



ELC

Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

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Spring 2021

Attentions High Schoolers!
Check out the High School Programs on Page 5!

Adult and Family Opportunities

FAMILY FLOODWATER PADDLE

Fee: \$40.00 Family

There is special ambiance of paddling among the trees. Come explore the riverside woods by boat. ELC will provide equipment and staff.

Group 1	Group 2
April 29 th 5-8:30 pm	May 19 5-8:30

FISHING ROD CONSTRUCTION - STUDENT AND ADULT

Minimum Age: 6TH 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.**

Activity	Date	Time
Building	March 29 th -31 st April 1 st , 5-9 th ,	3:00-6:00 pm
Building	April 2 nd	9:00-3:00

Wilderness First Responder Courses with ELC at Camp Pepin!

This spring the ELC is teaming up with YMCA Camp Pepin and Wilderness Medical Associates to offer a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course. WFR is the definitive course in medical training for outdoor educators, guides, SAR team members, and others who work or play in remote areas, and ELC staff have been certified as WFR's for over 20 years. The curriculum is comprehensive and practical, including all of the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments. The 5-day format is for individuals and sponsors with less time available for on-site training and requires 25 hours of pre-course preparation. This course is open to anyone who spends time in a wilderness context. More information can be found on the ELC website under the Wilderness First Responder Courses or by talking to Jason.

ADULT WHITEWATER RAFTING OR KAYAKING

Fee: \$100

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 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.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation: 5:30-6:30	May 3
Trip: Earliest after work 6:00 Return	May 14-16

Financial assistance is available.

Fill out the online application on the ELC Website

www.redwingelc.com under the students tab or [Click here..](#)

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 THE BLUFF LANDS

Fee: \$20.00

Minimum Age: 6th Grade

**Requirement for 6th and 7th graders
(only needs to be take one time)**

Come and spend a day exploring the best of what spring has to offer in the Red Wing area. Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
March 13	March 20
10:00 am 02:00 pm	10:00 am 02:00 pm



CORE PROGRAM

BACKPACKING I

Prerequisite: Explore and Camping

NOTE: Backpacking I is highly recommended for Winter Camping I.

Min Age: 6th grade 8th grade and above no prerequisite

Fee: \$35.00

This is a two day backpacking trip at a local area. Students will be introduced to general backpacking, camping and outdoor cookery. Students will learn to identify wildlife, food planning and orienteering with a map and a compass

Activity	Group 1
Orientation/Skills 4:30-7:00 pm Meet and Pick up ELC	May 5
Trip : Leave: 4:30 pm Return: 1:00 pm	May 7 May 8

PIONEERING I – HAY CREEK CABIN

Minimum Age: 6th 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 and cook over a fire. Due to Covid 19, participants will sleep in tents.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 4:30-6:30 pm	March 22 nd
Skills: 4:30-6:30	March 24 th
Trip Leave: 4:30 pm Return: 3:00 pm	March 26 th March 27 th

MOUNTAIN BIKE /ROAD BIKING I

Prerequisite: Explore Biking for 7th graders

8th grade and above no prerequisite

Fee: \$35.00

Spend a few days biking local trails and backroads. Enjoy an evening camping out.

Activity	Group 1
Orientation: 4:30-6:30	May 18
Trip : Leave: 4:30pm Return: 1:00 pm	May 21 May 22



ORIENTEERING AND OVERNIGHT

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Fee: \$30

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 found 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 camp overnight at the Hay Creek Cabin land.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 4:30-6:00	April 15
Overnight 9am-9am	April 17-18

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 a group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
April 21	April 22	April 27	April 29
4:30-8:00	4:30-8:00	4:30-8:00	4:30-8:00

SPIN FISHING

Fee: \$10

Minimum Age: 6TH Grade

This program features an introduction to spin fishing and some casting competition for accuracy. It also includes a fishing outing to a local area. Learn how to clean and cook your catch. If 16 years or older, you will be required to purchase a Minnesota fishing license.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
May 4	May 6	May 18	May 20
4:30-7:00	4:30-7:00	4:30-7:00	4:30-7:00

WILD EDIBLES

Fee: \$20

Minimum Age: 6TH Grade

This program is great preparation for the Zombie Apocalypse. Learn what plants can be harvested from the woods, streams, marshes and even your backyard. We will spend one day collecting and one day preparing these wild edibles. We will also spend time collecting for our 51st Anniversary celebration in the Fall of 2021. Pick a group:

Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Foraging	May 18 , 4-7	May 20, 4-7
Prepping and Cooking	May 22 10 am-12 noon	May 22 12:30-2:30

SUGAR MAPLE TAPPING

Fee: \$20

Minimum Age: 6th Grade

Participants will learn to identify the sap-producing trees in our area, identify elderberry trees and make your own spiles from the shoots, and become involved with the complete tapping project, from selecting trees to tapping and boiling down the sap.

Activity/Time	Date	Group 2
Tapping 10 am 2 pm	March 2	March 4
Collecting and Boiling 10 am -2 pm	March 13	March 20

HAY CREEK CAMPEIRE

Fee: \$10

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Come enjoy a fire at the Hay Creek Cabin and cook dinner over a fire.

