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RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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442 Guernsey Lane

The remodeling of the new ELC headquarters at 442 Guernsey Lane is almost complete! We want to thank all the volunteers and contractors who have worked so hard to make this new space a reality! There are still some areas that we will need your involvement:

1. **Soon you will be receiving information about the first ever ELC Capital Campaign-** We hope that you will take the time to review the capital campaign material, give strong consideration to providing support and even share this information with others.

2. **Beginning April 14 we will start moving from our current location at the Anderson Center to the new location on Guernsey Lane.** ELC Staff will prep during the day and then we will move as much as possible between the hours of 1-7pm. We will continue to do this each day during the week until we have everything out. If you have a large truck and/or trailer and would like to help us move we could really use the help**! We also want you to know that there may be delays in responding to emails and phone messages as we transition. We will be certain to check emails and phone messages, but ask that you be patient with us during this time.**

3. **On May 31st 12-4pm we will be hosting an open house for the community**. We invite you, your friends and family to check out the new space and see why we are so excited about what this site can do for the ELC. Be warned, not everything will be done- but it will be really close to completed!

I want to thank each of you for your support and enthusiasm for the ELC- it is during times like this that I am reminded what an amazingly supportive community we live in. If you have any questions or want to volunteer- please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at 651-307-5958.

Jason Jech
Executive Director

Sign up online at www.redwingelc.com

under the students tab by April 21st.
After April 21st you will be put on a wait list for full programs.

Parent Informational Meeting

Students Welcome
(not required for Young Explorers)
Wednesday, May 7th 6:00pm – 7:00pm
ELC Building, 442 Guernsey Lane
This meeting is required for all parents whose students are taking ELC programs and have not attended a previous meeting.

Important! All annual paperwork needs to be updated by April 21st.

Download the medical, assumption of risk and unlimited liability at www.redwingelc.com. Please email, fax or mail back by April 21st.

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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

ELC Favorite!

Min Age: entering 6th Grade
Fee: $25.00

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**.**

Dates: (choose one)

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
July 16	July 22	August 11	August 18
10 am -3 pm	10 am -3pm	10 am -3 pm	10 am -3 pm

ROCK CLIMBING INTRO

Min Age: entering 6th Grade
Fee: $25.00

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
August 13	August 13	August 19	August 19
9 am - 12 pm	12 pm- 3 pm	9 am - 12 pm	12 pm- 3 pm

BIKING INTRO

Min Age: entering 6th Grade
Fee: $25.00

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	Group 4
June 9	July 24	July 28	August 12
9 am -3 pm	9 am -3 pm	9 am -3 pm	9 am -3 pm

CANOEING INTRO

Min Age: entering 6th Grade
Fee: $25.00

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 13	July 29	August 12	August 18
9 am- 3 pm	9 am- 3 pm	9 am- 3 pm	9 am- 3 pm

CORE PROGRAMS- LEVEL I

BIKE TOURING I
Prerequisite: Bike Intro
Age: entering 7th Grade
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 backroads with an overnight along the Trimbel River!

Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Outing 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 10	July 21
Trip: Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00 pm	June 11- June 12	July 22 July23

SEA KAYAKING I
Prerequisite: entering 7th Grade
Fee: $60.00
This program will introduce students to the basic skills associated with Sea Kayaking. During this program we will explore an area o f the Mississippi from Hastings to Red Wing. We will start in Hastings and head downriver through lock and dam #3 and explore the abundant backwaters.

Activity / Times	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 16	June 25	June 30
Trip Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00pm	June 17 June 18th	June 26 June 27	July 1 July 2

CANOEING I
Prerequisite: Canoeing Introduction
Age: entering 7th Grade
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 30	August 19	August 25
Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	July 1	August 20	August 26
Trip Leave 9:00am Return 5:00pm	July 2 July 3	August 21 August 22	August 27 August 28

ROCK CLIMBING I
Prerequisite: Rock Climbing Intro
Age: entering 7th Grade
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 9:00 am- 3:00 pm	June 30	August 25
Skills 9:00 am- 3:00 pm	July 1	August 26
Skills 9:00 am-3:00 pm	July 2	August 27
Rain date, If needed 9:00am – 3:00pm	July 3	August 28

CORE PROGRAMS- LEVEL II

ROCK CLIMBING II

Prerequisite: Rock Climbing I
Age: entering 8th grade
Fee: $125.00
Age: entering 8th Grade

