



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Volume 2017 Number 2

Summer 2017

Sign up online at
www.redwingelc.com
under the students tab.

Sign up deadline is April 17th

After April 17th, you will be put on a wait list. Annual medical forms must be filled out with summer registration.

Tiny trees are first/come first/serve

Community Pizza Nights

Join us for brick oven pizza dinner!
6:00-7:30 pm

Red Wing community is welcome
Bring a lawn chair, beverage and
reusable place setting.

Free will donation

May 18, June 15, July 20
August 17, September 21

NEW!

Tiny Trees Program

2nd-3rd graders

**This program is first
come/first serve.**

Limited spots
available. Sign up
today!



RED WING ELC

RAISE THE ROOF COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 21, 2017

Red Wing Armory

Social hour: 5-6:30pm

Dinner: 7pm

Live and silent auction following dinner

Alumni Welcome!

Bring your ELC Stories to Share!

Raise the Roof Community Celebration

Tickets available at www.redwingelc.com

Join us for food, raffle, prizes and auction.

*Proceeds will go towards a storage shed to protect
the boats and gear.*

Are you an 8th -12th grader and
would like to try ELC for the first
time ? **Its not too late!**

Call Laura Schmidt for 8th-12th grade for program
placement.

Financial Assistance is Available.

The online application is available at www.redwingelc.com

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

Entry Level Programs are one day activities that let students try an activity and be introduced to the natural areas in the Red Wing region.

EXPLORE THE BELLE CREEK

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$20

Belle Creek is a clear, beautiful stream, perfect for a refreshing swim in the heat of the summer. Search for critters, learn the local flora, and experience a Minnesota stream ecosystem.

Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
June 20	August 7
10 am- 3 pm	10 am- 3 pm



EXPLORE ROCK CLIMBING

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$20.00

Climb real rock outside right here in Red Wing! Spend half a day in the shadow of Barn Bluff, climbing the limestone. Learn the basic process of tying knots, communication, rock climbing safety, and the history of Barn Bluff.

Dates: (choose one)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 9	June 9	June 21	August 15
9am-12 pm	12 pm-3 pm	9am-12 pm	9am-12 pm



EXPLORE BIKE TOURING

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$20.00

Take on the world on two wheels, under your own human power. Go for a bike ride with the ELC for the day while learning basic bike safety and enjoying the beautiful local bike routes.

Dates: (choose one)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
June 7	June 15	August 11
9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm



EXPLORE CANOEING

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$20.00

Hop in a true Minnesotan boat, the canoe, and explore the backwaters of the Mississippi River. Practice paddling, steering, and communicating with your canoe buddy and explore the diverse river ecosystem.

Dates: (Choose one)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
June 1	June 6	June 13
9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm



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CORE PROGRAMS- LEVEL I

BIKE TOURING I

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Prerequisite for 7th grader: Explore Bike Touring

8th grade and above: no prerequisite

Fee: \$60.00

Learn and practice bike touring safety, equipment and techniques.

You will need your own bike and bike rack for your bike. Other equipment will be discussed at orientation. Trip will be on the WI back roads with an overnight along Lake Pepin.



Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 12	August 28
Trip: Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00 pm	June 13- June 14	August 30- August 31

SEA KAYAKING I

Minimum Age: 7th Grade

Fee: \$60.00

Time to pack the hatches, tuck in the skirts, and grab a paddle for a trip down the backwaters and tributaries of the Mississippi River. Learn the basics of sea kayaking and spend a night on a beach along the river.



Activity / Times	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 28	July 17	July 31
Trip Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00pm	June 29 June 30	July 18- July 19	August 1- August 2

CANOEING I

Prerequisite : Explore Canoeing

8th grade and above: no prerequisite

Fee: \$60.00

It's time to pack the canoe for an overnight excursion along the Red Cedar and Chippewa River in Wisconsin. Prior to the overnight, you will spend time improving your steering skills, learning how to waterproof your gear for the boat, and searching for wildlife on the Vermillion and Mississippi rivers.



Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	August 7	August 21
Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	August 8	August 22
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	August 14- August 15	August 23- August 24

ROCK CLIMBING I

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Prerequisite : Explore Rock Climbing

8th grader and above: no prerequisite

Fee: \$60.00

Equip yourself with the basic knowledge and skills of belaying and rock climbing. You will not only have ample opportunity to climb on Red Wing's historic limestone at Barn Bluff, you will learn how to belay, tie knots, and conduct yourself as a knowledgeable and safe rock climber.



Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation :9:00am – 3:00pm	June 5	June 13
Skills: 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 6	June 14
Skills:9:00am – 3:00pm	June 7	June 15
Rain date, If needed 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 8	June 16



CORE PROGRAMS- LEVEL II

651-388-7339

BIKE II- MOUNTAIN BIKING

Minimum Age: 8th Grade

Fee: \$100.00

No Prerequisite

Bike II will be a 4 day mountain bike on the CAMBA trails of northern Wisconsin. We will camp at Lake Owens and bike different trails each day. Pump up those tires and let's spin!



Activity / Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	July 31
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 4:00pm	August 1 August 4
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants 6:00- 7:30 pm	August 10

ROCK CLIMBING II

Prerequisite: Rock Climbing I

Fee: \$100.00

Begin to learn how to safely set up on top rope. Practice crack and face climbing techniques. This program will spend three days of climbing and camping at Devil's Lake, WI where we will also learn about the geology of the area.



Activity / Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 29
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 6:00pm	July 17- July 19
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6:00-7:30 pm	July 20

CANOEING II

Prerequisite: Canoeing I

Fee: \$100.00

Canoe down the Vermillion and Cannon Rivers in preparation for a three day trip paddling on the St Croix River. Skills will include fishing, practice back country camping and cookery and learning about the natural history of the area.

Activity / Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	July 24
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 4:00pm	July 25 July 27
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6-7:30	August 2



Financial Assistance is Available.

The online application is available at www.redwingelc.com

CORE PROGRAMS- LEVEL II- Continued

SEA KAYAKING II

Prerequisite: Sea Kayaking I

Fee: \$100.00

Time to explore beyond Red Wing's Mississippi. Come take an extended trip exploring the backwaters of the Mississippi River starting in Wabasha and heading downriver through locks and dams.



Activity / Times	Date
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 20
Trip Leave at 9:00am – Return 4:00pm	June 21- June 23
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents And participants 6:00-7:30pm	June 27

CORE PROGRAMS LEVEL III



CANOEING III

Prerequisite: Canoeing II

Fee: \$250

Canoe III will be a 10 day adventure into the heart of the BWCA. The main part of our trip will be along the MN and Canadian border, a historical trade route of the Voyageurs. Tie on your favorite lure, grab your paddle and let's canoe!

ROCK CLIMBING III

Prerequisite: Rock Climbing II

Fee: \$250.00

This advanced program, combining climbing and backpacking, takes place on the North Shore of Lake Superior. You will climb at Section 13, Sawmill Creek Dome, Carlton Peak and Shovel Point. Hike on the rugged and scenic Superior Hiking Trail, approximately 15 miles between four of the five climbing areas.

Activity	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	June 2
Trip: Leave 6:00 am .- Return 7:00 pm	June 5- June 14
Wrap up- Pizza night Open to the Community 6:-7:30 pm	June 22

Activity / Times	Dates
Orientation: 9:00 am-3:00 pm	June 19
Service: 5:30-8:00 pm	June 21
Trip: Leave 7:00 am Return: 5:00 pm	June 23 June 27
Wrap-up / Potluck Supper. Open to the Community: 6:00–7:30pm	June 29



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YOUNG EXPLORER PROGRAMS

Entering 4th-5th Grade

Sign up online at www.redwingelc.com under the students tab.

Sign up deadline is April 17th

After April 17th, you will be put on a wait list.

YOUNG EXPLORERS: LOG ROLLING

Fee: \$15.00

The sport of log rolling dates back to the 1800's. Spend an hour learning the techniques of balance, core strength, and agility to stay on a log. Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
August 7	August 7	August 8	August 8
9:00 am-10:15 am	10:30-11:45	9:00 am-10:15 am	10:30-11:45

BIKE/SWIM/HIKE

Fee: \$15

Spend the day biking and playing in Hay Creek. We will bike on the bike trail, cook over a fire at the rustic ELC cabin and play in the water. Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
August 11	August 11	August 14	August 14
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-3:30 pm	9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-3:30 pm

YOUNG EXPLORERS: TUBING

Fee: \$15

Beat the heat with a day of tubing on a local river. Relax, play, and swim as you wind down the river through the beautiful countryside of Wisconsin.

Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 19	July 6	August 8	August 28
10:00 am-1:00 pm	10:00 am-1:00 pm	10:00 am-1:00 pm	10:00 am-1:00 pm





Red Wing ELC's Tiny Trees

The ELC is excited to offer for the first time our “Tiny Trees” Program for students entering grades 2-3. Programs this summer will include:

Nature Art

Come create a natural work of art using materials gathered around Hok-si-la Park. You will have various examples to create your artwork after, or use your own creativity to make an original masterpiece!

June 27th 10:00 -12:00 and 12:30-2:30

Bug Hunt

Do you love collecting bugs? Do you like to make them pets? Then this class is for you! We will collect bugs and then use magnifying glasses and an insect guide to further learn about and enjoy these crawling critters! Our world would be quite different without them!

July 10 10:00-12:00 and 12:30-2:30

Beach Combing

Search for treasures along the shoreline of Lake Pepin. You'll be amazed at what has drifted downstream and settled on the beach at Hok-Si-La Park. Some call it “finders keepers” others call it “river booty.”

July 31 10:00-12:00 and 12:30-2:30

Sign up online at www.redwingelc.com under the students tab.

Registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

Required annual online forms should be filled out with summer sign ups.

All online forms are available under the students tab.

Bluffs and Brews

Bluffs & Brews is a collaborative program between the Red Wing Environmental Learning Center and the Goodhue County Historical Society that began in 2015. First, the group explores a local history topic through an engaging presentation and Q & A session. Immediately after, the group explores the outdoors, specifically a local area that represents the historical topic discussed. Following the outdoor adventure, the group convenes at a local restaurant to reflect on the experience, and for an opportunity to win door prizes.

Bluffs & Brews – Hike Frontenac state Park

June 14, 2 – 6 PM

June 17, 2 – 6 PM

For June, we will be hiking through Frontenac State Park. Learn how this park was created as well as why it is a bird-watcher's paradise! A social hour will follow at a local restaurant.

Transportation will be provided from a designated parking location to Frontenac State Park and back. Ticket holders will need to provide own transportation to designated parking location and to social hour.

\$10 for members | \$20 for non-members

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Goodhue County History Center (651-388-6024) or via our online store. **Space is limited so get your spot today!**

Bluffs & Brews: Kayaking Lake Pepin

July 12, 2 – 6 PM

For July, we will be kayaking on Lake Pepin. Discover how explorers and Native Americans utilized Lake Pepin and the surrounding area. A social hour will follow at a local restaurant.

Transportation will be provided from the Red Wing Environmental Learning Center to the launch site and back. Ticket holders will need to provide own transportation to the Red Wing ELC and to social hour.

\$15 for members | \$25 for non-members

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Goodhue County History Center (651-388-6024) or via our online store. **Space is limited so get your spot today!** Cost includes transportation and equipment rental.

Bluffs & Brews

August 9, 2-6 PM

For August, we will be kayaking on Lake Pepin. Prior to embarking on the river adventure, the group will hear about the history of human interaction with the river—including industrial pollution, fishing, and recent attempts to clean the river. A social hour will follow at a local restaurant.

Transportation will be provided from the Red Wing Environmental Learning Center to the launch site and back. Ticket holders will need to provide own transportation to the Red Wing ELC and to social hour.

\$15 for members | \$25 for non-members

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Goodhue County History Center (651-388-6024) or via our online store. **Space is limited so get your spot today!** Cost includes transportation and equipment rental.

Tickets for this event will go on sale on April 20

Bluffs & Brews: Canoeing the Vermillion River

August 26, 2 – 6PM

For August, we will be kayaking on Lake Pepin. Prior to embarking on the river adventure, the group will hear about the history of human interaction with the river—including industrial pollution, fishing, and recent attempts to clean the river. A social hour will follow at a local restaurant.

Transportation will be provided from the Red Wing Environmental Learning Center to the launch site and back. Ticket holders will need to provide own transportation to the Red Wing ELC and to social hour.

\$15 for members | \$25 for non-members

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Goodhue County History Center (651-388-6024) or via our online store. **Space is limited so get your spot today!** Cost includes transportation and equipment rental.

Tickets for this event will go on sale on April 26!



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Thank you for your support!



“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” Robert Frost