

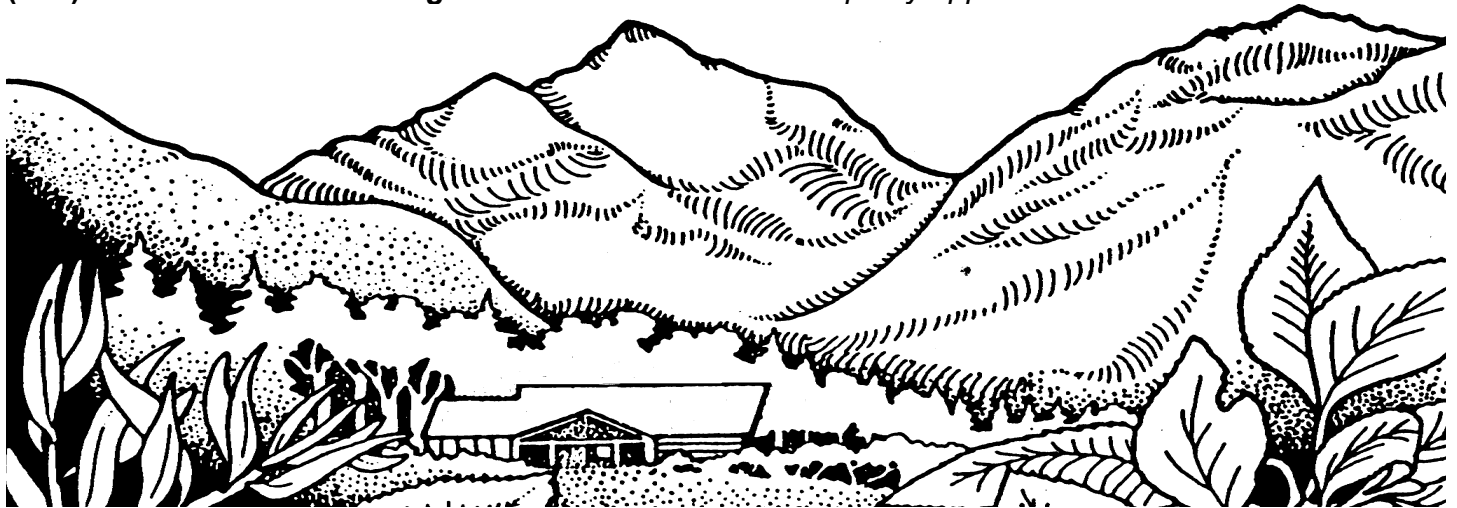
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## MAY 2019 Programs

Building Hours:

Wednesdays-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 after.

**Saturday, May 4, 2pm**

**Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6<sup>th</sup>)**

**CREEK CRITTERS (Registration required)**

Bring your rubber boots and join us in exploring the macroinvertebrates that live in our creeks.

Register at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org).

**Sunday, May 5, 2pm**

**All Ages Program**

**DAY HIKING IN SOUTHCENTRAL ALASKA**

Author of *Day Hiking Southcentral Alaska*, **Lisa Maloney**, shares some of the best Southcentral trails, ranging from the Mat-Su Valley down to Kachemak Bay, along with the oops, ouches, brrrr's and thrills of hiking them!

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm**

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

**HERE THERE BE DRAGONFLIES**

Bring rubber boots, binoculars and clothes that can get mucky to go in search of ERNC's own dragons. Discover Alaska's treasure trove of dazzling dragonflies and damselflies. Learn tricks about how to tell them apart as well as explore wetlands through the compound eyes of these iridescent predators. [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org).

**Saturday, May 11, 2-4pm "Open House"**

**Jr. Naturalist: A YEAR IN A BEAR'S LIFE**

What's it like to be a bear? Kids have a chance to experience a bear's life through the four seasons of the year. Children and parents will take away a better awareness of bear safety by learning about bear's needs, such as food and habitat, and why conflicts occur. *Stop by the yurt anytime between 2-4pm.*

**Sunday, May 12, 1-3pm "Open House"**

**MOTHER'S DAY FUN**

Bring the whole family and enjoy a spring walk at the Nature Center. Our naturalist will be stationed in our nature play area where kids can build forts, chase butterflies, and more. Find out about our summer programs for families.

**Saturday, May 18**

*The building will be closed today to prepare for our evening program. Trails are always open.*

**Saturday, May 18, 6-9pm**

**Special Event (\$45/ticket)**

**MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS**

Join us for a great evening of music by the **Midnight Sun Zombies** and the **Allgood Band**. Ticket price includes food and beer and ciders from a variety of local breweries. *Limited to 100 people (age 21 and up). Tickets are \$45 at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org).*

**Sunday, May 19, 11am**

**All Ages Program: CROW PASS 101**

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

**Saturday, May 25, 12pm**

**Guided Walk (Registration required):**

**EDIBLE GREENS & EARLY WILDFLOWERS**

Join naturalist **Ute Olsson** in a walk to discover what's growing early in the season. We might even find some Calypso orchids. *Detail and registration at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org).*

**Sunday, May 26**

*No formal program, but building is open.*

**Wednesday, May 29, 1-3pm "Open House"**

**Jr. Naturalist: SHELTER-BUILDING**

Test your shelter-building skills – stop by anytime between 1-3pm in the wooded area below the Nature Center. Use sticks, tarps and rope to construct a quick shelter that can help keep you dry in inclement weather.

## **COMING THIS SUMMER:**

**Daily Guided Walks** at 1:30pm daily when the Nature Center is open, starting June 1st.

*No registration needed; check in 10 minutes prior.*

**Weekday Programs for Youth**

During the summer break, we will be offering **Jr. Naturalist** programs on Wednesdays.

On Thursdays, we'll offer a variety of hikes and workshops for children and teens.

On Fridays, we offer Little Explorers for families with preschoolers.

**June 9 Workshop (\$45)**

**MEDICINAL PLANTS WORKSHOP**

*Detail and registration at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org)*

**June 1-2 or June 29 -30 Workshop (\$75)**

**BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY BOOTCAMP**

*Detail and registration at [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org)*

## **2019 HOMER LAND RAFFLE:**

*Chance to win 5 acres of land: Tickets are \$100 and only 100 tickets will be sold. Tickets can only be purchased in person or by phone. Do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be held on October 5, 2019 at 8pm at the Alaska Native Heritage Center during the Nature Center's Annual Auction.*

*For details about the land & rules of the raffle, visit [www.ernc.org](http://www.ernc.org)*

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