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RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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Fall 2014

FALL CELEBRATION!

This past year has been an extremely busy and exciting time here at the ELC. Because of this we want to take a moment and step back to celebrate and give thanks for all that has been accomplished. Without your support and belief in the ELC, we would not have been able to accomplish as much as we have. From volunteers cleaning, painting/ varnishing and tiling to financial donations- our new site is poised to serve us now and well into the future. Those of you involved with the ELC know firsthand the value and memories that are created; however, we would like to share this with the community as well. **So please bring your family, friends and even neighbors to this special evening.**

September 13th 2014

Community Activities

11:00am-3:00 pm

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at Rock Climbing, Sea Kayaking or Geocaching? This is your chance to give any or all of these ELC related programs a try.

•Rock Climbing on Barn Bluff

Where: Simply follow the signage to the climbing site
Follow East 5th Street. The steps are on the left just under Hwy 61 overpass.

•Sea Kayaking

Where: Colvill Park

•Geocaching

Where: new ELC site at 442 Guernsey Lane

Barn Dance, Bon Fire, Awards Presentations and slideshows at ELC
6:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Come enjoy an evening of food, dancing and stories about the past year of ELC adventures. The details are being planned as we speak, but mark your calendars now and reserve the date.



ELC Fall Sign up

DEADLINE: August 15th

Sign up online!

Click "Current Students" to find the registration form
at www.redwingelc.com

After the 15th, you will be placed on a waiting list.

Capital Campaign

In May of 2013 the ELC board of directors approved the most recent ELC strategic plan. Instantly they began working with ELC staff to address the concerns and opportunities that were presented. In August the property committee toured the new site and saw the potential that existed at 442 Guernsey Lane, and now just over a year later 442 Guernsey Lane is home to the ELC. Early on the budget was set and we worked hard to stay within those guidelines. To date we have raised just under a quarter of a million dollars! What this means is that because of your support we have incurred no debt while purchasing and remodeling both the inside and outside of the ELC facility. **If you have given to this Campaign- THANK YOU!** **If you have not yet contributed, we hope that you will consider supporting this once in a lifetime opportunity.** At the September 13th event, we will unveil the newly created ELC Giving Tree. Again thank you to everyone who has helped make this dream a reality for current and future ELC'ers.

Important Dates:

Expedition Wrap up	August 7 th 6:00 pm
Registration Deadline	August 15 th
ELC Fall Celebration	September 13 th
Give to the Max Day	November 13 th



Give to the Max Day

Mark your calendars for **November 13th** as the ELC will once again participate in the great Minnesota Give together! We want to thank everyone who has given during this campaign over the years. Because of your support, we have been able to make improvements to our equipment and programs. We will continue to get the word out about Give to the Max Day; however, it is our hope that you will mark this day down and once again show your support for the Red Wing ELC.

Congratulations to the class of 2014 Junior Instructor graduates! Thank you for all of your time and hard work. The graduates expedition was a canoeing trip down the Blood Vein River in Manitoba.

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The wrap up and potluck for the expedition is Thursday August 7th, 6:00 pm at the new ELC 442 Guernsey Lane. Bring a dish to share, plate setting and a folding chair.

Everyone is welcome!

Thank you to the 2013/2014 Junior Instructors!

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Financial Assistance is Available for All Programs

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

EXPLORE AND CAMPING SKILLS

Min Age: Grade 6

Fee: \$50.00

Explore and Camping is recommended for Backpacking I.

Learn the secrets of ELC survival. Pack up for a hike into the woods where you will set up a tent and build a fire. After cooking your own delicious dinner, you will tell stories under the stars and crawl into your sleeping bag for a sweet fall evening of slumber.

Choose one Group:

Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills 3:30-5:00 pm ELC Shuttle from TBMS	September 9 th	September 16 th
Overnight 4:00 pm- 12:00 pm	September 12 th September 13 th	September 19 th September 20 th



CORE PROGRAMS

PIONEERING I – HAY CREEK CABIN

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Fee: 55.00

Live like those who first arrived in Minnesota by taking on the pioneering life. You will stay in a log cabin built by students who came before you. As you learn the survival skills of a pioneer, you will split wood, cook over a fire, maintain the trails, and experience the luxury of a sauna.

