



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Summer 2022

The ELC is on the path to reopening as “normal”

Since the pandemic hit just over two years ago- the ELC has been continually adjusting how we operate as we learned more about this virus. Safety to others has always been our highest priority, this includes ELC staff, students, and our community as a whole. As we go forward, that will continue to be our priority. I am proud to say, that to the best of my knowledge, we have had no cases of COVID transmitted through the ELC. The decisions we made along the way were never easy, but what we did, work!

Over the last 52 years, the ELC has safely taken our young people on amazing adventures to wild and remote locations. Everything we do involves risk, but what our ELC staff do an excellent job of is managing this risk, while at the same time not removing it completely. We can never eliminate it all together, but we make decisions and adjustments that make the risk acceptable.

We have been extremely fortunate to work with Antea Group over the last two years and they truly helped us navigate these challenging times. We are at a point now for this summer’s programming that we will plan open to near “normal” programming. Please know that if things change, we will once again adjust as needed.



Sign up deadline is April 15
New Students Welcome!
Sign up under the students tab
at www.redwingelc.com
Current students sign
into <https://elc.force.com/s/>

Our Plan Beginning June 1, 2022:

- **Vaccines and Boosters:** The ELC will continue to encourage, but not required these. If for some reason, a higher authority requires it, we will communicate this with our ELC community through the newsletter
- **Self-Monitoring:** We continue to expect everyone involved with the ELC to self-monitor and report any positive cases of COVID to the ELC. We ask this, so that we can also protect others within our program. If you are not feeling well, please notify us and stay home.
- **Personal Protection:** We will continue to be respectful of each person’s preferences. For example, if you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we will support that decision. We will also continue to encourage handwashing and utilizing hand sanitizer.

Thank you for your support and understanding! Now let’s get outdoors and create some positive memories, while we explore beautiful places with amazing students!

Red Wing Earth Week 2022 is a week full of activities, programs and challenges for residents of all ages. Most are free, however, some required registration. For a complete list, go to www.red-wing.org/earthweek

Featured Activities

- Monday, April 18th – All Day, Red Wing Clean Up Project
- Tuesday, April 19th – 6:00 pm, Virtual Climate Presentation by Dr. Mark Seeley, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota, Registration is required
- Wednesday, April 20th – 6:30 pm, Peacestock: Climate Crisis and Militarism Group, Registration is required
- Wednesday, April 20th – 5:30-7:00 pm, A History of Sustainability Walking Tour at the Anderson Center, Registration is required
- Thursday, April 21st – 6:00 pm, Earth Day, Red Wing and the Future by Nate Hagens, PhD in Natural Resources and MS in Finance, Executive Director of The Institute for the Study of Energy & Our Future, Register at the Door
- Saturday, April 23rd – All Day, Hike the Bluff between Sunrise & Sunset on He Mni Can – Barn Bluff
- Saturday, April 23rd – 10:00 am or 1:00 pm, Flood Plain Walk in the Cannon Bottoms with Bruce AUSE, Registration is required.
- Saturday, April 23rd – 4:00 pm, Electric Vehicle Show and Displays at the Red Wing High School
- **Saturday, April 23rd – 6:30 pm, Wild & Scenic Film Festival at the Red Wing High School, Tickets are required.**

Buy your Wild and Scenic Tickets
Today!

[2022 Wild and Scenic Trailer](#)

[Click here for tickets.](#)

[Check out the Silent Auction items.](#)

Community Pizza Nights

Join us for brick oven pizza dinner
and music!

