

Eagle River Nature Center
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JULY 2018 Programs

Summer Building Hours:
Tuesdays-Sundays 10am-5pm



Tuesdays-Sundays at 1:30pm *Daily Guided Walk*

Join our docent for a 3/4 mile walk around the Rodak Loop to learn about the history, flora and fauna of the Eagle River Valley. Sign in at front desk 10 minutes prior. *Not intended for organized groups.*

Every Friday at 11am *Guided Walk for Families with Preschoolers*

LITTLE EXPLORERS invites families for a short walk to explore nature at the pace of a preschooler.

Sunday, July 1, 1-5pm

Workshop (\$50; registration required)

MEDICINAL PLANTS WORKSHOP

This workshop introduces you to Alaska's wild plants that have traditionally been used for medicine. Learn to identify, harvest, and process about a dozen plants that grow in Southcentral Alaska. You will take home new knowledge, recipes and samples of salves.

Register at www.ernc.org.

Wednesday, July 4

We're open, but there's no formal program.

Thursday, July 5, 2pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)

NATURE'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE

Have you ever gone on a color walk? Find out what's growing and blooming along the trail.

Saturday, July 7, 10am

Guided Walk (Registration required)

ECHO BEND BOUND

Join volunteer **Sandra Halstaed** and **Stacy Flagg** for a 6-mile roundtrip hike. Hikers must be in good shape, and bring a backpack with water, snack and extra gear. *Limited to 12 adults.* Register at www.ernc.org.

Sunday, July 8, 8am

Guided Walk (Registration required)

FAMILY-FRIENDLY MORNING BIRD WALK

Families with children are invited to join birder **Jamin Taylor** on a short walk to the viewing deck on the Rodak Trail to look and listen for birds. *Bring your own binoculars or borrow ours.* Register at www.ernc.org.

Sunday, July 8, 11am-4pm

Workshop (\$40; Registration required)

PLEIN AIR PAINTING

Capture the blue peaks and summer greens of the northern landscape on canvas. Artists **Karl Koett** and **David Pettibone** guide you in the traditional techniques towards landscape painting in oils. Bring your own canvas and paints. *Details and registration at www.ernc.org.*

Wednesday, July 11, 2pm

Jr. Naturalist: ALASKA BIRDS FOR KIDS

Children's book author **Barbara Brovelli-Moon** is visiting today. Children will hear stories, explore wings and nests, and take home drawings of birds from her field guides for children: **Land Birds of Alaska** and **Water Birds of Alaska**.

Thursday, July 12, 2-4pm

Jr. Craft Program (\$10; Registration required)

MAKE YOUR OWN ATLATL

Kay Shoemaker-Howell will teach how to make and use an atlatl, an ancient spear-throwing device. *Limited to ages 9 and up. Register at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, July 14, 11am

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)

BEAR PAWS AND OTHER ANIMAL TRACKS

How can you tell a black bear print from a brown bear print, or a wolf from a wolverine? Make some tracks while learning how to read the footprints of different Alaska animals.

Sunday, July 15, 2pm

All Ages Program

CHUGACH MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES

Shawn Lyons, well-known author of various *Walk-About Guides to Alaska*, will share an afternoon of vicarious adventuring in a slide show covering a year of hiking and climbing in the Chugach Mountains. Indoor presentation.

Wednesday, July 18, 2pm

Jr. Craft Program (\$10, Registration required)

NATURE-PRINTING

Leaves, fish and other natural objects make great prints on paper or cloth. Participants will go home with a Japanese *Goyutaku* fish print on rice paper and a kitchen towel printed with objects of your choice. *Materials are provided (optionally, bring a T-shirt to print); ages 8 & up. Register at www.ernc.org.*

Thursday, July 19, 2pm

Teen Program (Registration required)

TEENS HIKE TO THE RIVER

Teens – do you get cabin fever during summer vacation and just need to get outside? Today we'll hike to the Eagle River where we'll have a snack as well as learn about safety around water. *Limited to teens (entering grades 7-12) registered at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, July 21, 11am

All Ages Program (Registration required)

USING MAP AND COMPASS

Learn how to not get lost by properly using map and compass. You'll have a chance to learn how to triangulate off nearby mountain

features, and practice point-to-point navigation in the woods. Presented by **Dean Knapp**, a volunteer with *Alaska Mountain Rescue Group*. *Limited to ages 10 and up. Register at www.ernc.org.*

Sunday, July 22, 11am

Guided Walk (Registration required)

WILDFLOWERS AND BERRIES WALK

Join our naturalist on a 1-mile walk to learn about Alaska wildflowers and berries. *Register at www.ernc.org.*

Wednesday, July 25, 11am

ANIMAL STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Families with preschoolers & kindergarteners are invited to join us on the back deck for story time. Today we're focusing on caterpillars, butterflies and bumblebees.

Thursday, July 26, 2pm

Jr. Craft Program (Registration required)

LAZY SUMMER CRAFTERNOON

Let's make some crafts this afternoon, rain or shine! We'll have some fun make-and-take crafts lined up for you – choose between several different stations. *Details and registration at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, July 28 No formal program today

Healthy Futures (healthyfutures.org) are the organizers of this year's **CROW PASS CROSSING** foot race from Girdwood to the Nature Center. *Parking will be limited during peak hours of noon-3pm.*

Sunday, July 29, 2pm

All Ages: ITCH, PRICKLE AND STING

There's no poison ivy in Alaska, but there are plants that can irritate the skin, plus numerous annoying and stinging insects. Discover which plants to avoid and how to deal with insects in a talk followed by a short walk.

COMING SOON

Saturday, August 11

EAGLE RIVER CHALLENGE 5K & 10K RACES

Thursday, August 30

HOMESCHOOL SERIES Orientation

Kick-off to the 2018-2019 Homeschool program