



## Red Wing Environmental Learning Center

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Last year, Minnesotans set the single day record for online philanthropic giving! Give to the Max day 2009 saw more than 38,000 donors log on to GiveMN.com to give 14 million dollars to 3,434 Minnesota non-profits, whose missions range from feeding the hungry, to protecting the environment, to promoting the arts. The Red Wing Environmental Learning Center participated last year with 57 donors raising over \$6,500.00! This year the ELC is eligible to receive a matching grant from a generous matching pool of \$20,000 provided by the Red Wing Area Fund and the Jones Family Foundation, and the ELC Board of Directors is also going to provide a matching grant opportunity. So mark your calendars for **November 16, 2010** and let's spread the word to as many people as we can to help support the ELC. You can access the donate page through the ELC Website at [www.redwingelc.com](http://www.redwingelc.com) under the "donate" tab. Thank you in advance for your support.

We all need to eat, right? So the Red Wing ELC will be teaming up with Deer Crest Senior Housing on a Spaghetti Fundraising dinner. It will be November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm at Deer Crest, 470 Fairview Blvd. Adults \$5.00, Children 10 and under \$2.00. It is a great opportunity to check out their beautiful facilities, eat some wonderful Spaghetti and support the ELC while you eat. Invite your friends and family to the wonderful opportunity.

## News Release

### If you liked it the first time....take it again!

We often have students love a program so much that they want to take it again....if you are one of those students, we want you to know that YES, you can take a program more than once. Please let us know when there is a program you'd like to take again. Of course, students who haven't taken it will be first to get in but very often we have a spot or two available that would be available to you!

#### ELC WINTER SCHEDULE REGISTRATION

To register for winter programs  
email: [rwelccyndi@gmail.com](mailto:rwelccyndi@gmail.com)  
or call: 388-7339

**Last day to sign up is November 12, 2010**

after 11/12/10 you will be placed on the waiting list

#### Parent Informational Meeting

ELC, November 3, 2010

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 or plan on taking programs and **have not** attended a previous meeting.

The scholarship program will be explained at this meeting.

## ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS: EXPLORE

Entry level programs are one day programs that allow a student to try a program and be introduced to interesting natural areas in Red Wing. Students are required to participate in the entry level programs before they are able to sign up for the corresponding core level program in that season.

### EXPLORE THE CANNON BOTTOMS

**Age minimum: 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

This one day adventure is a prerequisite for corresponding winter core programs and is an introduction to your own backyard.

Activities will vary depending on conditions.

**Dates (choose one): Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 9am – 3pm**

**Fee: \$25.00**



## CORE PROGRAMS

### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING I

**Age minimum: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Fee: \$55.00**

**Prerequisite: signed up or had Explore the Cannon Bottoms**

**Learn about:**

1. Selection and care of skiing equipment.
2. Dressing properly for cold weather.
3. Identifying winter wildlife activity by tracks and signs in the snow.
4. Various cross country skiing techniques.

| Activity              | Group 1                                | Group 2                                   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Orientation           | February 1 <sup>st</sup><br>2:30-5:00  | February 8 <sup>th</sup><br>2:30 - 5:00   |
| Session 2:            | February 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>2:30-5:00  | February 9 <sup>th</sup><br>2:30 - 5:00   |
| Session 3:            | February 4 <sup>th</sup><br>noon-5:00* | February 10 <sup>th</sup><br>noon - 5:00* |
| Session 4:            | February 5 <sup>th</sup><br>4 – 8pm    | February 12 <sup>th</sup><br>4 – 8pm      |
| Session 5:<br>Make up | February 8 <sup>th</sup><br>2:30 - 5   | February 15 <sup>th</sup><br>2:30 – 5pm   |

### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING II

**Age minimum: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Fee: \$120.00**

**Prerequisites: Explore the Cannon Bottoms and Cross Country Skiing I**

You'll be traveling north to the Two Harbors area. We will ski the rivers and land near our new cabin. You will learn about some of the local flora and fauna in this area and observe and identify some of the common winter birds that occupy this area.

| Activity   | Group 1                                    |
|--|--|
| Orientation:   | January 21 <sup>st</sup><br>2:30 – 5:00pm  |
| Skills Day:  | January 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>9am-3pm        |
| Leave 3:30 pm<br>Return 7:00pm                                   | February 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Wrap-up Potluck with<br>Participants and Parents 6:00-<br>7:30pm | February 10 <sup>th</sup>                  |

\*indicates school day



### CROSS COUNTRY SKIING LEVEL III

**Prerequisites:**

**Fee: \$240.00**

**Explore Cannon Bottoms and XCountry Skiing I, II**

This program features five days of ski touring in the north woods of Minnesota. Participants will stay at the Two Harbors cabin!

