

ELC



RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Number 3

Fall 2011



Mark Your Calendars! October 8th, 2011 41st Annual Awards Night.

During the day from 9-2 pm we will be conducting community programs that will include Rock Climbing, Kayaking, Beginner GeoCashing Course and much more.

Beginning at 7pm on the Anderson Center Lower Lawn we will celebrate the achievements of our students over the past year. It will be an evening of stories, pictures and it will all be under the stars. Bring your lawn chair, blanket and plan to join us.

All events on October 8th are free and open to the public. Contact the ELC with any questions.

Give to the Max Day

Last year the ELC saw a huge outpouring of support on Give to the Max Day! We want to thank everyone who gave during this campaign. Because of your support we have been able to make a number of equipment and program improvements. This year Give to the Max Day is November 16th. We will continue to get the word out, but it is our hope that you will mark this day down and once again show your support for the Red Wing ELC.

ELC Strategic Planning

Planning is brining the future into the present so you can do something about it now!

This fall the ELC will develop and conduct a strategic planning session. Whenever we head out on a trip we bring a map and compass. A strategic plan serves the same role for the organization. It helps us understand where we are and where we need to go to ultimately reach our goal. For this plan to be complete and worthwhile we need your support. In the near future I will be putting together a strategic planning team of about twelve people that will represent the various stakeholders of the ELC.

We will meet from 6-8 pm on the following dates:

October 13, 18, 27, November 1, and 10
If you would be interested in helping the ELC chart its course into the future please contact Jason at the ELC.

Thank You!

In case you have not yet heard, Cyndi Reese has decided to move on to other opportunities.

Cyndi has been with us for a number of years and has help move the ELC forward. We want to thank Cyndi for all she has done and meant to the ELC.

We wish her the very best!



ALL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS MEET AT TBMS TENNIS COURTS DIRECTLY AFTER SCHOOL IS LET OUT. OUR ELC VAN WILL BE WAITING THERE FOR YOU.

Parent Informational Meeting

November 3rd

7:00 to 8:00 pm

Required for new parents

Students Welcome

This meeting is required for all parents whose students are taking ELC programs and have not attended a previous meeting. The financial assistance program will be explained at this meeting.

ELC Fall Registration

DEADLINE: August 19

Email (preferred):

rwelcoffice@gmail.com

Or call 388-7339

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices after the 19th, you will be placed on a waiting list!

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

Entry Level programs are introductory activities that allow students to try a program and be introduced to interesting natural areas in the Red Wing area. A participant **MUST** complete the entry level programs before being allowed to participate in corresponding seasonal core programs.

EXPLORE AND CAMPING SKILLS

Fee: \$50.00

Min Age: Grade 6

IMPORTANT! Prerequisite for ALL core programs.

This activity exposes ELC participants to a great local resource for outdoor adventure—Hay Creek State Hardwood Forest. Students will learn important ELC skills: Tents and tarps, fire and food, preparation and packing.

Date (Choose one group)

Activity/ Times	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Orientation/Skills: 2:40pm– 6pm	Sept 7	Sept 22	Oct 20
Overnight: 3pm – 3pm	Sept 9-10	Sept 23-24	Oct 21-22

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS CONTINUED

CANOEING INTRO

Fee: \$25.00

Minimum Age: 6th Grade

This activity introduces participants to canoeing techniques in the backwaters of the Mississippi. Students will learn safe canoeing habits as they paddle and enjoy the wildlife.

Date: Sept 10, 9-3pm



ROCK CLIMBING INTRODUCTION

Fee: \$25.00

Minimum Age: 6th Grade

This is a half day activity that is conducted at Barn Bluff. It is an opportunity to experience Rock Climbing. Topics covered include the history of Barn Bluff, climbing techniques and rock climbing safety.

Date: September 28, 2:30-6pm



CORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

BACKPACKING LEVEL II

Fee: \$120.00

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Prerequisite: Completion of Backpacking I and completion of or enrollment in Explore and Camping skills:

This three day backpacking trip will take place in the Porcupine Wilderness Area. Activities on this trip include outdoor cookery, securing safe water, proper clothing selection, wildlife observation, navigation with map and compass and practicing low impact camping.

Activity	Dates/Times
Orientation	Sept 20, 2:30- 6pm
Trip:	Leave Sept 23 @ 8 am Return Sept 25 @ 4 pm
Wrap up potluck with parents	Sept 28, 6-7:30pm



BACKPACKING III

Fee: \$250.00

Minimum Age: 9th grade

Prerequisites: completion of Backpacking I and II

This trip will be on the Superior Hiking Trail. Students will spend six days hiking the trail along the North Shore Highlands, a unique and rugged landscape, adjacent to the North Shore of Lake Superior. This trail provides rocky overlooks, inland lakes, ponds and cascading rivers and streams. We will leave from the Two Harbors cabin and practice low impact camping along the way.

Activity	Date/Time
Orientation:	Oct 12, 2:30-5pm
Skills Day	Oct 15, 9-3pm
Trip:	Leave Oct 19 @ 6 am Return Oct 24 @6pm
Wrap-up/Potluck Supper with parents/participants	Oct 27 6-7:30pm

BACKPACKING I

Fee: \$60.00

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Prerequisites: Completion of or enrollment in Explore and Camping skills. **NOTE:** Backpacking I is highly recommended for Winter Camping I. Students miss one day of school for this program. This is a two day backpacking trip through the Tiffany Wildlife area, near Pepin, WI. Students will be introduced to general backpacking, camping and outdoor cookery. Students will learn to identify wildlife, food planning and orienteering with a map and a compass.