Date:	Time
March 23	4:30-7:00 pm

FISHING ROD CONSTRUCTION TOURNAMENT

Fee: \$20

Minimum Age: 6th grade

See Fishing Rod Construction on page 1

The ELC has been conducting the fishing rod construction program with students for over 12 years. During this time we estimate that we have assisted students build over 350 fishing rods! To celebrate this, we have decided to host a Fishing Rod Construction Tournament. This tournament is just for fun, but we do have some trophies that will be awarded. Our goal is to pair 1-2 students with a local fishing enthusiast and get the students out on the water fishing for the evening. *The only requirements to register for this fun tournament- is you must have built a fishing rod with the ELC (either in an ELC program or a school program) and you must use that rod while fishing in the tournament.* Space is limited- so who wants to use their custom fishing rod and go fishing? Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
May 25 4:00-7:00	May 26 4:00-7:00	May 27 4:00-7:00

Young Explorers

Programs for 4th and 5th graders

Register online for spring programs
on the ELC Website

www.redwingelc.com

Click on Current Students tab.

Place your program requests in order of preference.

Registration deadline: February 15, 2021

After February 15th you will be placed on the waiting list.

YE: IT'S OWL OK

Fee: \$10.00

Throughout the world there are more than two hundred different species of owls. In this young explorer program our students will learn about Owls; their communication, adaptations, habitat and what they like to eat. So come enjoy a hooting good time.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
April 16	April 17	April 17	April 20
4:00 -6:00	10:00 am -12:00 pm	12:30- 2:30 pm	4:00-6:00

YOUNG EXPLORER FISHING

Fee: \$10.00

After school fishing for whatever is biting .
Could be trout, sunnies, suckers or the “ Lock
Ness of Pepin”

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
May 24	May 25	May 27
4:30-6:30 pm	4:30-6:30 pm	4:30-6:30 pm



YOUNG EXPLORER: ANTLER HUNT

Fee: \$10

Come join the fun of hunting for deer antlers. We will spend the day traversing hillsides, searching bedding areas and enjoying a spring day

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	
March 9	March 11	March 16	March 18
3:00-6:00	3:00-6:00	3:00-6:00	3:00-6:00

YOUNG EXPLORER: BONFIRE AND MAPLE TAP

Fee: \$10

Springtime is a great time to gather around the fire, see the seasonal changes, reconnect with your ELC pals and cook on a fire. We will also be Maple tapping.

Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2
March 8	March 17
4:30-7:00 pm	4:30-7:00 pm

YOUNG EXPLORER: EARTH DAY NATURE HIKE

Fee: \$10

Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! That's why each year on April 22, more than a billion people celebrate Earth Day to protect the planet from things like pollution and deforestation. By taking part in activities like picking up litter, planting trees or going for a hike and enjoying the world, we're making our world a happier, healthier place to live. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. So to celebrate Earth day 2021 we will hike out long point, cook a supper over the fire and enjoy all the beauty that surrounds us. We hope you will join us!

Pick a date:

Group !
April 22
4:00 -7:00 pm

Please let us know if you need assistance due to Covid 19. We do have funds available to help.
Email rwelcoffice@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE

Fee: \$10

Minimum Age: 9TH-12TH Grade

This program is geared for the High School ELCer, who is looking to connect with your old ELC pals, stand around a bonfire near the Hay Creek Cabin, and cook something on the fire. Come take a healthy break from the busyness of today's daily grind.

Date:	Time
March 11	4:30-7:00 pm

FLOODWATER PADDLE

Fee: \$20.00

8th -12th grade

Prerequisite: Canoe I

High School students will enjoy exploring the flooded Mississippi river bottoms, paddling through trees, and experiencing a local gem in a unique, flooded environment.

Pick a date

Group 1	Group 2
April 17	April 28
9:00- 3:00	4:30-8:30

HIGH SCHOOL MISSISSIPPI RIVER PADDLING TRIP

Fee: \$100.00

8th -12th grade

Prerequisite: Canoeing I

It's been a different kind of year, come take advantage of a four day trip on the Mississippi River. We will be paddling from Wabasha, MN and go where the river takes us. Enjoy camping on the sand bars, paddling the backwaters, fishing, outdoor cookery, and the scenic views of spring on the river.

Activity/ Time	Date
Orientation: 7:00- 8:30 pm	May 25
Trip: Leave 9:00 am Return 4:00 pm	May 28- May 31



BASIC ARCHERY

Fee: \$50.00

8th -12th 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: 4:30-6:30	April 6
Shooting Stances 4:30-6:30	April 7
Shooting Stances 4:30-6:30	April 9
Basic Archery – 3D Range in Hastings 9:00 am-2:00 pm	April 10

FLOODWATER CANOE CAMPING

Fee: \$35.00

8th -12th grade

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: 4:30-5:30 pm	April 20
Trip: Leave 4:30 pm Return 3:00 pm	April 23- April 24

HIGHSCHOOL SAIL

Fee: \$20

9th -12th grade

Whether you've been sailing before, or this will be your first time, spend the evening with friends learning or teaching the joy of sailing. Sunsets from the sailboat are a unique and special thing!! Don't miss out!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
May 17	May 20	May 26
4:30-8:00	4:30-8:00	4:30-8:00



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