



ELC

RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

Summer 2023



Mark your Calendars!

Saturday, April 22: Wild and Scenic Film Festival

Thursday, May 18: Community Pizza Night

Thursday, June 15: Community Pizza Night

Thursday, July 20: Community Pizza Night

Thursday, August 17: Community Pizza Night

Details are on page 2

Financial Assistance is Available.

The online application is
available at
www.redwingelc.com

Sign up deadline is April 15

New Students Welcome!

Sign up under the students tab

at www.redwingelc.com

Current students sign

into <https://elc.force.com/s/>

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

[Student Medical Form](#)

Thank You -Anne Rohn!

The ELC want to extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to Anne for her help over the last year conducting summer programming, tiny trees and young explorer programs. You have been a great addition to our ELC staff and we hope we will continue to see you around the ELC. Thank you so much!

THE ELC WELCOMES KATHERINE THIS SUMMER!



Hello! My name is Katherine. I'm currently a junior at University of Minnesota-Duluth. I'm majoring in Environmental and Outdoor Education with minors in Psychology and Deaf Studies! I grew up nearby in Southern Minnesota and have visited Red Wing a few times, so I'm thrilled to be here for the summer! In my free time, I love climbing, birding, and painting. I'm so excited to see what's in store for me here, and I can't wait to get started!

Bluffs and Brews is Back!

•Archery at Spring Lake Park Reserve

Thursday, June 22nd 4-8 PM

Program Price- \$26

The first Bluffs & Brews program will introduce participants to the sport of Archery. The group will travel to Spring Lake Park Reserve near Hastings. The historical discussion will focus on the history of the Burnside Township annexation and how the early Military highways changed and moved over time to the highway we know today.

•Paddling the Backwaters of the Mississippi River

Thursday, July 27, 3:30-8 PM

Program Price- \$20

The second Bluffs & Brews adventure takes participants on a canoe-bound journey through the Mississippi River Backwaters. While canoeing, take a step back in time and learn about the importance of the river to the town to the region as well as learn a little history about the parks we have on the river.

Program cost includes equipment usage and any other associated fees.

To register or for more info contact the Goodhue Historical Society.

Email: education@goodhistory.org

Phone: 651.388.6024

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: May 18, June 15, July 20,
August 17.**

**Fall Celebration:
October 2nd**

Buy your Wild and Scenic Tickets Today!

April 22, 2023

6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Red Wing High School

2023 Wild and Scenic Trailer

[Click here for ticket](#)

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS

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: \$20

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 a group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
July 24	July 25	July 27
12:30-3:30 pm	12:30-3:30 pm	12:30-3:30 pm



EXPLORE CANOEING

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 7	June 8	June 20	June 23
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: \$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
June 9	June 22	July 5
9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm	9:00 am-3:00 pm



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BIKE TOURING I

Minimum Age: entering 7th grade
Prerequisite: Bike Touring
8th grade and above: no prerequisite
Fee: \$70.00

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 12	June 19
Trip: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	June 13- June 14	June 20- June 21

SEA KAYAKING I

Minimum Age: entering 7th Grade
Fee: \$70.00

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
Orientation/Skills: 9:00am - 3:00pm	July 11	August 21
Trip Leave: 9:00am Return: 3:00pm	July 12 July 13	August 23- August 24



CANOEOING I

Prerequisite : Explore Canoeing
8th grade and above: no prerequisite
Fee: \$70.00

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
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 26	August 14
Skills: 9:00 am -3:00 pm	June 27	August 15
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	June 28- June 29	August 16- August 17



SAILING I

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 several 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 Group

Activity/Times	Group 1	Group 3
Intro: 9:00am - 12:00pm	July 5	July 25
Sailing 9:00 am-12:00 pm	July 6	July 26
Sailing 10:00 am -2:00 pm	July 7	July 27

Afternoon Groups

Activity / Times	Group 2	Group 4
Intro: 12:00 pm-3:00 pm	July 5	July 25
Sailing 12:00 pm -3:00 pm	July 6	July 26
Sailing 10:00-2:00 pm	July 7	July 27

CORE PROGRAMS

CANOING II

Prerequisite: Canoeing I

Entering 8th Grade and above no prerequisite

Fee: \$115.00

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	June 12
Skills: 9:00 am- 3:00 pm	June 13
Trip Leave: 8:00am – Return: 6:00pm	June 14- June 16
Wrap-up/Potluck for parents & participants: 6-7:30	June 20



BIKE TOURING II

Minimum Age: entering 8th Grade

Fee: \$125.00

You will spend time learning how to tune your bike in preparation for a three day trip along the Root River near Lanesboro. We will learn about the areas we travel through and tour the Amish Community near Harmony MN. Bike and Rack needed. Bike and Rack needed.

Activity/Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 27
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 4:00pm	July 5- July 7
Wrap up : 6:00-7:30 pm	July 10



SAILING II

Prerequisite: Sailing I

Fee: \$115.00

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	July 31	August 21
Sailing Skills 9am-3pm	August 1	August 22
Trip: 1:00 pm 12:00 pm	August 2- August 3	August 23- August 24

SEA KAYAKING II

Minimum age: entering 8th grade

Fee: \$115.00

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 19th. Please write in the memo at sign up if you are available to help.

Activity/Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	July 18
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 4:00pm	July 19- July 21
Wrap up	July 26

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CORE PROGRAMS

CANOEING III

Prerequisite: Canoeing II

Fee: \$275

Join us on a journey across the BWCA. We will begin on the Gunflint Trail end and work our way over to the Ely side of the boundary waters. Various lakes, portages, sunrises and sunsets will be enjoyed along the way in addition to great fishing and fish fries.