| Activity  | Dates   |
|---|---|
| Orientation/Sauna: 2:30 – 8:00pm<br>potluck               | Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>                             |
| Trip: Leave 1:30 pm on Day 1<br>Return 5:00 pm on Day 5   | January<br>*13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Potluck Wrap-up for participants and parents:<br>6-7:30pm | January<br>25 <sup>th</sup>                     |



# CORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

## WINTER CAMPING I

**Age minimum: 8th Grade**                      **Fee: \$55.00**  
**Prerequisite: Explore the Cannon Bottoms**  
 Learn the basics of winter camping, including:  
 1. Fire building skills and outdoor cookery.  
 2. Ice crossing and basic ice rescue.  
 3. Animal track identification.  
 4. Survival shelter construction.  
 5. Prevention and treatment of hypothermia and frostbite.



| Activity            | Group 1                                |
|---------------------|--|
| Orientation/skills: | December 27 <sup>th</sup><br>9am – 3pm |
| Skills:             | December 28 <sup>th</sup><br>9am – 3pm |
| Trip: 9am – 4pm     | December<br>29 – 30                    |



## WINTER CAMPING III

**Prerequisites: Explore the Cannon Bottoms and Winter Camping I and II**                      **Fee: \$175.00**  
 This is a six-day ski-packing trip into the BWCA. Travel by skis through remote wilderness area using topographic maps and compass. Camp in Quinzees and fish for lake trout.

| Activity:                                  | Dates:   |
|--|--|
| Orientation/Potluck/Sauna:<br>5:00-8:00 pm | February 11 <sup>th</sup>                      |
| Trip: Leave 3:30 p.m.; Return 8:00 p.m.    | February 17 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> * |
| Wrap-up: 6:00 – 7:30pm                     | March 3 <sup>rd</sup>                          |

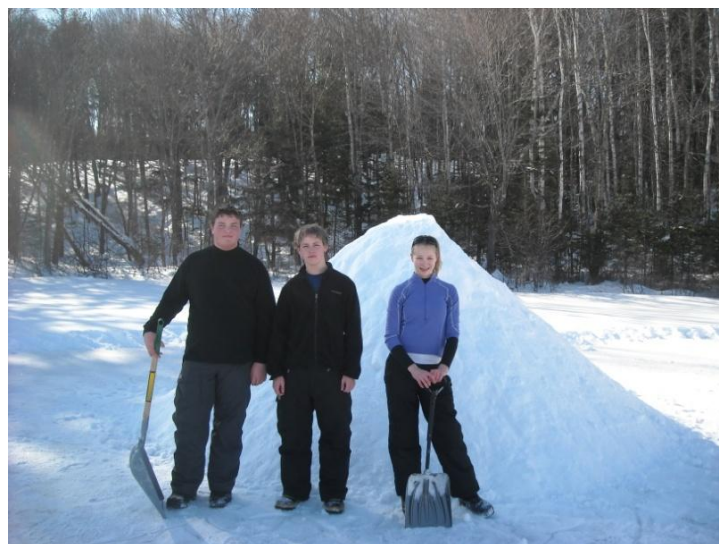
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## WINTER CAMPING II

**Age minimum: 9th Grade**                      **Fee: \$110.00**  
**Prerequisite: Explore the Cannon Bottoms and Winter Camping I**  
 Three days of winter camping and cross country skiing.  
 Travel on cross country skis and build snow shelters.  
 Learn and practice skills necessary for safe and enjoyable winter exploration. We'll go to the Porcupine Wilderness Area near Durand, WI



| Activity  | Group 1                              |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Orientation / Skills Day:                                   | December 27 <sup>th</sup><br>9am-3pm |
| Trip: Leave at 7:00 a.m. return 4:00p.m.                    | December<br>28 - 30                  |
| Wrap-up Potluck for<br>Parents and participants 6:00-7:30pm | January<br>6 <sup>th</sup>           |



## ELECTIVES

### PIONEERING

Fee: \$50.00

Minimum Age: 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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

| Activity                                     | Group 1                                | Group 2  |
|--|--|--|
| Cabin Skills:                                | December 27 <sup>th</sup><br>9am – 3pm | February 15 <sup>th</sup><br>February 17 <sup>th</sup><br>2:40 – 5pm |
| Overnight:<br>Date<br>Leave and pick up time | December<br>28 – 29<br>10am – 1pm      | February<br>18-19<br>2pm – 3pm                                       |



### ICE CLIMBING

Minimum Age: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fee: \$120.00

Prerequisites: Rock Climbing I and II

Students will go up to the Two Harbors cabin and climb The Baptism, Cascade and Manitou Rivers. You will learning the skills necessary to climb ice.

