



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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Fall 2023

ELC Fall Signup

Deadline: August 15th

New Students sign up under the students tab at www.redwingelc.com

Current students use the link below to sign up.

<https://elc.force.com/s/>

Registrations after August 15th may be put on a wait list.



Spread the Word!

Give to the Max Day is November 19th

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Thank you in advance for your support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 15: Sign up Deadline
- August 17: CommuOctober 2: ELC Fall Celebration
- October 21: Friends of the Bluff's ity Pizza Night
- Bluff Color Fest

Financial Assistance is Available for All Programs

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

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

EXPLORE AND CAMPING SKILLS
Required for 6th and 7th graders (must take once)

Min Age: Grade 6
Fee: \$45

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 fall evening of slumber.

Choose one Group:

Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 4:00-5:30 pm	September 12	September 19
Overnight 4:00 pm - 1:00 pm	September 15- September 16	September 22- September 23



CORE PROGRAMS

PIONEERING I – HAY CREEK CABIN

Minimum Age: 6th grade
Fee: 55.00

This program is an opportunity for ELC students to step back in time and experience what life might have been like with no running water or electricity. You will stay in a log cabin built by ELC 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. Pick a group:

Invite your family to lunch at noon.

Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation: 4:00-5:30 pm	November 7	November 14
Overnight Leave: 4 :30pm Return: 2:00 pm	November 10- November 11	November 17- November 18



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: \$55.00

This is a two day backpacking trip through the Hay Creak 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	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 4:00-7:00 pm	September 19	October 11
Trip : Leave:4:00 pm Return: 2:00 pm	September 22- September 23	October 13- October 14

CORE PROGRAMS

PIONEERING II-NORTH SHORE CABIN

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Fee: \$125.00

In this program you will travel to Two Harbors, Minnesota where you will stay in a rustic log cabin built by ELC students who came before you. While at the Two Harbors cabin you will enjoy the Northwoods hiking the various trails, splitting wood, cooking, improving the cabin and just slowing down and enjoying the basic things in life. This program is an amazing opportunity to enjoy a beautiful part of the state, in a really cool log cabin with other amazing young people.

Activity / Times	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:00-5:30 pm	November 14
Trip: Leave 4:30 pm Return 6:00 pm	November 16- November 19

BACKPACKING LEVEL II

Backpacking I is a prerequisite for 7th graders

No prerequisite for 8th grade and above

Fee: \$125.00

Grab your gear for a fall backpacking trip to the Rainbow Wilderness Area. Over three days, we will hike among the changing trees of Wisconsin. Along the way we will practice outdoor cookery, securing safe water, proper clothing selection, wildlife observation, navigation with map and compass, and low impact camping.

Activity / Times	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:00-5:30	October 17
Trip: Leave 8:00 am Return 6:00 pm	October 19- October 22
Potluck, stories and slideshow wrap up with family and or friends. 6:00-7:30 pm	October 24

BACKPACKING LEVEL III

Minimum Age: 8th grade

Prerequisite: Backpacking II

Fee: \$275

Backpacking III will include an orientation and skills day, and a 6 day trip in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, MI. This trip will offer many scenic vistas, steep and rugged hiking along the shores of Lake Superior. While on the course we will practice low impact camping techniques, develop an understanding of the local flora and fauna, and increase wilderness travel and camping skills.

Activity / Times	Date
Orientation/Skills: 4:30-6:30	October 13
Trip: Leave 7:00 am– Return 6:00 pm	October 19-25
Potluck, stories and slideshow wrap up with family and or friends. 6:00-7:30 pm	November 2



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YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

12-15 years old with firearm safety certificates can participate.

Parent is welcome to join.

Fee: \$35.00

We will do firearm safety and trap shooting during the orientation. We will spend the evening of the September 8th camping at the Red Wing Wildlife League Cabin. Saturday we will hunt with adult volunteers.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation/ Skills 4:30-7:00 pm	September 5
Overnight: 6:00 pm- 12:00 pm	September 8- September 9



BASIC ARCHERY

Fee: \$55.00

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.** The ELC will provide bow and arrows

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation: 4:00-5:30 PM	September 20
Shooting Stances 4:00-5:30 pm	September 21
Shooting Stances 4:00-5:30 pm	September 27
Shooting Stances 4:00-5:30 pm	September 28

BOW HUNT

Prerequisite: Basic Archery and Firearm safety

Fee: \$150

This program will be run in the Tiffany Wildlife Area. We will base out of a wall tent. Students will learn stand placement, shot placement, scent control, tracking and processing. The ELC will provide a bow if needed.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation/ Skills 4:00- 6:00 pm	October 31
Practice 4:00-5:30 pm	November 1
Hunting Trip: 8:00 am -5:00 pm	November 3 – November 6

KNIFE CONSTRUCTION

Fee: \$60 Minimum

Minimum Age: 7th Grade

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.

Activity/Time	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation: 4:00- 6:00pm	October 16	October 16
Skills: 4:00-6:00 pm	November 20	November 27
Skills : 4:00-6:00 pm	November 21	November 28

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YOUNG EXPLORERS PROGRAMS: GRADES 4TH AND 5TH

YOUNG EXPLORER: STONE HOUSE HIKE

Fee: \$15

Explore the Hay Creek area and hike the trail that leads up to an old stone house that was built in the 1800's. Along the way, we'll learn about the plants and animals we may see. We'll work on some basic fire building skills and enjoy snacks around the campfire before hiking back to the trailhead.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
October 10	October 16	November 2	November 6
4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm

YOUNG EXPLORER: BIKES AND BIRDS

Fee: \$15

Enjoy an afternoon of biking and birdwatching! We'll learn how to use binoculars, identify some backyard birds, and gain a better understanding of our local birds' journey south on their Fall migration.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
September 18	September 27	October 5	October 12
4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30pm	4:00-6:30pm

YE: BB GUN SAFETY AND SHOOTING COMPETITION AT HAY CREEK CABIN

Fee: \$ 15.00

Enjoy an evening of BB gun shooting and safety Instruction. Students will the learn the importance of gun safety, shooting stance and practice on targets.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
September 12	September 26	October 3	October 17
4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm	4:00-6:30 pm



TINY TREES PROGRAMS : GRADES 2ND AND 3RD

TINY TREES: ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Fee: \$15

Learn about the animals that call Minnesota home. Students will take part in a scavenger hunt looking for different animals and making observations. We will examine animal adaptations, talk about tracking and use what we learn during our games and activities. Students will also compare different animal homes and build shelters inspired by our animal friends.

Group 1	Group 2
September 23	September 23
10-12	12:30-2:30

TINY TREES: SURVIVAL SKILLS

Fee: \$15

Learn some basic survival skills from shelter building to how to make a fire. We will examine different shelter styles and students will work together to build their shelters using what they learn. Students will also build fires using different methods.

Group 1	Group 2
November 4	November 4
10-12	12:30-2:30

Financial assistance is available. Click here to fill out online application.



TINY TREES: FOREST FRENZY

Fee: \$15

Explore the forest ecosystem! We will hike and play games to learn about the plants and animals that call our forest home. Get ready to compete to see who knows our forest and look for new discoveries. Learn about where plants, animals, and fungi can be found as we hike in the quest to complete the scavenger hunt.

Group 1	Group 2
October 14	October 14
10-12	12:30-2:30

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A Big Thanks to Brad Nagel and crew for moving and rebuilding the sauna to the Two Harbors cabin.

