



Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

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Winter 2022-2023

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, 2022
after 11/15/2022, you will be placed on the waiting list.



Save the Date!

Winterfest and Ice Carousel at
Camp Pepin
January 14th.
Watch for details



Spread the Word!

Give to the Max Day is November 17th

Click here to donate via PayPal or go to
www.redwingelc.com under the donate tab.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Take an overnight 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 under the students tab or Click here.

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Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

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

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

Group 1	Group 2
December 10	February 11
9:00-3:00	9:00-3:00



CORE PROGRAMS

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING I

Age minimum: 6th Grade

Fee: \$50.00

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 3 4:00-6:00 pm	January 31 4:00-6:00 pm
Session 2:	January 4 4:00-6:00 pm	February 2 4:00-6:00 pm
Session 3:	January 5 4:00-6:00 pm	February 3 4:30-8:00 pm
Session 4:	January 6 4:30-8:00 pm Moonlight Ski	February 4 10:00 -3:00 pm
Session 5:	January 7 10:00 am-3:00 pm	

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING II

Age minimum: 7th Grade

Prerequisites: Cross Country Skiing I (no prerequisite for 8th graders and above)

Fee: \$125.00

Time to enjoy the north shore winter playground! We will ski the rivers and trails near the ELC rustic cabin where we will stay in Two Harbors. You will learn about some of the local flora and fauna in this area and observe and identify some of the common winter birds that occupy this area.

Activity	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:00-6:00 pm	January 10
Trip: Leave : 4:00 Return: 6:00	January 12- January 16
Wrap-up Potluck with Participants and Parents 6:00-7:30 pm	January 19

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING LEVEL III

Fee: \$200

Prerequisites: Cross Country Skiing II or 8th grade and above with ski experience

Cross Country Skiing III will be conducted at the ELC rustic Two Harbors cabin. We will ski rivers and trails along the North Shore of Lake Superior. The days of skiing will be spent on the Onion River, Cascade River, Pin Cushion ski area, Northwoods ski and Two Harbors ski trails. Come and join in the winter wonderland of the North Shore.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:00-8:00 pm	February 27
Trip: Leave 2:00 pm- Return 6:00 pm	March 3- March 8
Wrap-up Potluck with Participants and Parents 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	March 10



CORE PROGRAMS

WINTER CAMPING I

Age minimum: 7th Grade

Fee: \$50.00

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 in the Cannon River Bottoms.



Activity/Time	Date
Orientation: 4:00-6:00 pm	January 24
Skills: 9:00 am-3:00 pm	January 28
Trip: Leave : 9:00 am Return: 3:00 pm	February 3- February 4



PIONEERING I

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Fee: \$50.00

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	Date
Cabin Skills: 4:00-6:30 pm	January 18
Overnight: Leave: 4:30 pm Return: 2:00 pm	January 20 January 21

WHITEWATER KAYAKING I

Minimum Age: 7th Grade

Fee: \$30.00

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
Skills: 6:30-8:00 pm	December 6	December 15
Skills: 6:30-8:00 pm	December 8	December 20
Skills: 6:30-8:00 pm	December 13	December 21

ELECTIVES

WILD SKATE

Minimum Age: 6th 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.

Group 1
December 22
9:00 am-3:00 pm

ICE CLIMBING

Minimum Age: 8th Grade

Prerequisite: None

Fee: \$30

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	Group 3
February 6	February 7	February 9
4:30-8:00 pm	4:30-8:00 pm	4:30-8:00 pm

ICE FISHING

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Fee: \$20

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 or note in registration if you would like to go multiple times.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
December 17	December 22	January 7	January 16
9:00 am- 3:00 pm	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	9:00 am- 3:00 pm	9:00 am- 3:00 pm



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

INDOOR BASIC ARCHERY SHOOT

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. **This is a prerequisite for a hunt in the Tiffany Wildlife preserve next fall.** Tuesdays will be a practice day and Wednesdays will be a team shoot. The ELC can provide a bow if needed and student will provide arrows.



