



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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Fall 2021



Laura is celebrating 10 years at the ELC!!!

In August of 2011- Laura Schmidt became the Red Wing ELC Office Manager- since this date she has been an invaluable part of the ELC as it has grown and evolved. The role of office manager is much larger than you might think- and Laura does a great job juggling all those roles. Laura works hard to make certain our young participants and parents have all the info they need and tries to help them understand what an impact this program can and does have on their student. Beyond ELC, Laura has a passion for being outdoors- and she can be found biking, hiking, and boating. Laura's two sons were involved in the program and husband Paul is often found volunteering here at the ELC as well.

Please help us congratulate and thank Laura for 10 years of helping move the ELC and its students forward in an incredibly positive way! Please consider dropping her a note or sending her an email expressing your thanks the impact she has had on you or your children. Laura's email is

laura@redwingelc.com and cards can be sent to Laura's attention here at the ELC. Let's make certain Laura understands how much she means to the families of the ELC and how thankful we all are for all her hard work and dedication. THANK YOU, Laura, for your outstanding work and 10 years of keeping the ELC organized and operating smoothly!

ELC Fall Signup

DEADLINE: August 15th

Sign up online

Click "Current Students" to find the online registration form at

www.redwingelc.com

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 15: Sign up Deadline
- October 4: ELC Fall Celebration
- October 16: Friends of the Bluff's Bluff Color Fest Trail Run
www.bluffcolorfest.com
- November 17: Give to the Max Day

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: \$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 fall evening of slumber.

Choose one Group:

Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 4:00-5:30 pm	September 14	September 21
Overnight 4:00-1:00 pm	September 17- September 18	September 24- September 25



CORE PROGRAMS

PIONEERING I – HAY CREEK CABIN
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. Invite your family to lunch at noon.

Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation: 4:00-7:00 pm	November 2	November 16
Overnight Leave: 4 :30pm Return: 2:00 pm	November 5- November 6	November 19- November 20



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: \$50.00

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 Pick a group:



Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 4:00-7:00 pm	September 14	September 21
Trip : Leave:4:30 pm Return: 1:00 pm	September 17- September 18	September 24 September 25

CORE PROGRAMS

PIONEERING II-NORTH SHORE CABIN

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Fee: \$100.00

This is an extension of the Pioneering program. Students will take a trip to the cabin in Two Harbors. Learning pioneering skills while making improvements to the cabin, including prepping for the sauna construction. Pick a group:

Activity / Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills: 4:30-5:30 pm	October 5	October 12
Trip: Leave 4:30 pm Return 6:00 pm	October 7 October 10	October 14- October 17



BACKPACKING LEVEL II

Backpacking I is a prerequisite for 7th graders

No prerequisite for 8th grade and above

Fee: \$100.00

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.

BACKPACKING LEVEL III

Minimum Age: 8th grade

Prerequisite: Backpacking II

Fee: \$200

Backpacking III will include an orientation and skills day, and a 7 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: 6:00-7:30	October 5
Trip: Leave 1:00 pm Return 6:00 pm	October 8- October 10
Potluck, stories and slideshow wrap up with family and or friends. 6:00-7:30 pm	October 12

Activity / Times	Group 1
Orientation/Skills: 4:30-6:00 pm	October 14
Trip: Leave 1:00 pm Return: 6:00 pm Approx	October 20- October 26
Potluck, stories and slideshow wrap up with family and or friends. 6:00-7:30 pm	October 29



Sign up for your favorite programs a second time!
First timers will be given preference

Financial assistance is available. [Click here to fill out online application.](#)

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

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

Parent is welcome to join.

