

ELC



RED WING ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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ATTENTION ALL ELC STUDENTS, ALUMNI, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

This year marks the ELC's 40th Anniversary and we plan to celebrate this milestone on October 2nd. It will be a day packed with activities, food, reconnecting with other alumni and much more. We wanted to share with you a general outline of what the day will entail, but we also want to hear from you, we need your help to make this event a success and we wanted to let you know how to find out more. The ELC has always been about getting people out and enjoying the outdoors and this day will be no different.

- 9am-3pm We will be conducting a variety of adventures that will range from rock climbing, to canoeing, kayaking, biking, interpretive hikes and even fishing rod construction. All programs will be open to the public. We will request that people sign up, to ensure that we have enough equipment and staffing to make it safe and enjoyable experience.
- 5-7pm We will host a wild edible potluck dinner and hog roast! Each person is asked to bring their favorite wild edible food prepared the way you like it, to be shared with others. We will provide cards to write what the dish is and who prepared it. It will be fun to see the variety of dishes that will show up on the table. Be creative and have fun! During this time you will also be able to walk around and check out the displays, photos from your time in the ELC and again much more.
- 7-9pm During this time we will take a walk down memory lane and share stories and look at pictures from 1970 to 2010. Over this time many things have changed, but the general experiences that each participant has had will be very similar. If you have a favorite story that you would like to share, please contact the ELC and let us know.

We hope that you will mark this date on your calendar and let your friends and family know as well. In September we will post on our website a complete list of activities and a final schedule for the day's event. If you have any questions, stories or ideas please feel free to contact me.

We hope you will plan to join us for a celebration of 40 years of adventure programming!

Jason Jech – Executive Director



ELC's First Awards Night. On the left: Director, Bruce Ause . On the right Dr. Dan Mjolsness presenting a Plaque to a new ELC student

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

Parent Informational Meeting

November 3, 2010

7:00 to 8:00 pm

Required for new parents

Students Welcome



THE DUCKS ARE COMING!!

Don't miss the Annual River Duck Rally. Sunday August 8th at Baypoint Park after the parade. Tickets are available at Smokey Row .There are many great prizes!

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

ELC Fall Registration

DEADLINE: August 13, 2010

Email (preferred):

rwelccyndi@gmail.com

Or call 388-7339

Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices after the 13th, you will be placed on a waiting list!

ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS CONTINUED

BIKING INTRODUCTION

Fee: \$25.00

Minimum Age: 6th Grade

This activity is an introduction to the bike touring core program Learn how to tune up your bike, discuss bike safety, take a local tour, and identify flora and fauna along the bike trail.

Dates (choose one) Sept 14th OR Sept 16th
3:00 – 7:30pm

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.

Dates: Sept 10th 2:40 – 6pm

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: \$55.00

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: 2:40 – 5pm	Sept 9 th	Oct 12 th	Nov 9 th
Overnight: 3pm – 3pm	Sept 17-18	Oct 15-16	Nov 12-13

CORE PROGRAMS

BACKPACKING I

Fee: \$55.00

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: 12:40 – 3pm	Nov 16 th
Skills 12:40 – 4:30pm	Nov 18 th
Trip 9:00am* – 4:00pm	Nov 19 th -20 th

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	Oct 14 th 2:40 - 5:30pm
Skills/Ecology	Oct 16 th 2:40 - 7:00pm
Trip: Leave at 8am* Return at 4pm	Nov 5 th - 7 th
Wrap up potluck with parents	Nov 11 th 6:00 - 7:30pm

BACKPACKING III

Fee: \$240.00

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 8 th 2:40 - 6pm
Skills Day	Oct 9 th 9am - 3pm
Trip:	Oct 21 st leave at 7am Oct 26 th return at 8pm
Wrap-up/Potluck Supper with parents/participants	Nov 4 th 6 - 7:30pm

ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

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 Shooting games and a 3D target shoot hone the skills of each participant.. The ELC will provide archery equipment.

