



ELC

Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

Spring 2023

Sign up 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, 2023

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



Mark your calendars!

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Saturday, April 22 at Hovda Hall

The ELC is hosting the Wild and Scenic Film Festival on Earth day this spring!

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Tuesday April 4, 5-8 at the St James

Firearm Safety begins April 3rd.

Find out details and sign up with Red Wing Community Ed.

Take a program a second time for **50% off the program fee!**

First timers will have priority.

No discount given for repeat Fishing Rod Construction

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

Bushwhack up and down the coulees and follow the spectacular limestone cliff edge as close as possible.

This challenging day offers outstanding scenic view high above Lake Pepin, eye level observations of turkey vultures and eagles,.

Group 1	Group 2
March 24	May 17
9:00 am-3:00 pm	4:00-8:00 pm

EXPLORE AND CAMPING SKILLS

Required for 6th and 7th graders (must take at least once)

Min Age: Grade 6

Fee: \$40

Learn the secrets of ELC survival. Pack up for a hike into the woods where you will set up a tent and build a fire. After cooking your own delicious dinner, you will tell stories under the stars and crawl into your sleeping bag for a sweet spring evening of slumber.

Activity/ Time	Date
Orientation/Skills 4:00-5:30 pm	May 9
Overnight 4:00 pm - 12:00 pm	May 12- May 13

ELECTIVES

Watch for Whitewater Kayaking II in June!

TALKIN' TURKEY

Fee: \$50

Minimum Age: 6th Grade

We will meet at the Hay Creek Cabin and spend the evening. Early the next morning we will drive to Rattlesnake Bluff to setup blinds and decoys. Bring your camera and calls and we will watch the wild turkeys in action!

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 4:30-8:30 pm	April 12
Trip: Meet 4:00 pm Pick up 12:00 pm	April 14- April 15

BOW FISHING

Minimum Age: 8th grade

Fee: \$20.00

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

Activity/Time	Group 1	Group 2
Bow Fishing 4:00-8:00 pm	May 10	May 17

TURKEY BOW HUNT

Prerequisites:

- **Basic Archery or proven proficiency with a bow**
- **Talkin Turkey program**
- **Firearm safety required**

Fee: \$75 and Hunting license

Learn how to turkey hunt with a bow! Each participant will set up their own blind and call and decoy the gobblers into range. The ELC will provide a bow if needed.

Activity/Time	Date
Hunt Planning: 4:00-7:00 pm	April 13
Hunt: 5:00-8:00 AM	April 19,20,21,22



FLOODWATER PADDLE

Fee: \$20.00

Prerequisite: Canoe I

The spring floods provide a wonderful opportunity to explore and experience the Cannon Bottoms in the flooded state. There are many opportunities to observe various wildlife adapting to floods.

Date/Time
April 29
9:00 am-3:00 pm

SUGAR MAPLE TAPPING

Fee: \$40

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. Participants will try the finished product at a pancake supper.

Activity/Time	Group 1	Group 2
Tapping 4:00 -7:30 pm	March 9	March 13
Collecting and Wood Splitting 4:00 -7:30 pm	March 15	March 16
Boiling	March 18 9:00 am -12:00 pm	12:00-3:00 pm

TROUT FISHING OVERNIGHT

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Fee: \$50

This fishing program will be focused on fishing the brown trout of Wells Creek. We will spend the overnight on the banks of the creek. We will learn the habitat and structures where these browns reside. With a little luck, we will all land a few!

Activity / Times	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:00-7:00 pm	May 2
Trip: Leave 4:00 Return 3:00 pm	May 5- May 6

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.



EVENING SAIL

Fee: \$25

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
May 22	May 23	May 24 th
4:00-7:00 pm	4:00-7:00 pm	4:00-7:00 pm



Activity/ Time	Date
Orientation: 4:00-6:00 pm	May 16
Trip: Leave 1:00 pm Return 1:00 pm	May 19 (school day)- May 20

Young Explorers Programs for 4th and 5th graders

YOUNG EXPLORER: MOREL MUSHROOM HUNT

Fee: \$15

Come hike in the Richard J Dorer Memorial State Forest in search of Morel mushrooms and other signs of spring.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
April 19	April 20	May 15	May 23
4:00-7:00 pm	4:00-7:00 pm	4:00-7:00 pm	4:00-7:00 pm

YOUNG EXPLORER: SHED HUNT

Fee: \$15

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	Group 4
March 9	March 20	March 21	March 23
4:00-7:30 pm	4:00-7:30 pm	4:00-7:30 pm	4:00-7:30 pm

YOUNG EXPLORER: LONG POINT EXPLORATION

Fee: \$15

Lake Pepin is one of the only lakes on the Mississippi River. It provides habitat for a variety of birds, animals, and fish. Come explore the shore and find out what treasures Lake Pepin has to offer. Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
March 8	March 14	March 16	March 22
4:00 -7:00 pm	4:00 -7:00 pm	4:00 -7:00 pm	4:00 -7:00 pm



**Tiny Trees
Programs for 2nd and 3rd graders**

TINY TREES: ORIENTEERING AND SURVIVAL SKILLS

Fee: \$15

Learn how to use a compass to navigate. Hike through the woods after learning how to navigate and learn other survival skills along the way. Students may practice making rope, fire building, and making shelters depending on time. Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
March 11	March 11
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-3:30 pm

TINY TREES: MIGRATION MADNESS

Fee: \$15

Spring is a time of lots of animal migration and activity. Students will learn skills to identify, track and look for animals. Spring is the perfect time to find reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, as well as insects and wildflowers. As we explore, we will play games to learn more about animal behavior. Students will compete in teams to see how many different organisms they can find. Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
May 20	May 20
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-3:30 pm

TINY TREES: EARTH DAY EXPLORERS

Fee: \$15

Celebrate Earth Day by hiking through all different ecosystems looking for our Minnesota flora and fauna. Learn about the different ecosystems found in Minnesota and the organisms that call them home. Kids will play games and create art as we celebrate our planet.

Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
April 22	April 22
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-3:30 pm



**Adult and Family Programs
First come/serve sign ups**

FAMILY FLOODWATER PADDLE

Fee: \$15 per person/\$40 Family Cap

There is special ambiance of paddling among the trees. Come explore the riverside woods by boat with a stop to cook dinner over a fire. ELC will provide equipment and staff.

Times	Date
Paddle 10:00 am-2:00 pm	May 6

FISHING ROD CONSTRUCTION STUDENT AND ADULT

MINIMUM AGE 6TH GRADE

Student Fee: \$80

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.



Times	Date
4:00-6:00 pm Build	March 6-10
4:00-6:00 pm Epoxy	March 13, 15

ADULT INSTRUCTIONAL EVENING SAIL

Fee: \$75/per person

Enjoy an evening sail on Lake Pepin while learning the fundamentals of sailing. Meet at Hansen's Harbor.

Group 1	Group 2
May 16	May 18
5:00-8:30 pm	5:00-8:30 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