

Eagle River Nature Center
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JUNE 2019 Programs

Building Hours:

Wednesdays-Sundays, 10am – 5pm

Groups by appointment



Wednesdays-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.

Saturday, June 1, 6:30-8pm

Special lecture (\$20, Registration required)

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

Join nature photographer **Jamin Hunter Taylor** as he shares his tips, tricks and methods to photographing birds, covering field gear, what makes a good composition, and much more. This evening lecture is session 1 of a weekend workshop, but can be attended independently of the whole workshop for \$20. *Register at www.ernc.org.*

Sunday, June 2, 7am-1pm

Workshop (\$75; Registration required)

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BOOTCAMP

Join nature photographer **Jamin Hunter Taylor** for a comprehensive workshop equipping you to get better, more stunning images of a variety of species of birds. Following Session 1 on Saturday night, Session 2 starts with an early morning photography walk, followed by Session 3 which will take you into the classroom for an edition workflow walkthrough to help you take your images from good to GREAT! *Cost is \$75 and covers all three workshop sessions. Register at www.ernc.org.*

Wednesday, June 5, 11am-1pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th) "Open House"
CREEKSIDE EXPLORATION

Bring your rubber boots and join us at the lower Albert Loop bridge to explore what lives in our creek (ask at the front desk for directions). *Come anytime between 11am-1pm. For safety reasons, this program is for school-age children only (age 6 and up).*

Thursday, June 6, 11am

ANIMAL STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Families with preschoolers and Kindergarteners are invited to join us on the back deck for story time. Today we'll focus on life around the beaver pond.

Saturday, June 8, 11am

All Ages Program

CROW PASS 101

Thinking of hiking Crow Pass trail but not sure what to expect? Join **Pete Panarese** for useful tips including typical trail conditions, gear and fording the river.

Sunday, June 9, 11am-3pm

Workshop (\$45, Registration required)

MEDICINAL PLANTS WORKSHOP

This workshop introduces you to 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, plants and samples of salves. *Cost is \$45; register at www.ernc.org.*

Wednesday, June 12, 11am-1pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th) "Open House"

THINGS WITH WINGS

Birds do it, bees do it, even bats do it! Uncover facts about the fabulous critters that can fly and explore the mechanics of flight. *Come by the classroom yurt anytime between 11am-1pm.*

Thursday, June 13, 2pm

Children's Workshop (\$10; Registration)

MAKING A SURVIVAL KIT

What should be in your pack when you head into the backcountry? We'll discuss preparedness and put together a mini survival kit for you to take with you on your next outdoor adventure. *For ages 8 & up. Cost is \$10; register at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, June 15, 2pm

All-Ages Program:

AUTHOR VISIT with MONICA DEVINE

Meet author **Monica Devine**, who will read from her book ***Water Mask***, an Alaskan memoir. Devine tells stories of traveling to villages throughout Alaska as an itinerant therapist.

Wednesday, June 19, 1pm-3pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th) "Open House"

ADAPTATION OLYMPICS

Alaska animals are uniquely adapted to survive in their environment. Today we'll compete to see which creature is best suited to survive in a challenging environment! *Stop by anytime between 1-3pm.*

Thursday, June 20, 11am

ANIMAL STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

See description on June 6.

Saturday, June 23, 11am

All-Ages: BEAR SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

Do you worry about recreating in bear country? Our naturalist will discuss ways to stay safe, how to avoid attracting bears, as well as talk about deterrents like bear spray.

Wednesday, June 26, 11am-1pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th) "Open House"

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TREE DOCTOR

Trees can't sneeze, but they can get sick, too! Explore how insects (including the dreaded spruce bark beetle), disease, and fungus can affect the health of a tree and learn how to detect sick trees in your own yard. *Come by the classroom yurt anytime between 11am-1pm.*

Thursday, June 27, 2-4pm

Workshop (\$25, Registration required)

FUN WITH INDIGO DYEING

The "indigo blue" color of jeans was traditionally achieved by dyeing with a natural plant dye with a complex chemical process. We'll be making unique designs using tie-dye and shibori-resist methods. All materials are included for making a bandana and a tote bag (optionally, bring pre-washed T-shirt). *Limited to adults and teens (Middle School and up). Cost is \$25; register at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, June 29, 11am-3pm

Workshop (\$45, Registration required)

NATURAL DYES AND ECO-PRINTING

Learn how to use natural dyes for textile dyeing, including printing with freshly-gathered leaves. You will learn how to prepare and mordant plant vs animal fibers, and prepare several different dyebaths. Participants will take home samples and create an eco-printed silk scarf. *Cost is \$45; register at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, June 29, 6:30-8pm

Special lecture (\$20, Registration required)

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

See description on June 1.

Sunday, June 30, 7am-1pm

Workshop (\$75; Registration required)

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BOOTCAMP

See description on June 1.

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