Fee: \$30.00

We will do firearm safety and trap shooting during the orientation. We will spend the evening of the September 7th 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 7
Overnight: 6:00 pm- 12:00 pm	September 10 September 11



YOUNG WOMEN IN THE WOODS: INTRO TO BOW HUNTING

Min. Age 7th Grade

Fee: \$30

We would like to invite young women into the woods to receive inspiration and support as they work together to enhance their bowhunting skills. We will be traveling to the Hay Creek cabin for an overnight trip. Here, we will go over the basics of camping, firewood collection, fire building and camping skills. In addition, it will give the young women a chance to enhance their archery skills, treestand safety, deer scouting and use of hunting equipment in order to be successful and confident to hunt on their own.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 4:00-5:30	September 28
Trip: 4:00 pm - 1:00 pm	October 8- October 9

FEAST BY FIRELIGHT, BECOMING AN OUTDOOR GOURMET

Min. Age 6th Grade

Fee: \$25

Whether you are a experienced Outdoor cook- or still figuring out what you can actually make while on ELC trips- this program is certain to given you skills and expand the ideas of potential food for future trips. We will spend time talking about menu planning, and explore a variety of new ways to cook while on the trail. So if you like to cook, but cant come up with new ideas and you like to try new foods then this program is exactly what you want.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 4-5:30	September 13
Skills 4- 7:30	September 15
Skills: 4-7:30	September 16

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bonfires and Movie Night:

Join us for an evening of bonfires and an inspirational movie at the ELC. Bring something to cook over the fire, something to drink, an empty bowl for popcorn and a blanket or lawn chair to relax in. The ELC will provide popcorn during the movie while you enjoy an evening under the stars.

Open to all Families

Free will donation at event

October 15th Bonfires at 6pm movie will start at 7pm

The movie we will show is:

A Walk in the Woods

Based on a true story, A Walk in the Woods tells of Bill Bryson and his experience on the Appalachian Trail. A Walk in the Woods, written by Bill who is a hilarious writer and both he and his companion make for an entertaining journey (hint: neither of them are good at hiking). This is a lighthearted movie that laughs at the challenges all of us face when getting outside for the first time.

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YOUNG EXPLORERS PROGRAMS: GRADES 4TH AND 5TH

YE: GEOCACHING

Fee: \$10

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting activity played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices or smart phones. The idea is to locate the hidden containers, called Caches. We will discuss basic orienteering skills, what to do if you ever become lost and then we will head out using our new skills. We will provide GPS units and compasses for use during this program. What new area will we explore, and what treasures will we find?

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28
4:00-6:00 pm	4:00-6:00 pm	4:00-6:00 pm	4:00-6:00 pm

YE: OUTDOOR COOKERY AND FIRE BUILDING

Fee: \$10

Come Join us at the Hay Creek cabin. We will cook a meal for the group over a fire.

Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
September 8	September 22	November 9	November 11
3:00-6:00 pm	3:00-6:00 pm	3:00-6:00 pm	3:00-6:00 pm

YE: GOPHER TRAPPING

Fee: \$10

We will be studying the Pocket Gopher and its habitat. In the farming culture, the gopher's mounds lead to broken equipment on farms and thus we will trap the gophers. Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
September 9	September 15	September 16	September 23
4:00-6:30	4:00-6:30	4:00-6:30	4:00-6:30



TINY TREES PROGRAMS : GRADES 2ND AND 3RD



FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Fee: \$15

Come learn about and experience a season that the Midwest is fortunate to have: Autumn. We will go on a scavenger hunt, collecting many signs of fall that you can see daily and some that you may not have known about!

Pick a group:

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

LEAVES OF FUN

Fee: \$15

Become a tree expert as you learn about each tree's unique traits and make leaf rubbings for your future reference!

Pick a group:

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

BEACH COMBING

Fee: \$15

You'll be amazed at what has drifted downstream and settled on the beach at Hok-Si-La Park. Some call it "finders keepers", while others call it "river booty".

Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
September 3	September 3
10-12	12:30-2:30

Thank you for your donations!

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

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Thank you Jr. Instructors!

Each fall the ELC says goodbye to a group of Instructor Naturalists and hello to the new group. Without these young people's enthusiasm and dedication, we would be hard pressed to accomplish the programs that we do.

The **2019-2020** graduate group just returned from their rafting expedition on the lower Salmon River. This group includes: Ann Lundstrom, Reyana Leise, Ben Yoemans, Wyatt Nelson, Luis E. Catarino Santiago, Hayden Zylka, Daniella Thuerauf, Jackson Leise, and William Ahrens.

The **2020-2021** group is finishing up this summer with programming and then will dig into planning and preparing for their expedition. This group includes: Jacob Flemke, Mallary Bade, Sylvia Marty, Soren Toegel, Justin Carlisle, Devyn Handwerk and Alex Nelson.

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