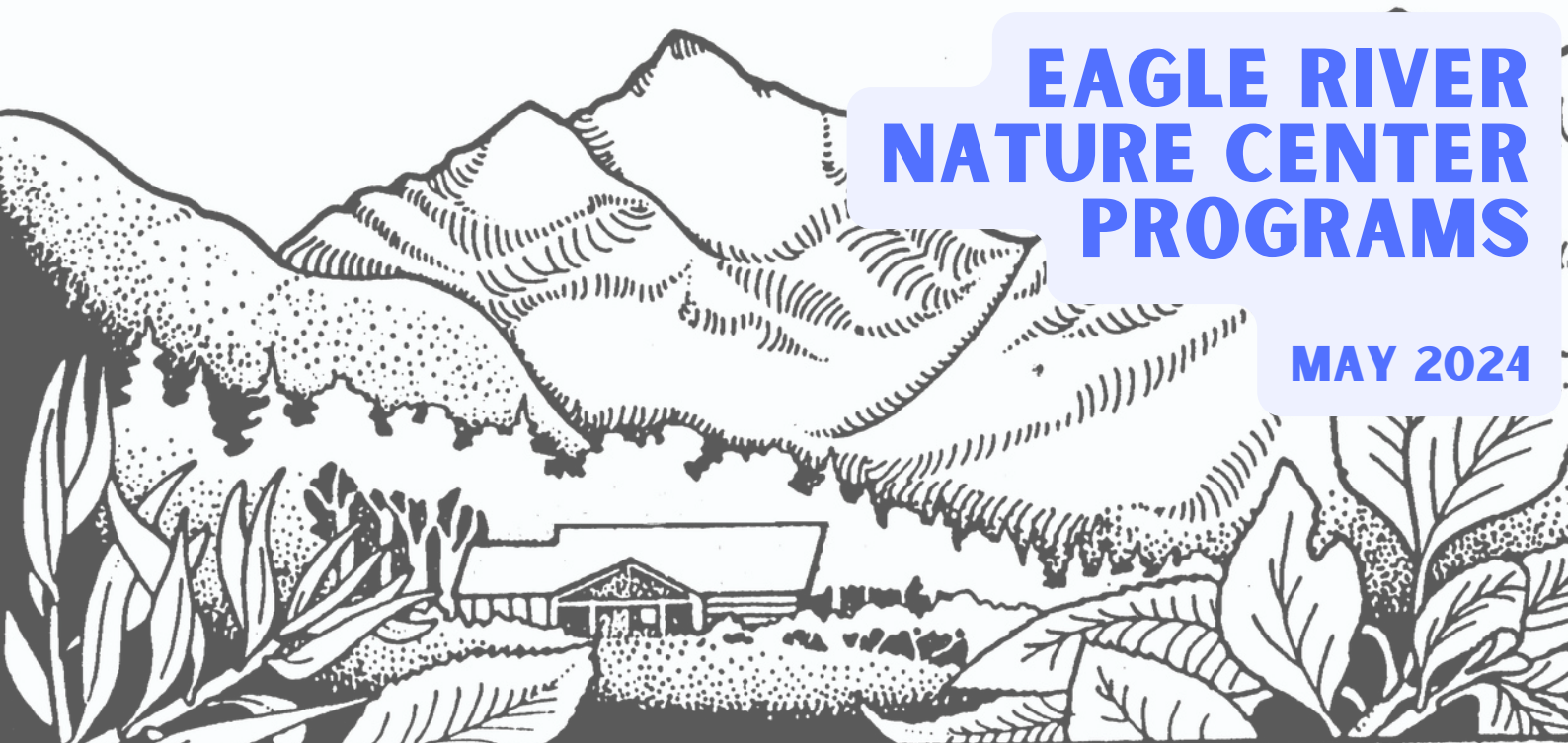


EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

MAY 2024



SUMMER BUILDING HOURS:

May-September
Wednesday-Sunday
10am-5pm

Find out more about us
@ www.ernc.org

Contact us at:
907-694-2108 or
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Location:
32750 Eagle River Rd.
Eagle River, AK 99577



Spring is upon us!

It's a good time of year to refresh your bear awareness and ethical wildlife viewing skills!

