



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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2023 Junior Instructor Expedition- Prince William Sound, Alaska

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Sign up deadline is May 15th

New Students Welcome!

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

**Current students sign
into <https://elc.force.com/s/>**

Financial Assistance is Available

Please contact laura@redwingelc.com

ELC has funds available for financial assistance or payment plans can be worked out. Getting kids in the woods is our top priority!

**Annual medical form required at
time of sign up.**

[Student Medical Form](#)

Community Pizza Nights

Open to the public!

**Join us for brick oven pizza dinner and
music!**

6:00-7:30 pm

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

Free will donation

DATES: June 20th, July 18, August 15

Fall Celebration:

October 7nd

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

Please sign up for all groups that work in your schedule. ELC will choose one group per program. Feel free to use memo area for group preference or for a friend request.

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: \$25

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 all dates you are available:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
June 19	July 19	August 16
11:00 am-2:00 pm	11:00 am-2:00 pm	11:00 am-2:00 pm



EXPLORE CANOEING

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$30.00

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.

Pick all dates you are available:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 14	June 24	July 18	July 22
9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm



EXPLORE BIKE TOURING

Min Age: entering 6th Grade

Fee: \$30.00

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.

Pick all dates you are available:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
June 11	June 24	June 28
9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm



CORE PROGRAMS-LEVEL I

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

BIKE TOURING I

Prerequisite: Explore Biking

Minimum Age: entering 7th grade

8th grade and above: no prerequisite

Fee: \$75.00

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 25	July 1
Trip: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	June 26- June 27	July 2- July 3

CANOEING I

Prerequisite : Explore Canoeing

Minimum Age: entering 7th grade

8th grade and above: no prerequisite

Fee: \$75.00

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	July 8	July 29	August 19
Skills: 9:00 am -3:00 pm	July 9	July 30	August 20
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	July 10- July 11	July 31- August 1	August 21- August 22

CORE PROGRAMS-LEVEL I

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SEA KAYAKING I

Prerequisite: None

Minimum Age: entering 7th Grade

Fee: \$75.00

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 15	August 12	August 26
Trip Leave:9:00am Return: 3:00pm	July16- July 17	August 13- August 14	August 27- August 28



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.

SAILING I

Prerequisite: None

Minimum Age: entering 7th Grade

Fee: \$75

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 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
Intro: 9:00am - 12:00pm	June 18	August 5
Sailing 9:00 am-12:00 pm	June 19	August 6
Sailing 10:00 am -2:00 pm	June 21	August 7

Afternoon Groups

Activity / Times	Group 2	Group 4
Intro: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm	June 18	August 5
Sailing 12:00 pm -3:00 pm	June 19	August 6
Sailing 10:00-2:00 pm	June 21	August 7



CORE PROGRAMS

CANOEING II

Prerequisite: None (Canoeing I preferred)

Minimum Age: 8th Grade (preference will be given to participants that have completed level I)

Fee: \$125.00

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 - 3:00 pm	August 5
Skills: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm	August 6
Trip Leave: 9:00am – Return: 3:00pm	August 7- August 9
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6-7:30	August 20

SAILING II

Prerequisite: Sailing I

Minimum Age 8th Grade

Fee: \$125.00

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 8	August 14
Sailing Skills 9am-3pm	August 9	August 16
Trip: 1:00 pm 12:00 pm	August 12 August 13	August 19- August 20



SEA KAYAKING II

Prerequisite: None

Minimum 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.

We will need help with a shuttle from Wabasha to Winona on the morning of July 24th. Please write in the memo at sign up if you are available to help.



Activity/Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	July 23
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	July 24- July 26
Wrap up: 6:00-7:30	August 2



CORE PROGRAM LEVEL III

CANOEING III

Prerequisite: Canoeing II

Minimum age: 9th Grade

Fee: \$275

Canoeing III will be traveling to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness this June for 5 nights and 6 days of paddling, portaging, fishing, star-gazing and exploring. The journey will begin on the Gunflint Trail and access the BWCA via entry point 54 on Seagull Lake. From there we will have a multitude of options for exploration of this pristine wilderness.

Activity/Times	Date
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 4
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 5:00pm	June 10- June 16
Wrap up 6:000-7:30 pm	June 25



ELECTIVES

Please sign up for all groups that work in your schedule. ELC will choose one group per program. Feel free to use memo area for group preference or for a friend request.

CATFISHING

Prerequisite: None

Minimum age: 6th grade

Fee: \$40

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	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Orientation	June 17 9:00 am-10:00 am	August 19 9:00 am-10:00 am	August 26 9 :00 am -10:00 am
Trip:	June 20 4:00 pm- June 21 10:00 am	August 21 4:00 pm August 22 10:00 am	August 27, 4:00 pm August 28 10:00 am



YOUNG WOMEN IN THE WOODS- NORTH SHORE ADVENTURE

Prerequisite: None

Minimum age: 7th grade

Fee: \$125

Embark on an exciting journey with our ELC Young Women in the woods as we travel tour ELC Two Harbors Cabin! Prepare to immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes of Minnesota's north shore as you conquer fears, forge bonds, and discover inner strength. From heart-pounding hikes along rugged trails to the serene beauty of bird watching in nature's sanctuary, every moment is filled with excitement and wonder. Together, we'll create unforgettable memories, build lifelong friendships, and emerge with a newfound sense of confidence and empowerment. Join us for an unforgettable experience that promises thrills, camaraderie, and adventure!



Activity/Times	Date
Orientation: 9:00-11:00 am	August 5
Trip: Leave 8:00 am- Return: 4:00 pm	August 6- August 8 th

YOUNG EXPLORER PROGRAMS

Entering 4th-5th Grade

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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.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 5	June 18	June 28	July 22
10:00 am-2:00 pm	10:00 am-2:00 pm	10:00 am-2:00 pm	10:00 am-2:00 pm

YOUNG EXPLORERS: LOG ROLLING

Fee: \$15

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.

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

YOUNG EXPLORER: FISHING

Fee: \$15

Join us as we set out to conquer the waters and reel in the catch of a lifetime. From swift trout to dazzling sunnies, every cast holds the promise of excitement and discovery. You will learn the art of casting and baiting while uncovering the secrets of the deep. Join us for a fishing outing that is packed with adrenaline, mystery, and the chance to make unforgettable memories on the water!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 3	June 6	June 6	August 29
10:00 am-12:00 pm	9:00 am-11:00 am	12:00 pm-2:00 pm	10:00 am-12:00 pm

TINY TREES

ENTERING 2-3 GRADE

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TINY TREES: BIRDING BONANZA Fee: \$15

Join us in learning about the birds that call Minnesota home. We will learn how to identify birds by sight and sound using binoculars. Groups will compare what we find in the woods, prairies, and by the river. We will play games and learn what it takes to be a bird. Meet and pick up will be at Sandpoint trailhead parking area. :

Group 1	Group 2
June 11	June 11
10:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

TINY TREES: NATURE ART 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! Meet and pick up will be at Hik-si-la park. Students should be ready to explore and bring their creative energy.

Group 1	Group 2
July 16	July 16
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

INVERTEBRATE INVESTIGATION Fee: \$15

Explore the world of insects and aquatic invertebrates. Students will go looking for different types of creatures in Hay Creek and the forest. We will collect and identify species and explore the habitats where they live. Students will play games and learn to appreciate the world these tiny creatures call home. Meet and pick up will be at Hay Creek Cabin parking area.

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



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Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air.

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