



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Summer 2019

Chad Nelson is Celebrating 20 years with the ELC!

In May of 1999- Chad walked into the ELC looking for a way to become involved with the ELC. At that time he simply was looking to volunteer for an organization that he had heard great things about. Little did he know that we had just printed a job description (that day), and were accepting applications. Chad was hired on June, 7 1999 and has been an invaluable part of the ELC as it has grown and evolved. Chad has a passion for being outdoors and working with kids. He brings so much to the ELC and the students that are involved, and he is greatly respected. Please help me congratulate and thank Chad for 20 years of amazing adventures and experiences in the outdoors, by dropping him a note or sending him an email expressing the impact he has had on you or your children. Chad's email is rwelcchad@gmail.com and cards can be sent to Chad's attention here at the ELC. **Lets make sure Chad understands how much he means to the families of the ELC and how thankful we all are. THANK YOU Chad for your outstanding work and 20 years of adventures with the ELC!**

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

Sign up deadline is April
15th

After April 15th , you will be put on a wait list. Annual medical forms must be filled out with summer registration.

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2019

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 BELLE CREEK

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$20

Required for 6th and 7th graders (taken once in the 2years)

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	Group 3
July 15	August 14	August 15
10 am -3 pm	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 25	June 25	July 2	July 2
9 am-12 pm	12 pm-3 pm	9 am-12 pm	12 pm-3 pm



EXPLORE BIKING

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 11	June 24	July 17
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	Group 4
June 12	June 26	July 16	August 28
9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm	9 am-3 pm



Financial Assistance is Available.

The online application is available at www.redwingelc.com

CORE PROGRAMS- LEVEL I

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	Group 3
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 10	August 19	August 26
Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 17	August 20	August 27
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	June 18- June 19	August 21- August 22-	August 28 August 29

MOUNTIAN BIKING I

Minimum Age: 7th grade
Prerequisite for 7th grader: Explore Bike Touring
8th grade and above: no prerequisite
Fee: \$60.00

This four day program will explore the best of what Red Wing has to offer for mountain biking as well as exploring some new trails in the surrounding area. We will focus the first two days on local trails and backroads. The second two days will be biking with an overnight. Students will need their own mountain bike and helmet. Red Wing Bicycle Company has bikes available to rent for the program (reserve bike in advance).

Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	July 8	August 26
Skill 9:00 am -3:00 pm	July 9	August 27
Trip: 9:00 am 3:00 pm	July 10 July 11	August 28- August 29



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 11	August 19
Skills: 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 12	August 20
Skills:9:00am – 3:00pm	June 13	August 21
Rain date, If needed 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 14	August 22



SAILING I

Minimum Age: 7th Grade
Fee: \$60

Come and learn to sail. Time will be spent learning the parts of the boat and sail, the dynamics of sailing and how to put the two together to SAIL.

We will spend time on several different types of sailboats and visit numerous waypoints around Lake Pepin. Pick a group:

Activity / Times	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Intro: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 11	June 25	August 6
Sunfish and Tartan (27 foot boat Sailing)	June 12	June 27	August 7
Sunfish and Tartan (27 foot boat Sailing)	June 13	June 28	August 8

CORE PROGRAMS - LEVEL II

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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	July 23	July 30	August 13
Trip Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00pm	July 24- July 25	July 31- August 1	August 14- August 15



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	July 15
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 6:00pm	July 16- July 18
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6:00-7:30 pm	July 22



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. We will 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 29
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 4:00pm	July 30 August 1
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6-7:30	August 13

SEA KAYAKING II

Prerequisite: Sea Kayaking I or 8th grade and above no prerequisite.

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	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 24	August 5
Trip Leave at 9:00am – Return 4:00pm	June 25 June 27	August 6- August 8
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents And participants 6:00-7:30pm	July 2	August 12

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

CORE PROGRAMS LEVEL III

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 / Times	Dates
Orientation: 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm Service: 5:30 pm -7:00 pm Barn Bluff clean up	August 2
Trip: Leave 7 :00 am Return: 5:00 pm	August 5- August 10
Wrap-up / Potluck Supper. 6:00–7:30pm	August 15



CANOEING III

Prerequisite: Canoeing II

Fee: \$250

It's time to head to Minnesota's wilderness gem, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. We will canoe and portage through the BWCA for a 6-day flat water paddling and camping trip. Enjoy the gorgeous campsites, sunny rock outcroppings, clear waters, and active wildlife of the north.



Activity	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	July 11
Trip: 7:00 am 6:00 pm	July 14- July 19
Wrap up / Potluck Supper Open to the Community 6:-7:30 pm	July 22

WHITEWATER KAYAKING AND RAFTING III SPRING BREAK WHITEWATER TO NORTH CAROLINA

Fee: \$350.00

Prerequisite: Whitewater I and II

Whitewater Kayaking III will be held in western North Carolina. Rivers to paddle will be the Nantahala, Green River, French Broad, and the Chattooga River. Participants will learn whitewater safety, paddling techniques, river etiquette, and group cooperation (long van ride). The week will be spent car camping and paddling the mountain rivers.

Activity	Date	Time
Orientation	June 10	9:00am -5:00 pm
Trip: Leave: Return:	June 17- June 22	Early AM Late evening
Paddle, Wrap up/Potluck Supper	July 1	5:00-9:00 pm



Financial Assistance is Available.

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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 15th

After April 15th, 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 12	August 12	August 13	August 13
9:00 am-10:15 am	10:30-11:45	9:00 am-10:15 am	10:30-11:45

YOUNG EXPLORERS: ORIENTEERING/ GPS

Fee: \$15.00

Have you ever wondered how to use a map and compass or how a GPS unit works? This ELC program will introduce you to the skill of orienteering (using a map and compass) and how to find your way should you ever get lost. These are great ELC skills to have and practice as you continue to take programs and venture out into the woods. So come with us and get yourself turned around and then we will find our way out, it is sure to be a GREAT adventure.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
July 1	July 1	July 2	July 2
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:00 pm-3:00 pm	9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:00 pm-3:00 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 13	July 23	August 13	August 16
10:00 am-1:00 pm	10:00 am-1:00 pm	10:00 am-1:00 pm	10:00 am-1:00 pm

TINY TREES PROGRAMS

At Hok Si Lah Park Entering 2ND AND 3RD Grade

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

Sign up deadline is April 15th

TINY TREES: BUG HUNT

Fee: \$15

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! Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
June 19	June 19
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

TINY TREES: BACKYARD BIRDS

Fee: \$15

Have you ever wondered what kind of birds live in your backyard? Let's explore what it is like to be a bird so that we can understand their unique habits and be able to identify our common backyard neighbors by sight and call.

Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
July 24	July 24
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

TINY TREES: LEAVES OF FUN:

Fee: \$15

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! Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
August 7	August 7
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm



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Community Pizza

Red Wing Nights

Join us for brick oven pizza dinner and music!

6:00-7:30

Red Wing community is welcome

Bring a lawn chair, beverage and reusable place setting..

Free will donation

May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 19

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