Visit our website for more info:

<https://www.ernc.org/outdoor-safety.html>



ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music in the Mountains featuring ZEN TREMBLES!

Saturday, 6/1/2024, 6pm-10pm. Music, beer, and food all in the surrounding beauty of the mountains.

More info coming soon at www.ernc.org.



Meet our new staff



**Betsy Ward:
Operations Manager**
Betsy joined us in 2022 as a Resident Volunteer and just couldn't leave us! We are so happy to have her as a full-time part of the team....you'll see her stocking the store and keeping track of the volunteers (amongst many other things).



**Marlowe Scully:
Naturalist**
Marlowe joined us at the start of the year as part of the Naturalist team! They absolutely are wonderful and we are super excited for you catch them leading a program sometime soon (if you haven't already).



**Sarah Michal:
Social Media
Specialist/Naturalist**
Sarah joined us in March and has taken over our social media as well as helping with naturalist duties! Follow along with us on Facebook or Instagram and see what the Nature Center is up to!

- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

MAY 2024 PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 11AM

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Join in for an hour(ish) long hike on or near the Rodak trail at a toddler's pace! No registration necessary, just check in by 11am in the main ERNC building.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 11AM

GUIDED HIKE | NO REGISTRATION

LITTLE EXPLORERS

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 11AM

SECOND SATURDAY STORY TIME | NO REGISTRATION
WOODLAND WANDERING

Families with preschoolers and early elementary students are invited to join us in the Ed Yurt for a short story time and activity. This month we will read stories about how to prepare to hike outside. *Please allow 10-15 minutes to walk from the main ERNC building to the Ed Yurt.*

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2PM

ALL AGES LECTURE

ALASKA LONG TRAIL: A 500-MILE TRAIL FROM SEWARD TO FAIRBANKS

From the Camino de Santiago in Spain to the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails in the United States, long trails have captured the interest of travelers the world over. With some of the most stunning wilderness in the world, Alaska is overdue in creating a world-class long trail of its own. Learn about the progress on the Alaska Long Trail and see how you can get involved.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 11AM

GUIDED HIKE | NO REGISTRATION

LITTLE EXPLORERS

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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 11AM

ALL AGES LECTURE | NO REGISTRATION
CROW PASS 101

Join Crow Pass trail expert Pete Panarese for an informational program on hiking Crow Pass Trail. Get insider tips, learn about the trail itself, and talk through advice for fording Eagle River.

THANK YOU to TOTE Maritime Alaska for their continued sponsorship of the Jr. Naturalist Program!



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2PM-5PM

ALL AGES WALK + TALK | REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED
ALASKA WILDFLOWERS

In celebration of Alaska Native Plant Month, ERNC volunteer Julie Jesson will present a slide show of local wildflowers along with tips on how to photograph flowers. Afterwards, an ERNC naturalist will lead a hike on the 3-mile Albert Loop in search of wildflowers. *Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 5:30PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ALASKA NATIVE PLANT MONTH WALK: RODAK TRAIL

Master Naturalist Beth Baker will lead a .75-mile hike around the Rodak Trail. Learn about Boreal Forest, plant adaptations to Alaska winter, how plants respond to aspect of slope and elevation, and what is photosynthesis. *Register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 11AM

GUIDED HIKE | NO REGISTRATION

LITTLE EXPLORERS

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SATURDAY, MAY 25, 11AM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ALASKA NATIVE PLANT MONTH HIKE: DEW MOUND

Master Naturalist Beth Baker will lead a 6.8 mile hike around the Dew Mound Trail with a botany focus. Learn about Boreal Forest, plant adaptations to Alaska winter, how plants respond to aspect of slope and elevation, and what is photosynthesis. *Bring your lunch. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST OPEN HOUSE | NO REGISTRATION
NATURE PLAYSCAPE GRAND OPENING

What is a nature playscape and how do you use it? Investigate today and help plan the future of the area. Shelter building, bubble blowing, and butterfly chasing are only a few examples of how we can use the former shelter-building area. *Junior Naturalist programs are open to elementary school-aged students and their families—ask about earning your Junior Naturalist Badge. "Open House" means stop by anytime in that window*

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 11AM

GUIDED HIKE | NO REGISTRATION

LITTLE EXPLORERS

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