Activity/Times	Date
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	June 2
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	June 12 June 23
Wrap up	TBD



SEA KAYAKING III

Prerequisite: Sea Kayaking II

Fee: \$250

Join us for a five day sea kayaking trip in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. We will head up to Munising Michigan where we will paddle for six days along the picturesque shoreline of Lake Superior. Highlights will include sea caves, ship wrecks light houses, sand dunes, beaches, side hikes in a virgin forest and along trout streams.

Activity/Times	Dates
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00pm	August 1
Trip :Leave 7:00am Return 7:00pm	August 5- August 11
Wrap up	August 18

BIKE TOURING III

Prerequisite: 9th grade and above

Fee: \$225.00

Join us as we strike out on an amazing biking touring adventure as we travel from Two Harbors to Red Wing. Bike touring combines the fun of traveling to new places with the physical benefits of cycling. It is a low-impact and environmentally friendly way to travel. In this age of constant connectivity, it can be refreshing to unplug and disconnect from the daily grind. While you are biking, you'll be away from the conveniences of modern life, and you'll need to rely on your own resources. This can be a great way to clear your mind and reconnect with yourself and fellow students. We will travel Minnesota and Wisconsin Roads using various roadways and trail systems. We will research routes, safety precautions and learn about the human and natural history of the areas we will be traveling through.

Activity/Times	Date
Orientation/Skills 9:00am – 3:00 pm	July 14
Trip :Leave 9:00am Return 3:00pm	July 17- July 22
Wrap up	July 25



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ELECTIVES

CATFISHING

Minimum age: 6th grade

Fee: \$30

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/Times	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Orientation	August 7 3:00-4:00 pm	August 7 3:00-4:00 pm	August 14 9 :00-10:00 am
Trip:	August 8, 4:00 pm- August 9 10:00 am	August 10, 4:00 pm August 11 10:00 am	August 16, 4:00 pm August 17 10:00 am



SPELUNKING COLDWATER CAVE

Fee: \$75.00

Minimum Age: 8th grade

In this program you will visit Mystery Cave of Forestville State Park as well as Coldwater Cave in Northeastern Iowa. Students will view and learn about various speleothems and geographic features. There is an underground river running through it so students will wear wetsuits that the ELC will provide.

Activity	Date
Orientation: 11:00 am-12:30 pm	August 14
Trip: 8:00 am-7:00 pm	August 19



YOUNG WOMEN IN THE WOODS

Minimum age: 6th grade

Fee: \$70

From facing one's fears, to speaking up for what they believe in, our ELC young women will challenge themselves to develop leadership and teamwork skills as they form new friendships, discover confidence and independence, and develop a powerful sense of accomplishment. This course will offer a wide range of activities and experiences for our ELC young women. Activities include paddling, hiking, camping, birdwatching, and cooking

Activity/Times	Date
Orientation: 9:00 am-3:00 pm	July 31
Trip: Leave 9:00 am-Return: 3:00 pm	August 1- August 2



YOUNG EXPLORER PROGRAMS

Entering 4th-5th Grade

YOUNG EXPLORERS: FIRE BUILDING AND COOKING

Fee: \$15

Our ancestors began cooking with fire at least a million years ago. Understanding how to build a cooking fire is a skill that can be difficult to learn, but practice is the key to perfecting this essential skill. Once you practice and learn this skill, it is now time to use that fire to create something good to eat. Join us for practice building fires and then practice your skills cooking over an open fire. This program is certain to be a hit!

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 6	June 6	June 16	June 16
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30-3:30 pm	9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30-3:30 pm

YOUNG EXPLORER:ORIENTEERING AND GPS

Fee: \$15

Have you ever wondered how to use a map and compass or how a GPS unit works? This ELC program will introduce you to the skill of orienteering (using a map and compass) and how to found your way should you ever get lost. These are great ELC skills to have and practice as you continue to take programs and venture out into the woods. So come with us and get yourself turned around and then we will find our way out, it is sure to be a GREAT adventure.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 23	June 23	July 6	July 6
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30-3:30 pm	9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30-3:30 pm

YOUNG EXPLORERS: CREEKING

Fee: \$15

Come along and go “creeking” in Hay Creek. You will be introduced to a stretch of Hay Creek. We will hike in the creek and observe and identify local flora and signs of wildlife along the way! Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
July 19	July 19	July 26	July 26
9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30-3:30 pm	9:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30-3:30 pm

TINY TREES ENTERING 2-3 GRADE

TINY TREES: BUG HUNT Fee: \$15

Do you love collecting bugs? Do you like to make them pets? Then this class is for you! We will collect bugs and then use magnifying glasses and an insect guide to further learn about and enjoy these crawling critters! Our world would be quite different without them! Pick a group:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
July 7	July 7	July 18	July 18
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm	10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm

TINY TREES: BACKYARD BIRDS Fee: \$15

Have you ever wondered what kind of birds live in your backyard? Let's explore what it is like to be a bird so that we can understand their unique habits and be able to identify our common backyard neighbors by sight and call.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
June 15	June 15	June 30	June 30
10:00 am-12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm	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!

Please sign up for all available groups using the same program priority and ELC will pick the group.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
July 28	July 28	August 3	August 3
10:00 am- 12:00 pm	12:30 pm-2:30 pm	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.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson