

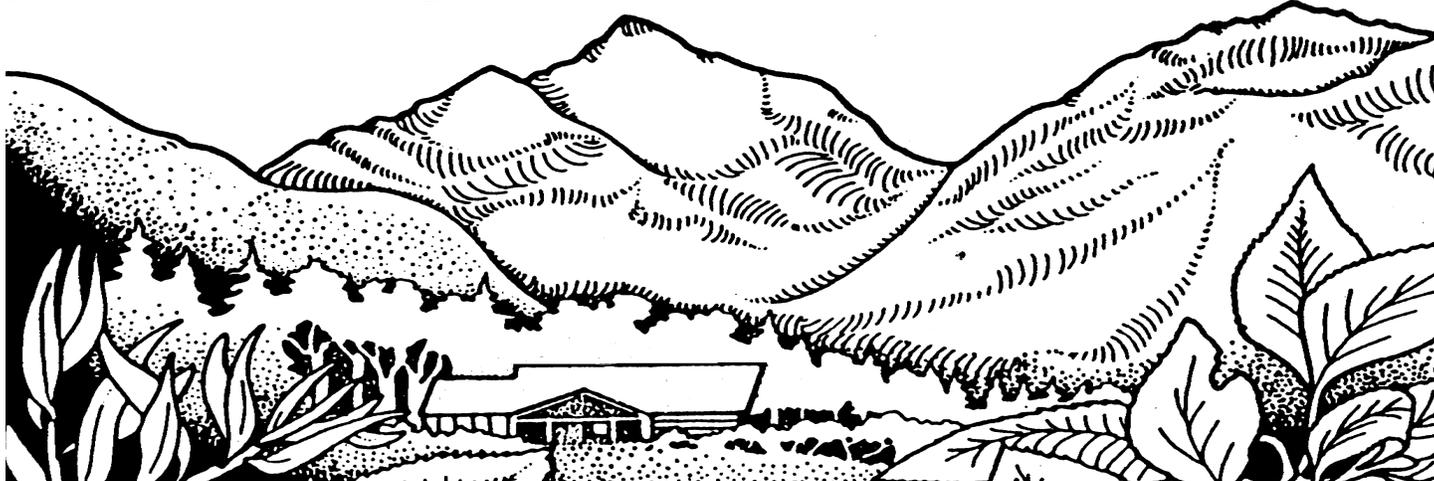
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September 2019 Programs

Building Hours:

Wednesdays-Sundays, 10am – 5pm

Groups by appointment



Guided Hike for Families with Preschoolers

LITTLE EXPLORERS: Join us on 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 the walk.

Sunday, September 1, 2-4pm "Open House"

All Ages Program

WILD TEAS

Stop by the classroom yurt anytime between 2-4pm and try some delicious teas made from rosehips, berries, and such "weeds" as pineapple weed, nettles and yarrow. Find out where they grow and how to identify them.

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Building is closed, but trails are always open.

Wednesday, September 4, 11am-1pm

Homeschool Series

FALL HOMESCHOOL KICK-OFF

Our 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 the homeschool offerings for K-6th at the Eagle River Nature Center. Meanwhile, kids can explore animal pelts, skulls and tracks.

No registration is required for this orientation.

See www.ernc.org for more details about the different options for participating in ERNC's Homeschool Series.

Saturday, September 7, 2-4pm

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

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: CAMOUFLAGE

Now you see it, now you don't! Investigate camouflage by painting your very own camouflage mask, then test your ability to blend into your surroundings around the yurt.

Sunday, September 8, 2pm

All Ages Program TICKS IN ALASKA

Dr. Micah Hahn of UAA will discuss the different ticks present and possibly on the rise in Alaska, as well as ways to avoid ticks. Find out what to do if you find a tick, and help researchers with the **Submit a Tick Program**.

Saturday, September 14, 2-4pm

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

KNOT-TYEING

Join ERNC intern **Summer Dotson** and our naturalists in practicing practical knot tying. Join us in the shelter building area below the Nature Center to learn about common knots and their uses, including incorporating knots and lashings into shelter-building.

Sunday, September 15, 1-3pm

Workshop (\$25; Registration required)

ECO-PRINTING WITH LEAVES

Make a unique silk scarf to capture the beauty of fall by wrapping leaves in a bundle and applying heat to extract the plant dyes. All materials provided. Register at www.ernc.org.

Wednesday, September 18, 1-3pm
Homeschool Workshop (\$15; Registration required)

FUNGUS AMONG US

Fungi are neither plants nor animals but comprise their own kingdom. We'll go on a "Detritus Safari" to discover how saprophytic fungi help break down forest garbage, and develop some simple tools to start identifying the diverse fungi that are essential to our boreal ecosystem. See www.ernc.org to register and for more details about ERNC's Homeschool Series.

Saturday, September 21, 9am-5pm
Workshop (\$75; Registration required)

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Learn how to capture fall colors and gain a better understanding of digital photography in this all-day intensive workshop. After a brief classroom introduction, you will head out on the trails to sharpen your skills with professional photographer **Colin Tyler Bogucki**. Attendees must provide their own camera gear and be prepared to hike up to 5 miles throughout the day. Register at www.ernc.org.

Sunday, September 22, 2-4pm

All Ages Program

THE SPRUCE BEETLE

What's bugging our spruce in South Central Alaska? Learn about spruce beetles, what they are and what they do in Alaska's trees and forests. **Jessie Moan** with the UAF Cooperative Extension Service will talk about historic and current spruce beetle activity and focus on the ecology of this insect.

Thursday, September 26, 1-3pm
Homeschool Workshop (\$15; Registration required)

BUILD-A-TREE

Explore plant growth & functions, then go on a leaf collection expedition and learn to identify tree species using a key. Discover how trees deal with winter. We'll also explore what tools foresters use to track the health of a forest. See www.ernc.org to register and for more details about ERNC's Homeschool Series.

Saturday, September 28, 2-4pm "Open House"

Jr. Naturalist Program (K-6TH)

BIRD MIGRATION GAME

Many of our birds are leaving Alaska to spend their winters further south. Come by the classroom yurt between 2-4pm and play the bird migration game, where you get to be a bird facing the many challenges of migration.

Sunday, September 29, 2pm

All Ages Program AUTUMN TREES

What's happening in trees as the days get cooler and leaves change color and then drop their leaves? Do you know how to identify trees and bushes without leaves? We'll go on a walk around the Rodak Trail to take a closer look at how plants prepare for winter.

COMING IN OCTOBER:

October 5, 5:30pm OCTOBER NIGHTS Auction at the Alaska Native Heritage Museum

For details and to donate, go to www.ernc.org.

Thank you to TOTÉ Maritime Alaska, corporate sponsor of our Junior Naturalist Program