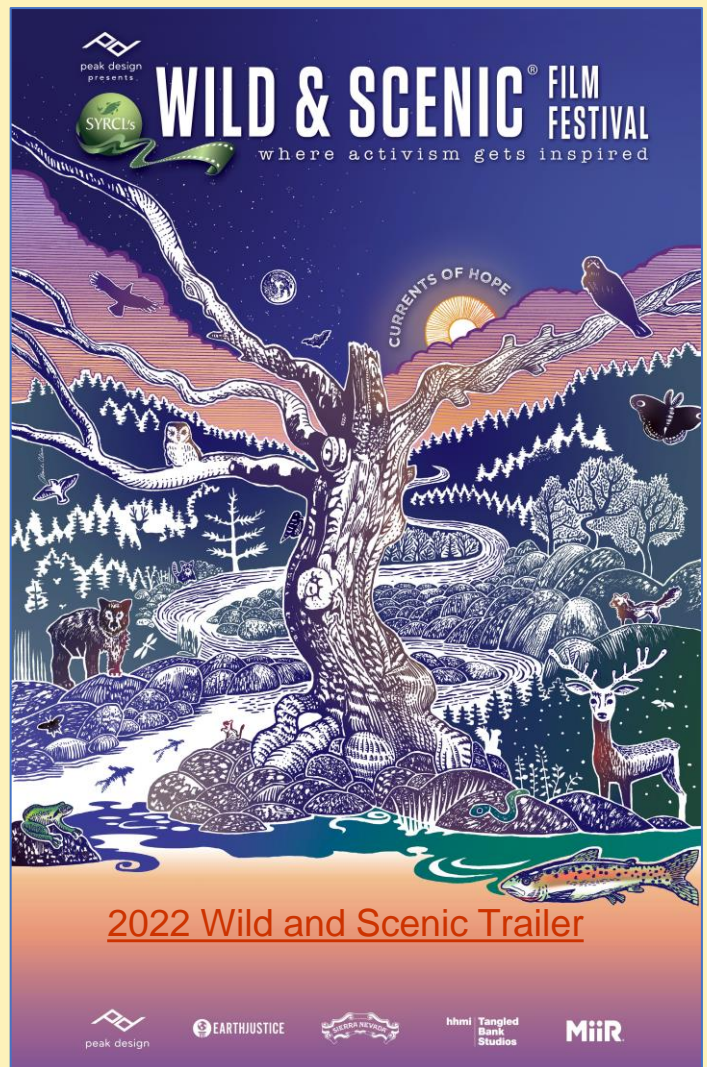
6:00-7:30 pm

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

Free will donation

**DATES: July 16, July 21, August 18,
September 15**

Fall Celebration: October 3rd



ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

Annual medical form required at time of sign up.

[Click here to fill out annual Medical form.](#)

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 HAY CREEK

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$15

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

Hay 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.

Meet and pick up will be at Hay Creek cabin parking lot.

Directions will be given with the schedule

Pick a group:

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| July 18 | July 19 | August 4 |
| 12:30-3:30 pm | 12:30-3:30 pm | 12:30-3:30 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 7 | June 13 | August 22 |
| 9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 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 8 | June 20 | June 22 |
| 9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm |



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CORE PROGRAMS

BIKE TOURING I

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Prerequisite for 7th grader: Explore Bike Touring

8th grade and above: no prerequisite

Fee: \$60.00

This program will explore the best of what Red Wing has to offer for biking, as well as exploring some new trails in the surrounding area. We will focus the first day on local trails and backroads. The second two days will be biking with an overnight.

Students will need their own bike, rack and helmet. ELC has some bike racks available

| Activity/Times | Group 1 | Group 2 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm | June 13 | July 20 |
| Trip: 9:00 am 3:00 pm | June 14- June 15 | July 21- July 22 |

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 | June 3 | August 16 |
| Skills: | June 6 | August 17 |
| Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm | June 7- June 8 | August 18- August 19 |

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 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm | June 9 | July 12 |
| Trip Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00pm | June 13- June 14 | July 13- July 14 |



Are you an 8th -12th grader and would like to try ELC for the first time ?

Its not too late!

Call Laura Schmidt 388-7339 for 8th-12th grade for program placement.