Activity/Time	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation 3:30-6:30	October 2 nd	November 10 th
Overnight 4:00 pm- 3:00 pm	October 3 rd October 4 th	November 14 th November 15 th



BACKPACKING I

Min Age: 7th grade

Fee: \$60.00

NOTE: Backpacking I is highly recommended for Winter Camping I. 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	Dates
Orientation/Skills: 3:30-6:30	September 23 rd
Skills 3:30-6:30	September 25 th
Trip : 9:00-2:00	September 28 th -September 29 th *



*school day

CORE PROGRAMS

SPELUNKING I

Fee: \$50.00

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Experience the art of caving: from mud to crystals. Spend time exploring a commercial cave and then get dirty, by spelunking in local Krueger cave. Learn about cave formations, etiquette, and the total allure of the absence of light.



Activity / Times	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation/Skills: 3:30-7:30	October 9 th	October 9 th
Trip: 9:00 – 2:00	October 11 th	November 3 rd

PIONEERING II-NORTH SHORE CABIN

Minimum Age: 8th grade

Prerequisite: Pioneering I

Fee: \$120.00

This is an extension of the Pioneering program. Students will take a trip to the cabin in Two Harbors. Learning pioneering skills while making improvements to the cabin.

Activity / Times	Date
Orientation/Skills: 3:30-5:00	October 21st
Trip: Leave 3:30 – Return 6:00	October 23 rd October 26 th *



BACKPACKING LEVEL II

Minimum Age: 8th grade

Prerequisite: Backpacking I

Fee: \$125.00

Prerequisite: Completion of Backpacking I

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/ Times	Dates
Orientation: 3:30-5:30	October 13 th
Trip: Leave at 8:00 am Return at 4:00 pm	October 16 th October 18 th
Wrap up potluck with parents 6:00-7:30	October 21 st



*school day

CORE PROGRAMS

BACKPACKING III

Age : 9th Grade

Prerequisite: Backpacking I and II

Fee: \$250.00

Get ready to go north! Hiking in the woods for a weeklong adventure, you will not be disappointed by the beautiful scenery and nuances of the north. Be prepared to use your camping skills, exchange many enthusiastic high fives, and enjoy a wonderful autumn backpacking trip.



Activity/Time	Date
Orientation: 3:00-5:00	October 7
Trip: Leave 3:00 PM Pick up : 7:00 pm	*Leave: October 13 th Return: October 19 th
Wrap-up/Potluck Supper with parents/participants 6:00-7:30	October 28 th

ELECTIVES

BASIC ARCHERY

Fee: \$75.00

Minimum Age: 8th Grade

Basic archery, a prerequisite for future bow hunting programs, Teaches students the basic shooting skills needed for other archery programs.

The ELC will provide archery equipment.



Activity	Group 1	Group 2
Orientation	September 9 th 3:30-5:30	September 23 rd 3:30-5:30
Shooting Stances	September 11 th 3:30-5:30	September 24 th 3:30-5:30
Shooting Session 2	September 16 th 3:30-5:30	September 25 th 3:30-5:30
Shooting Session 3	September 18 th 3:30-7:00	September 27 th 9:00 -2:00

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT

12-15 years old with firearm safety certificates can participate.

Parent is welcome to join.

Fee: \$25.00

We will do firearm safety and trap shooting during the orientation. We will spend the evening of the 12th camping at the Red Wing Wildlife League Cabin. Saturday we will hunt with adult volunteers. Please note that the DNR has moved up the date of the hunt for the past two years. The DNR might move the dates to September 5th -6th. Please keep your calendar open on these dates if signing up for Youth Waterfowl.

Activity	Date/Times
Orientation/Skills 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	September 4 th
Overnight 6:00 pm- 12:00 pm	September 12 th September 13 th



ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

NORTH SHORE MULTI-SPORT TRIP

Minimum Age: 9th grade

Fee: \$120

Head up to the Two Harbors cabin for four days of adventures and hiking on the Superior Hiking Trail. We will be going to some of the best places on the north shore including exploring the shore of Lake Superior and hiking to some nearby rivers, waterfalls and vistas on the Superior Hiking Trail. Each night we will return to the cabin in the woods for the evening. Bring a friend! No prerequisite required.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 3:30- 5:00	November 18 th
Trip: Leave: 3:30 Pick up: 6:00	November 20 th November 23 rd

ORIENTEERING

Minimum Age: 7th grade

Fee: \$35.00

This program teaches students to use topographic maps and compasses. Students will participate in a cross country orienteering hike through the Hay Creek Hardwoods forest and Memorial to the new ELC.