Activity / Times	Group 1
Orientation/Skills: 2:30-5pm	Sept 27
Skills 2:30 – 6:30pm	Sept 29
Trip 9:00am* – 4:00pm	Sept 30- Oct 1



KAYAKING I

Fee: \$60.00

Prerequisites: Explore the Belle Creek and Canoeing I

We will take sea kayaks and explore the backwaters of the Mississippi. We will start in Wabasha and head downriver through locks and dams and explore the abundant backwaters Activity / Times

Activity	Date/Time
Orientation	Sept 20 2:30-7:30pm
Skills Day	Sept 21 2:30-7:30pm
Trip	Leave Sept 23 @ 9 am Return Sept 25 @ 3pm



PIONEERING

Fee: 60.00

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Participants spend an overnight in a unique log cabin built by former ELC students in Hay Creek. Time is spent learning outdoor cookery and pioneering skills.

Activity	Date:
Cabin Skills: 9-3pm	Oct 10
Overnight: Leave 4:30pm – Return 3:00pm Parent Lunch @ Noon on the 15th	Oct 14-15

ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

3D ARCHERY LEAGUE

Fee: \$60.00

Prerequisite: Completion of Basic Archery

Open to all students who have completed Basic Archery. Spend a week improving your accuracy and competing with peers as we visit 3 different 3D ranges in the area: Hastings, Ellsworth and Red Wing.

Activity	Date/Time
Orientation/ Shooting	Oct 6 2:30-6:30pm
3D League @ Hastings	Oct 10 9-1pm
3D League @ Ellsworth	Oct 12 2:30-6:30pm
3D League @ Ellsworth	Oct 13 2:30-6:30pm

SNOWSHOE/ FURNITURE CONSTRUCTION

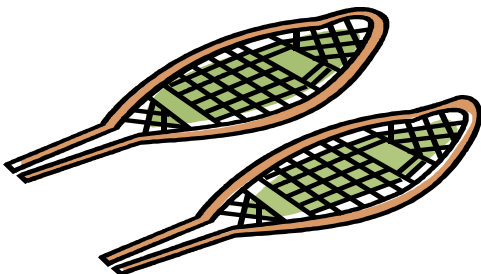
Min Age: 8th Grade

Fee: Varies depending upon project, contact ELC for pricing

Do you hate being trapped inside the house on winter days? Well, come out to the ELC and build a pair of your own Ojibwa snowshoes, or snowshoe furniture. Snowshoes help you conserve energy, provide a relaxed outdoor exercise, and let you have fun with friends or by yourself. For both we will be using a kit, so the frames are pre-bent, but you must do the most important part - the lacing. We will also cover the history of snowshoes, usage tips and best practices..

November 3, 8, 11, 17 @ 2:30- 6pm

November 5, 12, 19 @ 9-3pm



TRAPPING

Fee: \$50.00

Come walk a trap line. Participants will learn how to make basic sets along Wells Creek. Sets will be made for beaver, muskrats, and raccoon. If successful students will learn how to skin and prepare the pelts for market.

Group 1	Group 2
Nov 15 1-4pm	Nov 18 3-6pm
Nov 16 3-6pm	Nov 19 9-12pm

HAY CREEK HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Fee: 35.00

We will be creating an opening and food plot for deer and turkey. We will be clearing out buckthorn and doing some timber stand management. We will set and monitor trail cameras to inventory our local wildlife population.

Sept. 15, 3- 5pm and Sept 17 from 9-3pm

YOUNG EXPLORERS

Unlike regular ELC registration, the Young Explorer and Adult programs ARE on a first come-first served basis. Call or email to sign up.

PLAY BOATIN ON POTTERY POND

Fee: \$25.00

Min Age 3-5th grade

Learn how to paddle our new play boat kayaks in Pottery Pond. Fish, Hike and explore the area looking for frogs, sunfish and fun!

Sept 13 3:30-6:30pm

BB GUN SAFETY AND SHOOTING GALLERY

Fee: \$ 25.00

Min Age 3-5th grade

Enjoy an evening of BB gun shooting and safety Instruction. Students will the learn the importance of gun safety, shooting stance and practice on targets.

October 18 3:30-6pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Community Education Class: "Follow the Bone"

Deer Cutting

This class will teach you the basic skills to cut your own deer. Instructors will show you the proper care of the deer – do the actual field dressing, skinning, and cleaning of the carcass. New this year you will be shown where the thyroid glands are and show you how to avoid them and take them out – these are the glands the DNR are testing for CWD.

Included in the class is a new picture step book for quick reference. Bring a friend for **FREE**. The cost is for two people to attend, so bring your wife, friend or sibling with you to class for the same price.

This class will be held at ELC, but registration and payment are through Community Education

October 11 7-9pm

FEE: \$43

We would like to thank the Red Wing Shoe Foundation for their generosity and support. For 41 years this foundation has provided us with the opportunity to offer outdoor learning and adventure to the youth of the Red Wing area.

We also wish to thank the following people and businesses that have given us to the ELC financial or in kind gifts this past year. We couldn't do it without all the generous support that we receive. Whether it is time, financial support, gifts in kind, use of land or shuttles, we appreciate all your support! We sincerely apologize if anyone was inadvertently left out.



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Thank you for your support!



Pictured here, during our 40th Anniversary Celebration, is ELC Alumni Stephanie Kvensnicka with her daughter. Proof that it is never too early to introduce young people to the great outdoors!

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