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CORE PROGRAMS

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. *Please sign up for all groups that would work for you with the same priority number with a memo for clarification if needed.*



Morning Groups

| Activity/Times | Group 1 | Group 3 | Group 5 |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Intro: 9:00am - 12:00pm | July 11 | July 28 | August 29 |
| Sailing 9:00 am-12:00 pm | July 12 | July 29 | August 30 |
| Sailing 10:00 am -2:00 pm | July 13 | August 1 | August 31 |

Afternoon Groups

| Activity / Times | Group 2 | Group 4 | Group 6 |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Intro: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm | July 11 | July 28 | August 29 |
| Sailing 12:00 pm -3:00 pm | July 12 | July 29 | August 30 |
| Sailing 10:00-2:00 pm | July 13 | August 1 | August 31 |



CANOEING II

Prerequisite: Canoeing I

8th Grade and above no prerequisite

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 | June 20 |
| Trip Leave: 9:00am – Return: 4:00pm | June 21- June 23 |
| Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6-7:30 | June 24 |



CORE PROGRAMS



SAILING II

Prerequisite: Sailing I

Fee: \$100.00

Sailing II will consist of two days of sailing to freshen up our terminology and skills. Our overnight will be spent in a leeward point somewhere on Lake Pepin.

| Activity / Times | Group 1 | Group 2 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sailing Skills 9am-3pm | August 9 | August 16 |
| Sailing Skills 9am-3pm | August 10 | August 17 |
| Trip: 1:00 pm 12:00 pm | August 11- August 12 | August 18- August 19 |

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 Red Wing and heading downriver through locks and dams to Wabasha. **We will need help with a shuttle from Wabasha to Winona on July 20th. Please write in the memo at sign up if you are available to help.**

| Activity/Times | Dates |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm | July 18 |
| Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 4:00pm | July 20- July 22 |
| Wrap up | July 26 |

SPELUNKING II

Fee: \$75.00

Minimum Age: 7th grade

In this program you will visit Mystery Cave of Forestville State Park as well as Coldwater Cave in Northeastern Iowa. Students will view and learn about various speleothems and geographic features. There is an underground river running through it so students will wear wetsuits that the ELC will provide.

| Activity | Date |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Orientation: 4:00- 5:30 pm | June 7 |
| Trip: 8:00 am- 7:00 pm | June 18 |

BIKE TOURING II

Minimum Age: 8th Grade

Fee: \$100

You will spend time learning how to tune your bike in preparation for a three day trip along the Root River near Lanesboro. We will learn about the areas we travel through and tour the Amish Community near Harmony MN. Bike and Rack needed. Bike and Rack needed.

| Activity/Times | Dates |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm | June 27 |
| Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm | June 28- June 30 |
| Wrap up | July 7 |



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ELECTIVES

CATFISHING

Minimum age: 6th grade

Fee: \$25

Catfishing is a blast because when you go you stay up all night! Catfish feed largely by scent, so you don't necessarily have to land a cast right in front of a fish's nose. If you're in an area that catfish are using, you often can "call" fish to you with your bait. This "laid-back angling attitude" makes catfish outstanding quarry for beginners and new anglers. We will canoe down the Mississippi River, set up camp and spend the entire night fishing!



| Activity/Times | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
|----------------|---|--|---|
| Orientation | August 1 9-10 am | August 8 4-5:30 pm | August 19 3pm-4pm |
| Trip: | August 4, 4:00 pm- August 5 10:00 am | August 9, 4:00 pm August 10, 10:00 am | August 23, 4:00 pm August 24, 10:00 am |



SUMMER NORTHSORE MULTISPORT

Minimum age: 9th grade

Fee: \$250

Looking to do some rock climbing, swimming rivers of the North Shore, camping in the Superior National Forest, staying at the Two Harbors Cabin, and paddling on Lake Superior this summer? This program does it all!! Climb some of the best climbing in the midwest all day, then cooling off by swimming rivers and playing in waterfalls. Paddle a beautiful section of lake superior, camping on the shore at kayak only campsites. Come climb Section 13, Saw Mill Creek Dome, Carlton Peak, and Shovel Point of the North Shore's premiere climbs. This six day course will have something for everyone, whether you've done these activities before or are looking to try them out for the first time. During skills days, we will brush up on rock climbing skills, learn new ones, knots, safety, climb Barn Bluff, food planning, and hand out gear. Grab a friend or two and sign up!!

| Activity/Times | Date |
|---|------------------------|
| Orientation: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm | August 2 |
| Trip: Leave 9:00 am- Return: 5:00 pm | August 8- August 14 |
| Wrap up 6:00-7:30 | August 15 |

YOUNG WOMEN IN THE WOODS

Minimum age: 7th grade

Fee: \$60

From facing one's fears, to speaking up for what they believe in, our ELC young women will challenge themselves to develop leadership and teamwork skills as they form new friendships, discover confidence and independence, and develop a powerful sense of accomplishment. This course will offer a wide range of activities and experiences for our ELC young women. Activities include paddling, hiking, camping, birdwatching, and cooking

| Activity/Times | Date |
|---|-----------------------|
| Orientation: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm | August 1 |
| Trip: Leave 9:00 am- Return: 3:00 pm | August 2- August 3 |



YOUNG EXPLORER PROGRAMS

Entering 4th-5th Grade

YOUNG EXPLORERS: LOG ROLLING

Fee: \$10.00

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 |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| July 11 | July 11 | July 13 |
| 9:00 am-10:15 am | 10:30-11:45 | 9:00 am-10:15 am |



PLAY BOATING

Fee: \$10

Spend a few hours on the water paddling having a blast in the ELC whitewater playboats. We will paddle and swim the beautiful area in and around Hok Si La Park. Who wants to get on the water? It is going to be FUN!

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| June 6 | June 9 | June 9 |
| 12:30 pm-3:30 pm | 9:00 am-12:00pm | 12:30-3:30 pm |

YOUNG EXPLORERS: CREEKING

Fee: \$10

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 Hay Creek Valley. Pick a date:

| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| July 13 | July 15 | July 15 |
| 12:30-3:30 pm | 9:00 am-12:00 pm | 12:30-3:30 pm |

TINY TREES ENTERING 2-3 GRADE

TINY TREES: SHELTER BUILDING

Fee: \$10

Building a shelter with natural materials is a fun way for kids to spend time outdoors while exercising their imaginations and problem-solving muscles. Using materials like sticks, vines, and stones, our tiny trees will create a nature-inspired play space. Whether it's a cubby for one or a cave big enough for the whole group, hours of fun are sure to be had!

Pick a group:

| Group 1 | Group 2 |
|------------------|------------------|
| June 7 | June 7 |
| 9:00 am-12:00 pm | 12:30 pm-3:30 pm |

TINY TREES: ANIMAL SIGNS AND HOMES

Fee: \$10

Animal signs and homes are all around us if we take time to look. Animals leave clues telling us about their life and help us learn about our own lives too. These clues can tell us where they live, what they ate, if they have babies nearby, and more! ELC students will spend time looking for tracks, feathers, scat, and possible homes of a wide variety of animals found in Minnesota!

Pick a group.

| Group 1 | Group 2 |
|------------------|------------------|
| August 5 | August 5 |
| 9:00 am-12:00 pm | 12:30 pm-3:30 pm |

TINY TREES: POLLINATOR GARDEN PLANTING

Fee: \$10

The ELC will be creating a memorial pollinator garden in Memory of Sammy Kriese a former ELC student, who was tragically lost last year. Our ELC students will work with our local Master Gardeners to learn about various plants and pollinators and the benefits that they provide our world. Students will then help plant this garden, and for many years to come can remember that they helped plant this amazing, beautiful garden. A big thank you to the Kriese Family, Doug Noreen, the Masters Gardeners and Sargents Nursery. Pick a group.

| Group 1 | Group 2 |
|------------------|------------------|
| June 10 | June 10 |
| 9:00 am-12:00 pm | 12:30 pm-3:30 pm |





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**“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness”
-John Steinbeck**