| Activity   | Group 1                              | Group 2                |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Orientation/potluck:<br>Packing lists/food<br>planning | January 13 <sup>th</sup><br>2:40-5pm | March 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Trip<br>Leave 3pm – return 6pm                         | January 21 – 24                      | March 4 - 7            |
| Wrap up<br>6-7:30pm                                    | January 27 <sup>th</sup>             | March 11 <sup>th</sup> |

### WINTER X GAMES

Fee: \$55.00

We are so excited to offer something for participants that are at RWHS! NO ELC EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! We hear from students that they wish they would've started ELC when they were young. ....well, we listened. .... this is for you and current ELC students! We will meet once a week and go find a winter adventure. It might be sledding, tubing, skating, skiing, snow shoeing or something completely random. It depends on the winter conditions and what fun things we can think of to do! All you need is your adventurous spirit! Make sure you get your non ELC friends in on the 411. If you want to sign up for both groups you may!

Please make sure you can attend all sessions, we will pick you up at RWHS

| Group 1  | Group 2  |
|--|--|
| January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup><br>2:30 – 6pm | Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> , Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup><br>2:30 – 6pm |

### OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Fee: \$55.00

Participants will be introduced to the basics of outdoor photography. We will be practicing composition, lighting, camera selection, adjustments, and much more! Please be available for all the dates.

| Date   | Time         |
|--|--------------|
| December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> | 2:30pm – 6pm |

## ADVENTURE CHALLENGES

Three Adventure Challenges = 1 program credit

### ICE CLIMBING FESTIVAL

Fee: \$25.00

Prerequisite: Rock Climbing III or Ice Climbing

This is a unique opportunity to spend the day learning various climbing techniques. There will be opportunities to test out the ice climbing gear.  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm

### ICE SKATING/ GAMES

Fee: \$25.00

We will spend the day in the Cannon Bottoms, the winter wonderland of Red Wing, hiking, cooking lunch over a fire and finding great skating spots. No experience (or skates, we have plenty!) necessary! We have two instructors for this program so we will take a very large group and have pick up games!  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm

### MOONLIGHT CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Fee: \$25.00

Prerequisite: Cross Country Skiing I

This is an amazing opportunity to ski by only the light of the moon! We will explore a local area and cook dinner over an open fire. A perfect winter experience!  
January 19<sup>th</sup> 4 – 8pm

Unlike ELC student programs, Adult, Family and Young Explorer programs ARE on a first come first served basis. Please email or call with your registrations

## YOUNG EXPLORERS

### PLAY DAY!

Fee: \$25.00

Third through Fifth Graders are invited to try ELC with a day of play at our ELC cabin located in the Haycreek Area. We will get a taste of cabin life with outdoor cookery and winter games.  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> OR February 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 3pm

## FAMILY PROGRAMMING

### EXPLORE AS A FAMILY

Fee: \$50.00/family

Parents: Drag out all your old winter gear and take the family out to play! This is a unique opportunity to have one of our instructors lead you into the winter wonderland in the Cannon Bottoms. You never know what you will find but adventure is guaranteed! Cook lunch over a fire, build a snowman, and snowballs are sure to fly!  
December 30<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm

## ADULT PROGRAMMING

### ADULT WINTER TRIP!

Fee: \$150.00

Here is another daring adventure for Adults! You have all heard about the recently completed Two Harbors Cabin. Well, here is your chance to live the dream. We will take a group up and use the cabin as our base and head out on a number of cross country ski and snowshoe adventures. This program is designed for both the experienced and novice participant. This opportunity will give you a chance to experience the North woods from a different perspective. The ELC can provide equipment for those who need it. Let us know when registering.

| Activity  | Dates   |
|---|---|
| Orientation/potluck:<br>Packing lists/food planning | February 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>6:00 – 7:30pm       |
| Trip<br>Leave 4pm – return 6pm                      | February<br>10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> |

# THANK YOU TO THE RED WING SHOE FOUNDATION FOR 40 YEARS OF SUPPORT!



**Thank you to those who have supported the ELC with financial Donations from July 2009 – October 2010**

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS  
THAT HELPED US WITH THE DUCK RALLY AND THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THIS YEAR!

Many thanks to all the community volunteers who have helped with shuttles and the use of their land. Without this generosity, it would be impossible to run our programs! Thank you to ISD 256 for supporting outdoor education!

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*We sincerely apologize if we have forgotten to mention anyone!!*

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**Thank you for your support!**



# ELC MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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5354 Tower view Drive  
Red Wing, MN 55066

\$30.00 **New Family** membership receive a copy of the book *I do and I understand*, Newsletter mailing (4x a year), schedules, the opportunity to register for ELC programs for one year and A membership in the Red Wing Wildlife League for each participant.

\$30.00 **Renew Family** membership for one year. Receive mailings of the newsletter and program schedules for one year, the opportunity to register for ELC programs for one year, and a membership in the Red Wing Wild Life League for each participant.

\$10.00 Receive the **newsletter** only, for one year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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