Activity	Date
Orientation 3:30-6:30	October 7 th
Skills Day 3:30-6:30	October 9 th
Skills Day 9:00-3:00	October 11 th

LOG SHELTER CONSTRUCTION:

Fee: \$25.00

This is a continuation of a program that we began last winter. Have you ever dreamed of building a log shelter? This is your opportunity to learn the first steps of building your very own log shelter. We will continue to design, prepare the logs and begin building. The shelter will eventually become a sauna that will be placed at the Two Harbors Cabin, to be enjoyed for years to come. Each student will do participate in 4 sessions. Come be part of the next great ELC construction program!

Pick a group:

Time	Group 1	Group 2
3:30-5:30	September 22	September 30
3:30-5:30	September 23	October 1
3:30-5:30	September 24	October 2
3:30-5:30	September 25	October 3



NORTH SHORE BOW HUNTING

Minimum Age: 9th grade

Prerequisite: Basic archery

Fee: \$120

Participants will stay at the north shore cabin. The first day will be spent scouting and setting stands. The following days will be spent hunting and tracking.

Activity/Time	Date
Orientation 3:30- 6:30	October 28 th
Trip: Leave: 3:30 Pick up: 6:00	October 30 th November 3 rd
Butchering and Smoking Meat 10:00 am-2:00 pm 10:00 am-2:00 pm	November 8 th November 10 th



YOUNG EXPLORERS PROGRAMS

Grades 3rd-5th

COON HILL SCAVENGER HUNT

Fee: \$15

It's time to search for nature's treasures. Check out Coon Hill, a bluff oasis right in town, and see what you can find!

Group 1	Group 2
October 1 st	October 2 nd
3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm



OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Fee: \$15.00

Participants will be introduced to the basics of outdoor photography, and then we will head out and start taking pictures! Working in teams we will try using the skills we have learned and at the end of the evening we will create a slideshow to be shared with family when they come to pick up the students. Come take some pictures and see how much fun photography can be!

Group 1	Group 2
October 28 th	October 30 th
3:30 -6:00 pm	3:30 -6:00 pm

BIRCH BARK RIGATTA

Fee: \$15

This afternoon program will be rigging your 9 inch birch bark canoe to race down Hay Creek. After the race we will cook our meals over an open fire and explore the hardwood forest around Hay Creek cabin.

Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2
October 21 st	October 23 rd
3:30-6:30 pm	3:30-6:30 pm

BB GUN SAFETY AND SHOOTING COMPETITION AT HAY CREEK CABIN

Fee: \$ 15.00

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

Pick a date:

Group 1	Group 2
September 17 th	September 18 th
3:30-6:00 pm	3:30-6:00 pm



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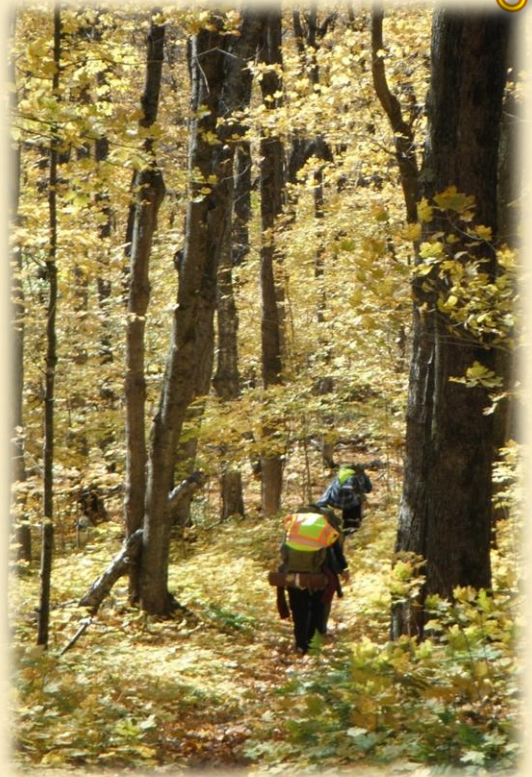
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