Activity	Dates/Times
Orientation	Sept 13 th 2:40 - 5pm
Shooting Stances	Sept 14 th 2:40 - 5pm
Shooting Session 2	Sept 15 th 2:40 - 5pm
Shooting Session 3	Sept 16 th 2:40 - 7pm

ELECTIVE PROGRAMS CONTINUED

BOW HUNTING

Fee: 100.00

Minimum Age: 6th grade

Prerequisite: Fire Arms Safety (if you don't have one, contact Brad for more information). Basic Archery or qualify for Red Wing City Hunt.

This program is being supported by Whitetails Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. This group of students will learn the basics of Bow Hunting, scouting, tree stand safety, shot placement, trailing, scent control, field dressing and butchering. Students will practice shooting prior to a 4 day hunt at the Two Harbors Cabin.

Activity	Date:
Orientation: 3 - 5pm	Sept 21 st
Trip: Leave 3:00pm-Return 5pm	Sept 23 rd -26 th
Wrap up: 6-7:30pm	Sept 30 th

PIONEERING

Fee: 55.00

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: 2:40 shuttle-6:00	Oct 4 th
Cabin Skills: 2:40 shuttle-6:00	Oct 5 th
Overnight: Leave 4:30pm - Return 3:00pm	Oct 8 th - 9 th

PIONEERING II

Fee: \$120.00

Minimum Age: 8th grade

Prerequisites: Explore and Camping Skills and Pioneering I

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	Group 1
Orientation/Skills: 2:40 - 5pm	Oct 19 th
Trip: Leave 9am - Return 4pm	Oct 21 st - 24 th

SPELUNKING

Fee: \$50.00

Minimum Age: 7th grade

A unique opportunity to visit three limestone caves located near the Zumbro River. You will learn about mineral deposits, life underground and the skills to safely crawl in these caves.

Activity	Group 1	Group 2	Group 2
Orientation 2:40- 5:00pm	October 5 th	October 5 th	October 5 th
Trip 8am - 5pm	October 9 th	October 16 th	October 30 th

YOUNG EXPLORERS

CAVE TOUR

Fee: \$25.00

Our young explorers will explore and experience a unique hour long tour that will ignite their imagination about an environment that is right under our feet. Knowledgeable guides will lead us through passages filled with glistening cave formations and creatures of the dark. Stalactites, stalagmites, rippling flowstone and bats will be seen as we descend over 70 feet underground.

Dates (choose one):

October 11th 9am-noon or

October 11th 12:30 - 3:30pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

ROCK CLIMBING

Fee: \$25.00

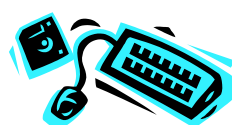
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Dates: Sept 21st noon - 3pm

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

The ELC has always been very simple in its approach, get kids outside and learning through hands on experiences. For the last 40 years we have stayed true to that philosophy, and we have every intention of staying true to that for the next 40 years. Times are changing and to a point we need to stay with the times. We still use very little technology in the field, unless it ties in to safety of our students and staff. Websites and social media sites are now common place and they are a great way to communicate with parents, students and alumni. Former ELC participant and instructor Sam Lewis, has been hard at work creating a website that not only serves our needs now but well into the future. The site can be found at www.redwingelc.com It is still brand new and we are in the process of getting more pictures and videos up and available for you to view, as well as general information. Finally the ELC also has created a Face book page, in an effort to help reconnect alumni and share information about the ELC; we hope that you will add us as a friend.

ELC Technology Updates



Finally, we need volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Contact the ELC to volunteer. Thanks and see you at the Finish Line!

First Prize: \$1,000 cash

Second Prize: Trek Bike from Wheelhouse Cycles

Third Prize: Sargent's Nursery Tree

Lame Duck: \$200 Kwik Trip card

Pick a Duck (2): \$100 Kwik Trip Cards

The Red Wing Environmental Learning Center is once again teaming up with Youth Outreach to raise funds and awareness for both programs by hosting the 4th Annual Red Wing Rubber Duck Rally. The goal is to have people adopt 5,000 rubber ducks. We will then release them at the upper end of Baypoint Park and race to the other end. Don't miss your chance to win one of the great prizes and to support two great youth organizations in Red Wing.

2010 DUCK RALLY



**Red Wing Environmental Learning Center
Bruce Ause Endowment Fund**

Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contribution amount: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Environmental Learning Center Endowment Fund**

Thank you for your support!



ELC MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Clip and Return to: ELC

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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.

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