

Eagle River Nature Center
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APRIL 2020 Programs
Building Hours:
Fridays-Sundays, 10am – 5pm
Groups by appointment



Guided Hike for Families with Preschoolers

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Join us Fridays at 11am for a short walk to explore nature at a preschooler's pace. Bring a snack or lunch to eat with new friends afterwards.

Wednesday, April 1, 1-2:30pm
Homeschool Class for K-3rd (\$15; Registration)
BEAR-LY WAKING UP: Bear Ecology

For younger students (ages 5-9): Bears are waking up! Experience a year in the life of a bear through an experiential game. Investigate which bears live in Chugach State Park and learn how to safely share trails and territory with our ursine neighbors! See www.ernc.org to register and for more details.

Saturday, April 4, 11am
Preschool Program

STORYTIME FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Families with preschoolers and kindergartners are invited to join us for stories and activities about the natural world.

Today we'll explore the bears of the Eagle River Nature Center and their lives through the seasons.

Sunday, April 5, 11am
Guided Hike (Registration required)
DOGS AND FRIENDS HIKE

Bring your (well-socialized) leashed dog on a 3-mile walk around the Albert Loop and meet fellow canine adventure enthusiasts, and learn about dog-friendly destinations. *Limited to 6 dogs. Registration opens the weekend before at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, April 11, 2pm
All Ages Program
CRYPTOZOLOGY

Stories of Bigfoot/Sasquatch abound, but what is the evidence? What do they look like? Examine the basics of cryptozoology: the search for creatures whose existence have not (yet?) been proven by science, and how it can help us understand the world around us.

Sunday, April 12
EASTER SUNDAY
Main building is closed.
Trails are always open.

Thursday, April 16, 1-3pm

Homeschool Class for K-6th (\$15; Registration)

SPRING GREENS

Things are green again! Investigate how plants grow and reproduce. Learn how to identify local plants and discover some of their historic uses. Study the variety of seed dispersal methods found in nature, and “build” your own unique plant. *Register at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, April 18, 1-3pm

Jr. Naturalist Program “Open House”

SAND, MUD AND NATURE ART

From pebbles to sand and mud, nature provides a myriad of material for artistic expression. Try your hand at using natural objects to create impermanent art. *Dress for getting dirty and don't forget the camera. Come to the classroom yurt anytime between 1-3pm.*

Sunday, April 19, 2pm

All Ages Program

LIVING WITH BEARS

Marian Snively, Wildlife Educator with the **Alaska Department of Fish and Game**, will discuss myths, natural history and how to stay safe in bear country.

Friday, April 24, 5:30-8pm

Special Event: FEMMES LOVE STEM

Calling all womxn who geek out about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math). Join us at a potluck gathering and share which science issues currently get you excited! It could be an environmental concern, a fun fact, a new discovery, or a story you heard on the news. *Doors open at 5:30pm and we officially start at 6pm. Bring a side dish (we'll have chili).*

Saturday, April 25, 11am

Guided Walk: WALDEN WALK

Join naturalists **Beth Baker** and **Ute Olsson** on a reflective walk of approximately one mile. We'll make stops along the way to read short selections from Henry David Thoreau's **Walden**. *Appropriate for older children who can remain quiet during readings.*

Sunday, April 26, 2pm

All Ages Program

THOREAU AND WALDEN

175 years ago, Henry David Thoreau started living in a simple cabin he built on Walden Pond. The resulting book **Walden** is one of America's most celebrated works of literature: a collection of Thoreau's reflections on the natural world and simple living. Naturalist **Beth Baker** will talk about Thoreau's life and legacy, with an emphasis on his stay at Walden Pond.

Tuesday, April 28, 1-2:30pm

Homeschool Class for K-3rd (\$15; Registration)

CALLING ON CADDISFLIES!

Go in search of the elusive Caddisfly larva. Learn about aquatic macroinvertebrates and what they can tell us about stream health. Find out who else shares this space and relies on these creatures for food. Bring your rubber boots and plan to be by the water so we can capture critters like larval caddisflies, stoneflies, mayflies, and more! *Register at www.ernc.org.*

HEADS UP:

Nature Center Building Hours

Summer Schedule

May-Sept: Tuesdays-Sundays, 10am-5pm

Saturday, May 16, 6-9pm

Special Event

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

Join us for a great evening of music, food, beers and ciders from local breweries. Limited to 100 people, ages 21 and up. *More details and ticket sales coming in April to www.ernc.org.*

DAILY GUIDED WALKS

Tuesdays through Sundays at 1:30pm, starting June 1st. *No registration needed; check in 10 minutes prior.*

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