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	August 7
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 6:00pm	August 11- August 13
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6:00-7:30 pm	August 19

CANOEING II

Prerequisite: Canoeing I
Age: entering 8th Grade
Fee: $125.00

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	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	June 23	July7
Trip Leave: 9:00am – Return: 4:00pm	June 24 June 26	July 8- July 10
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants : 6:00-7:30 pm	June 27	July 15

BIKE TOURING II

Prerequisite: Bike Touring I
Age: entering 8th grade
Fee: $125.00

Bike and Rack needed

Bring your bike and rack for a trip to southeastern Minnesota. We will bike on the trails around Harmony, seeing the countryside, and learning about the local Amish culture. We may even have to make a pit stop at the purple lady's sheep farm.

Activity / Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	July 8	August 18
Trip : Leave: 8:00am Return: 4:00pm	July 9 July 11	August 19 August 22
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6:00-7:30 pm	July 14	August 27

SEA KAYAKING II

Prerequisite: Sea Kayaking I
Age: entering 8th Grade
Fee: $125.00

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	July 7	August 5
Trip Leave at 8:00am – Return 4:00pm	July 8 July 10	August 6 August 8
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents And participants 6:00-7:30pm	July 11	August 11

CORE PROGRAMS LEVEL III

BIKE TOURING III
Prerequisites: Bike Touring II
Fee: $250.00

Students will travel from Grand Rapids to Two Harbors using the Mesabi Trail system and various roadways and trails. We will research routes, safety precautions and learn about the history of the areas we will be traveling through.

Activity	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 9am – 3pm	August 7
Trip: Leave:8:00 am .- Return: 3:00 p.m.	August 11 August 16
Wrap-up for parents & participants 6:00 – 7:30 pm	August 26

SEA KAYAKING III
Prerequisite: Sea kayaking II
Fee: $250.00

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a paddling trip! On this six-day adventure, we will explore the upper reaches of the Mississippi River in sea kayaks, learn about the history, and see the many ecosystems of the mighty river.

Activity	Dates
Orientation: 2:30-5:00 pm	June 3
Trip: Leave: 7:00 am .- Return: 6:00 pm (approximately)	June 8 June 13
Wrap-up for parents & participants 6:00 – 7:30 pm	June 16

Financial Assistance is available. The application is available at www.redwingelc.om

ELECTIVES

CAT FISHING
Prerequisite: Canoeing I
Fee: $30

We will paddle down and set up for a night of fishing on the banks of the Vermillion River. These fish are BIG, be prepared to stay up all night in hopes of wrestling one of these monsters in!

Date	Time
August 20	6:00 pm-9:00 am

YOUNG EXPLORER PROGRAMS

Entering 3rd-5th Grade

Sign up online at www.redwingelc.com under the students tab.
The annual paperwork is required for summer sign ups.
Click here to access medical , assumption of risk, and unlimited liability forms.

FORT BUILDING

Fee: $15

Fort building is a lost art, so we are going to turn off the tv, put down the iPad, drop the video game controller and get to work building our very own fort. The idea of building and playing in an indoor or outdoor fort is exciting for any age of children. A fort can be a child's own clubhouse or special area where they can dream, play and imagine by themselves or with friends. With a few simple supplies and a little help, we will build a fort, enjoy a snack and read a story.

Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
June 17 9 am- 12 pm	June 19 9 am -12 pm

TUBING ON THE TRIMBELLE

Fee: $15

Beat the heat while tubing, tossing water balloons and cooking on a campfire in the beautiful countryside of Wisconsin on the Trimbelle River.

Pick a group

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 30 10 am-2 pm	July 2 10 am -2 pm	July 14 10 am- 2 pm	August 19 10 am-2 pm

GEOCACHING

Fee: $15

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. **Pick a group**:

Group 1	Group 2
July 8 9 am- 12 pm	July 10 9 am – 12 pm

PLAY BOATING

Fee: $15

Spend an afternoon on the water
paddling a whitewater kayak and having a picnic lunch.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
July 1 10 am- 1 pm	August 22 10 am -1 pm	August 25 10 am- 1pm	August 26 10 am -1 pm

GROW A PIZZA GARDEN

Fee: $15

Ever dream of growing your own food? Plant a mini-pizza garden and take it home with you!

Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2
June 17 10 am- 1 pm	June 18 10 pm-1 pm

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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