Activity	Practice Day	Team Shoot
Archery shoot 4:00-5:30 pm	January 3	January 4
Archery shoot 4:00-5:30 pm	January 10	January 11
Archery shoot 4:00-5:30 pm	January 17	January 18
Archery shoot 4:00-5:30 pm	January 24	January 25

WINTER MULTISPORT ON THE NORTH SHORE

Fee: 150.00 (does not include Lutsen pass or alpine ski equipment)

Minimum Age : 9th grade

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.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation; 4:00-7:00 pm	February 21
Trip: 4:00-6:00 pm	February 23-February 26

YOUNG EXPLORERS 4th -5th Graders

**New students should fill out form under the students tab at www.redwingelc.com
Winter deadline is November 15th. After November 15th 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..

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
February 20	February 20	February 25	February 25
9:00 am-Noon	Noon-3:00 pm	9:00 am-Noon	Noon-3:00 pm



YOUNG EXPLORER: EXPLORE THE CANNON BOTTOMS

Fee: \$15:00

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

YOUNG EXPLORER ICE SKATING/HOCKEY

Fee: \$15.00

Students will head to a local pond or ice rink to skate and play games.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
December 10	December 17	December 26	January 16
10:00 am-2:00 pm	10:00 am-2:00 pm	10:00 am-2:00 pm	10:00 am-2:00 pm

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
January 20	January 25	February 7	February 9
4:30-6:30 pm	4:30-6:30 pm	4:30-6:30 pm	4:30-6:30 pm

Tiny Trees 2nd and 3rd grade

New students should fill out form under the students tab at www.redwingelc.com

TINY TREES: WINTER SURVIVAL Fee: \$15

Learn skills to help survive our cold winters. Students will get to build shelters, build fires, and work as teams utilizing survival skills.

Group 1	Group 2
December 10	December 10
9:00-12:00	12:30-3:30

TINY TREES: SNOWSHOEING AND SLEDDING Fee: \$15

Hike through our winter wonderland using snowshoes. Students will get experience using snowshoes on our trails. Students will also get a chance to go sledding.

Group 1	Group 2
February 11	February 11
9:00-12:00	12:30-3:30

TINY TREES: ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS

Fee: \$15

Winter is a great time to look for animal signs. Students will learn about how animals are adapted to survive winter and go hiking looking for signs of animals. We will also play games to investigate how animals behave and dig in the snow to create dens like our animal friends.

Group 1	Group 2
January 28	January 28
9:00-12:00	12:30-3:30

Adult and Family Programs

New participants start registration under the students tab. Already have an account? Sign up at <https://elc.force.com/s/>

First come/serve for sign ups. Space is limited

FAMILY TOBOGGAN BUILDING

Fee: \$225

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	Group 5
Session 1	December 12 4:00-6:00 pm	December 15 4:00-6:00 pm	December 21 4:00-6:00 pm	December 27 1:00-5:00 pm	December 29 1:00-5:00 pm
Session 2	December 14 4:00-6:00 pm	December 19 4:00-6:00 pm	December 22 1:00-3:00 pm	December 28 1:00-5:00 pm	December 30 1:00-5:00 pm
Session 3	December 15 4:00-6:00 pm	December 21 4:00-6:00 pm	December 23 12-4:00 pm	Session 3 condensed	Session 4 condensed
Session 4	December 19 4:00-6:00 pm	December 22 9:00-11:00am	Session 3 condensed	Session 3 condensed	Session 4 condensed

ADULT ICE CLIMBING

Fee: \$30

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 16	4:30-8:00 pm

ADULT MOONLIGHT SKI/SNOWSHOE

Fee: \$25

Grab your friend and join ELC for an Adult Moonlight Ski. Harbors cabin. . 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! Pick a group.

Group 1	Group 2
February 28	March 1
4:00 pm-8:00 pm	4:00 pm-8:00 pm

ADULT OPEN ARCHERY SHOOT

Fee: \$40 (4 sessions)

Practice your shooting skills in the ELC shed over the winter. ELC will provide the shooting range and you bring your bow and arrows.

Session Dates	January 5, 12, 19 and 26
Time	5:00 pm-6:00 pm

ADULT NORTH SHORE CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Fee: \$150

Ready for an adventure? Time to head to the North Shore where we will ski the local rivers and trails. We will ski into the cabin and stay at ELC's rustic Two

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 6:00 pm-7:00 pm	February 8
Trip: 2:00pm – 6:00 pm	February 10- February 13

FAMILY SKI OR HIKE THE CANNON BOTTOMS

Fee: \$15 PP/\$45 Family Cap

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

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
January 21	February 21	February 23
4:00 pm-8:00 pm	4:00 pm-8:00 pm	4:00pm-8:00 pm



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