

Eagle River Nature Center
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September 2020 Programs
Building closed | Trails Open
Outdoor Info Desk: 11am-4pm, Friday-Sunday



**THE NATURE CENTER BUILDING IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
DUE TO COVID-19 SAFETY CONCERNS.**

Information Desk (in front of the main building) is staffed **Friday-Sunday from 11am-4pm**
Please follow Social Distancing protocols, leaving distance and wearing face masks when interacting with front desk staff.

**Junior Naturalist
Challenges**

are available for
download at
www.ernc.org



**Little E-ploers
Virtual Preschool
Program**

Every Friday at 11am
Facebook Live event.
*The live feed will last for
approximately 15 minutes
and will be available on
the Friends of Eagle
River Nature Center
Facebook page for
approximately 24 hours.*

Please help the Nature
Center by paying for
your parking passes.

Donations and
memberships are
always appreciated,
especially during these
challenging
times. Thank you and
enjoy our trails. The
volunteers and staff
work hard to keep
them in great shape.

**Year's Watch at the
Beaver Deck**

Starting September 1st,
participate in a year
long, digital citizen
phenology photography
project! Take a picture
from the marked spot
on the Beaver Viewing
Deck, and post it to
facebook or Instagram
using #erncwatch!
For more details visit
our facebook or
Instagram page.

THE ALBERT LOOP IS CLOSED.

Chugach State Park has closed the Albert Loop until further notice due to bear activity. This is an annual closure that has occurred since 1997. This closure does NOT affect the Rodak Loop, Dew Mound Trail, Crow Pass Trail or Iditarod Trail.

Unfortunately, our annual Fall Auction has been cancelled this year.

Programs see schedule on back

Saturday September 5, 9am
Guided Walk (Registration required)
Mushroom ID for People who are Bad at Mushrooms

Join aspiring amateur mycology enthusiast & ERNC naturalist Samantha Blumenkönig for an introduction to mushroom identification and short fungal foray around the Rodak Trail. We'll discuss key differences among fungi, practice the very basics of how to identify mushrooms, and confidently identify a few common Alaskan mushrooms. This course is ideal for adults and teens accompanied by an adult who are just beginning to be curious about fungi. Limited to 10 people registered at www.ernc.org

Thursday September 10 1pm-3pm
repeats on

Sunday September, 13 1pm-3pm
Nature Study Workshop for Elementary school students

(\$15; Registration Required)

Welcome to the Fungal Jungle

Fungi are neither plants nor animals but comprise their own kingdom. Go on a mini mushroom foray to find your own mushroom to create a spore print, dissect, and document using nature journaling techniques. You will also develop some simple tools to start identifying the diverse fungi that are essential to our boreal ecosystem. Finish this session with some ideas about how to cultivate your own fungi and how fungi just might save the world! Limited to 10 students registered at www.ernc.org

Friday-Sunday September, 18-20
Intermediate Wildlife Photography Hybrid Workshop

(\$85; Registration Required)

This class is appropriate for photographers who have taken one of Colin's classes previously or are proficient in manual exposure mode. Explore Wildlife Photography techniques in the field in this hybrid online/in person workshop with photographer **Colin Tyler Bogucki (www.colintyler.com)**. Part 1 is a Friday 6pm Zoom workshop to get an overview of the basics. In part 2 you will join Colin Tyler at your pre scheduled time for a private 3-hour session.

Attendees should provide their own SLR camera and be prepared to hike up to 3 miles. After registration, you will be emailed information about available time slots and how to access the Zoom webinar. Spouses/family groups may register for the same time slot. Register at www.ernc.org.

Thursday September 24, 1pm-3pm
repeats on

Saturday September 26, 1pm-3pm
Nature Study Workshop for TEENS

(\$15; Registration required)

Expanding the Fungal Jungle

Students in this class already know that fungi are their own wild, expansive kingdom. Expand your fungal knowledge on a mini fungal foray to find your own mushrooms, lichens, and other fungi to observe and document using nature journaling techniques. Develop and extend some simple tools to start identifying the diverse fungi that are essential to our boreal ecosystem. Finish this session with some ideas about how and why to cultivate your own fungi and how fungi just might save the world! Limited to 10 students registered at www.ernc.org.

Sunday September 27, 2pm

Online Program via Zoom

(Link details at www.ernc.org)

Bug Allies Around Your Home

What's lurking under your bed, at the back of your closet and in the distant corners of your house? What if you could turn these creatures into allies to improve your life? Discuss which creatures might be lingering in your home, how and why to improve your home's spider habitat, practical care and training of Madagascar hissing cockroaches, plus the trials and tribulations of vermicompost, and more.

Friday October 2, 7pm

Astronomy

Online Program via Zoom

(Link details at www.ernc.org)

The Hubble Space Telescope at 30

It's been 30 years of fun from the Hubble Space Telescope. Join us as we explore the history, images, and inspirations of this iconic telescope and enjoy a sneak peek at the other space telescopes in our future.

Sunday October 4, 2pm

Online Program via Zoom

(Link details at www.ernc.org)

Cryptobotany

We know about cryptozoology—the study of animals, like Sasquatch, whose existence has not been confirmed by science, but what about plants? Discover some legendary plants and the special place they hold in myths and culture.