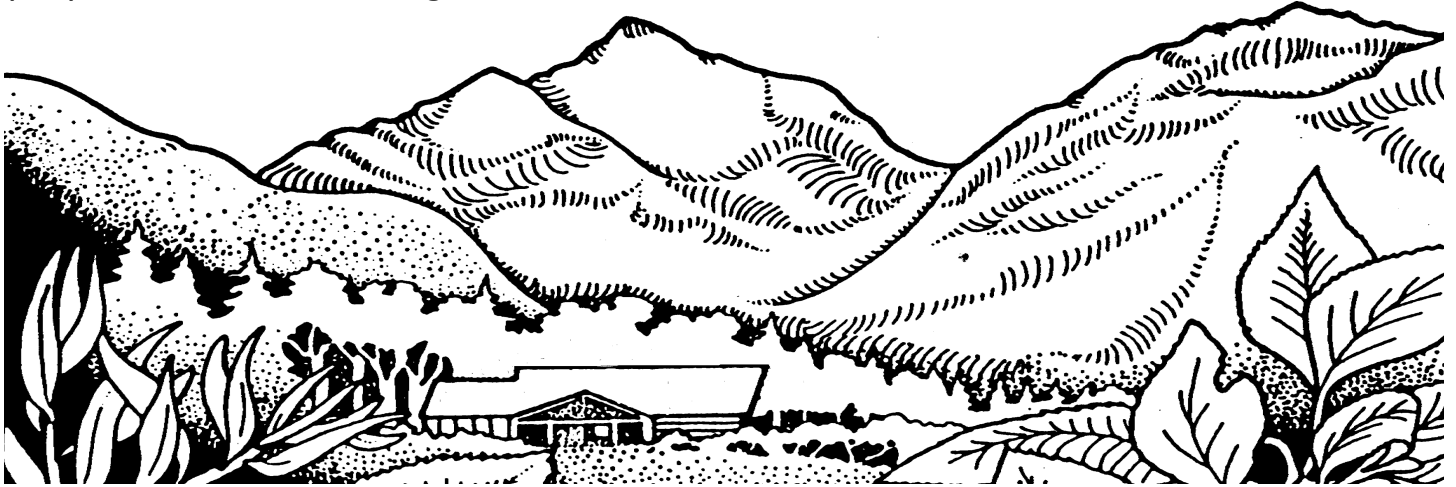


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AUGUST 2018 Programs

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.

Wednesday, August 1, 11am-1pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)

LUMBERJACK OLYMPICS "Open House"

Have you ever heard tall tales of Paul Bunyon, the giant lumberjack of American folklore who chopped down a tree with one swing of his axe? Come to the yurt to compete in some fun games of "axe" throwing, log rolling, crosscut sawing, caber toss, and more. *Open house means stop by anytime between 11am to 1pm.*

Thursday, August 2, 2pm

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)

SHELTER BUILDING (Registration required)

We will practice building lean-to shelters, quick and simple structures to protect yourself against the elements. Register at www.ernc.org.

Saturday, August 4, 10am

Guided Hike (Registration required)

DEW MOUND HIKE

Join volunteers **John and Madelyn Tyson** for a loop hike to Dew Mound Lake returning via Echo Bend (6 miles roundtrip). 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, August 5, 8am

Guided Walk (Registration required)

MORNING BIRD WALK

Join avid birder **Jamin Taylor** on a 1-3 mile walk to look and listen for birds. *Limited to adults and teens.* Register at www.ernc.org.

Sunday, August 5, 2pm

All Ages Program: WILDLIFE SAFETY

Do you have concerns about recreating in bear country? Our naturalist will address bear and moose safety and what you can do to avoid conflicts with wildlife.

Wednesday-Friday, August 8-10, 10am-4pm

Workshop (\$225, Registration required)

YOUTH WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Accidents happen. People get hurt or lost. Know the principles of preventing and treating wilderness injuries. Youths ages 12-18 can earn their WFA and CPR certification in this 3-day intensive workshop. *Class covers Response and Assessment, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Environmental Emergencies, Survival Skills, Soft Tissue Injuries, Medical Emergencies, plus Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.* For details, see www.ernc.org.

Thursday, August 9, 2-4pm
Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)
SALMON DAY “Open House”

Salmon have come back to our pond to spawn. We'll have fun activities at the classroom yurt to explore the salmon life cycle. Head over to the viewing decks before or after to check for spawning sockeye salmon. **Open house.**

Saturday, August 11, 10am
5K and 10K TRAIL RACES (\$30 entry fee)
EAGLE RIVER CHALLENGE

This footrace is held on the Dew Mound and Crow Pass Trails. Bib pick-up starts at 9am. Thank you to sponsors REI and Papa Murphy's Pizza. For more information or to volunteer at the race, call 694-2108 or email info@ernc.org. \$30 entry fee if pre-registered at www.ernc.org, or \$35 on day of race.

Sunday, August 12, 2pm
All Ages: LOST-PROOFING YOUR CHILD

Join State Park Ranger **Tom Crockett** and his family to learn how to avoid getting lost. Indoor/outdoor program, including a roleplaying exercise of hiding a child/parent and having the audience do a search.

Wednesday, August 15, 11am-1pm
Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)
THINGS WITH WINGS “Open House”

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. **Open House.**

Thursday, August 16, 2pm
Teen Program (Registration required)
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: CLIMATE CHANGE

It costs only a few dollars to buy a frozen pizza, but what is the environmental cost? Explore how our food system impacts the environment by creating a personal pizza and discover ways to decrease your impact. Walk away with a full tummy and useful knowledge for lowering your carbon footprint. Register at www.ernc.org.

Saturday, August 18, 11am
Guided Walk (Registration required)
DOGS AND FRIENDS HIKE

Bring your (well-socialized) leashed dog on a 3-mile walk and meet fellow canine adventure enthusiasts, and learn about dog friendly destinations. Register at www.ernc.org.

Sunday, August 19, 2pm
All Ages Program: LOW WASTE LUNCHES
Everybody needs to eat, and when we're away from home we often pack a lunch. What can we do to make that sack lunch user-friendly without producing a bunch of waste? We'll explore ways to reduce, reuse and recycle at school or at the office. Go home with “food for thought” as well as a reusable sandwich wrap.

Wednesday, August 22, 11am
ANIMAL STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Families with small children (pre-K and Kindergarten) are invited to join us for story time. Today's focus is berry picking.

Saturday, August 25, 2pm
Jr. Naturalist Program: BERRIES FOR KIDS

Learn to identify which berries are edible and which are not! Please note that berry picking is not allowed on the Rodak Trail.

Sunday, August 26, 2pm
All Ages Program: WILD TEAS

Come and try some delicious teas made from rosehips, berries, and such “weeds” as pineapple weed, nettles and yarrow. Join us on a short walk to identify edible plants along the Rodak trail.

Thursday, August 30, 1-3pm
HOMESCHOOL SERIES Orientation

Our popular homeschool series starts with an “open house” orientation session at the classroom yurt: Interested families are invited to meet the instructors and learn more about this year's new program, including the more flexible format. Meanwhile, the kids can explore animal pelts, skulls and tracks and make a plaster of Paris cast to take home. Registration and details at www.ernc.org.

COMING THIS FALL

September 16: PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
with Colin Tyer Bogucki

September 22: MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS
with Robin Hopper performing

October 5: ASTRONOMY SERIES resumes
First Fridays, October to March

October 6: OCTOBER NIGHTS AUCTION
Held at the Alaska Native Heritage Museum
For details and to donate, go to www.ernc.org.