELCH VILLAGE!

February 22<sup>nd</sup> –March 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and Thursdays.

**Minimum Age: 7th Grade**

**Buy a night club pass for \$179 from Welch (ELC Code will be given) that will be good the whole season.** Helmets required!

Fee for shuttle from ELC : \$15 total 6 times

Ski and helmet rental: \$28 each day. Let ELC know if you will be renting.

## 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
December 18	December 27
9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm

**KNIFE CONSTRUCTION**

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

**Fee: \$50**

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.

	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
Orientation: 4:00-5:30 pm	December 1	December 1	December 1
Skills: 10-3pm	January 17	January 24	February 21

**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! **Pick a Group:**

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
December 22	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
4:00-7:30	4:00-7:30

**SKATE/HIKE THE CANNON BOTTOMS**

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

**Fee: \$20**

Grab your skates (ELC can provide) and skate the Cannon Bottoms. We will spend the day exploring and will cook lunch over a fire. Pick a group

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
December 4	December 18	December 30
9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am -3:00 pm	9-9:00 am -3:00 pm

**WINTER MULTISPORT ON THE NORTH SHORE**

**Fee: 100..00 (does not include Lutsen pass)**

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

**Proof of Vaccination Required**

We will be heading to the North Shore to embrace the best of what's around, we will be based out of the scenic and rustic Two Harbors Cabin. We will be skiing / snowboarding at Lutsen on Friday. Saturday we will be Cross Country Skiing on the Cascade, Onion Rivers and/or Pincushion ski trails in Grand Marais. The last day we will ski the local trails, before heading home. ELC can provide gear as needed.

<b>Activity/Time</b>	<b>Date</b>
Orientation; 4:30-5:30	March 1
Trip: 4:30- 6:00 pm	March 3 March 6

**ICE CLIMBING**

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

**Prerequisite: None**

**Fee: \$25**

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

<b>Group1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
February 17	February 21	February 21
4:30 pm – 8:00pm	9:00 am- Noon	Noon- 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 SLEDDING AT FRONTENAC**

**\$15**

Join us sledding at Frontenac for an afternoon. ELC will provide transportation and sleds if needed.. Pick a group:

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Group 4</b>
January 25	January 27	February 1	February 3
3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm

**YOUNG EXPLORER STAR GAZING**

**Fee: \$15**

The chill of a clear winter night is brought to life by the fire and brilliance of the sky above. No other time of the year offers so many bright stars and deep sky wonders so close together. From Orion to the various planets, there is something for everyone to learn about, enjoy and wonder.

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
December 6	December 7	December 8
6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm	6:30-8:00 pm

**YOUNG EXPLORER ICE SKATING/HOCKEY**

**Fee: \$15.00**

Students will be going skating on a local pond, sledding, playing winter games, and cooking supper over a fire. ELC can provide the ice skates if needed.

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>
January 19	January 26	February 8
4:30-6:30	4:30-6:30	4:30-6:30

# Adult and Family Programs

## FAMILY TOBOGGAN BUILDING

Fee: \$125

This winter, join us in the ELC shop as you build your own classic wooden toboggan! This program is for one family per group. Each Family will build from start to finish their very own 8-foot toboggan! We will use techniques such as woodworking, bending and ropework. No experience is required.

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Session 1	December 6 4:00-6:00 pm	December 13 4:00-6:00 pm	December 20 4:00-6:00 pm	December 27 4:00-6:00 pm
Session 2	December 7 4:00-6:00 pm	December 14 4:00-6:00 pm	December 21 4:00-6:00 pm	December 28 4:00-6:00 pm
Session 3	December 8 4:00-6:00 pm	December 16 4:00-6:00 pm	December 23 12-4:00 pm	December 30 12:00-4:00pm
Session 4	December 9 4:00-6:00 pm	December 17 4:00-6:00 pm	Session 3 condensed	Session 3 condensed

## ADULT NORTH SHORE CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

**Proof of Vaccination Required**

Fee: \$150

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.

Date	Time
Orientation 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	February 2
February 4- February 6	2:00pm – 6:00 pm

## ADULT MOONLIGHT SKI/SNOWSHOE

Fee: \$20

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!

Date	Time
February 16	5:00-9:00 pm

## FAMILY SKI OR HIKING THE CANNON BOTTOMS

**\$40**

Spend an evening skiing or hiking by moonlight and cooking dinner over a fire in the River Bottoms. ELC can provide skis or snowshoes.

Date	Time
February 5	9:00 am -3:00 pm

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



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