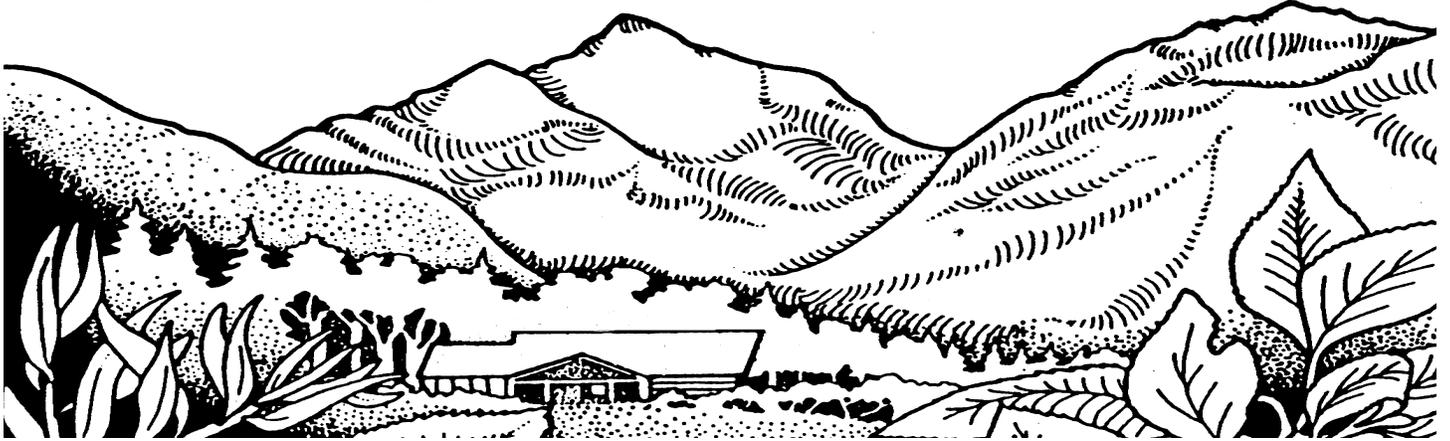


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March 2020 Programs

Regular Winter Building Hours:
Fridays-Sundays, 10am – 5pm
Groups by appointment



Sunday, March 1, 2pm

All Ages: ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TO ICELAND

Take a visual journey of the waterfalls, glaciers, geysers and more that make up Iceland's stunning landscape. Photographer **Colin Tyler Bogucki** has visited Iceland twice in recent years and will be leading a photo tour there in August, 2020. He will discuss the tour route along the famous Ring Road and the itinerary, which includes whale watching, a glacial lagoon boat tour, and more.

Wednesday, March 4, 1-3pm

Homeschool Class for 3-6th

MISSING LYNX (\$15; Registration)

How do predators change a landscape? Uncover evidence of the special relationship between the snowshoe hare and the lynx through tracking and other animal signs. Investigate special adaptations that both the lynx and snowshoe hare use. Synthesize data to model predator-prey relationships--just like a Wildlife Biologist! See www.ernc.org to register and for more details about ERNC's Homeschool Series.

Friday, March 6, 6:45 - approx. 9pm

All Ages Guided Walk (Registration)

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENING OWL WALK

Join volunteer **Liza Sanden** on a 2-mile walk along the Albert Loop to listen for owls -- children need to be able to remain quiet.

For more details, and to register, go to www.ernc.org.

Friday, March 6, 7pm

Astronomy Series

VENUS – EARTH'S SISTER PLANET

Debbie Soltis explores the geography, internal structure, and history of Venus as well as discuss past, present and future missions to the planet. Venus will be at its brightest and easiest to find in March and April. *If skies are clear, be ready to go outside and view the night sky. Students ages 10 and up can earn their Jr. Astronomer certificate and astronomy supplies by attending 4 astronomy programs and writing brief synopses of what they learned.*

Saturday, March 7, 11am

STORYTIME FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

It's a HOOTenanny! Learn all about Alaskan owls and create a simple owl craft. *Families with preschoolers and kindergartners are invited to join us the first Saturday of each month for stories and activities about the natural world.*

Sunday, March 8, 2pm

All Ages Program

WHOOO'S THERE: ALASKA OWLS

How many types of owls call Alaska home and where can you find them? Join volunteer **Ginamaria Smith** and Archimedes the Great-horned owl to discover some of the fascinating habits of Alaskan owls, and learn favorite places to go owling in the area.

Friday, March 13, 1-3pm

Teen Workshop (\$25; Registration)

PAINTING ALASKAN ANIMAL TRACKS

Eagle River artist **Georgia McKenzie** of *Tiny Nest Studio* will guide you through basic watercolor painting techniques while creating a piece exploring the tracks of animals found around the Nature Center. Students will take home an 8"x10" tracking poster of their own creation! *All materials provided. Open to middle & high school students. Register at www.ernc.org.*

Saturday, March 14, 1-3pm "Open House"

Jr. Naturalist Program(K-6th)

MAP CHALLENGE

Complete challenges around the Rodak Loop (3/4 mi). Check in at the front desk to get your official Map Challenge Package. Finish back at the main building before 3:15pm for bragging rights and a chance to play **battle maps** with your fellow Map Champions.

Sunday, March 15, 2pm

All Ages Program

IN SEARCH OF THE WATER OUZEL

The only truly aquatic songbird, the American dipper, or water ouzel, often visits the viewing decks on the Rodak Trail during the winter months. Join naturalist **Samantha Blumenkönig** on an investigation of this intrepid bird. After the presentation, join us on a brief (3/4 mile) expedition in search of the water ouzel.

Friday, March 20, 11am

Guided Hike for Families with Preschoolers

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Join us for a short walk to explore nature at the pace of a preschooler. Bring a snack or lunch to eat with new friends afterwards.

Saturday, March 21, 8pm-1am

Workshop (\$75; Registration required)

NIGHTTIME & AURORA PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographer **Colin Tyler Bogucki** will teach how to properly expose the night sky using a digital SLR camera, and how to stay informed on solar activity. *Details & registration at www.ernc.org.*

Sunday, March 22, 2pm

All Ages Program: THE NIKE SITE SUMMIT

High on the slopes of Mt. Gordon Lyon in the Chugach front range, above Anchorage's Holiday Star, stand the remnants of a former Cold War missile base. Learn how a visit to the Site Summit combines spectacular alpine vistas and tundra ecology with the fascinating Cold War history and its deep legacy on the Alaskan landscape. *Note: This is an informational program and does not access the Site Summit.*

Tuesday, March 24, 1-2:30pm

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

HOME IS WHERE THE HABITAT IS

What does an animal need to make a home? Investigate adaptations, food chains, shelter, and water sources to build a mini-home for one of our creatures. Compare the different "jobs" of plants, animals, and fungi in an ecosystem. See www.ernc.org for details and registration.

Friday, March 27, 11am

Guided Hike for Families with Preschoolers

LITTLE EXPLORERS See description on 3/20.

Saturday, March 28, 1-3pm "Open House"

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6th)

BINOCULAR OBSTACLE COURSE

Experience how sharp-eyed critters view the world while honing your binocular skills and overcoming vision-based obstacles. Outdoors.

Sunday, March 29, 11am

Workshop (\$15; Registration)

SUCC-ERED BY SUCCULENTS

Crazy for crassulas? Excited by echeveria? Humbled by haworthia? Then this is the class for you. Build the right soil and perfect a biome for succulents while exchanging tips for care and learning about wild succulents. *All materials provided. Details and registration at www.ernc.org.*

SAVE THE DATE: 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 soon.*

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