

# Eagle River Nature Center's

## School Field Trip FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What to Expect During your Visit

Depending on the timing, students will have a chance to take a look around inside the Nature Center at the displays. Before heading out on the trails for the program, students will be given an opportunity to use the restrooms. There are no restrooms along the trails, so if a child has an emergency, a parent or guardian will need to walk back to the Nature Center with the child.

Depending on the weather, the trails may be muddy or slick. Students should come prepared with proper footwear (boots or water resistant shoes). Students may get dirty depending on the type of studies they may be conducting outside.

Students are expected to stay with the group at all times and never run ahead of the leader. The area is home to bears, moose and other wildlife.

### How to Dress During Winter Months

Temperatures can reach the teens or lower during the winter months. For K-8th grade, the Nature Center will not take children outdoors if the temperature reaches 0 degrees or less. Students should come prepared for the weather during winter programs. Students should have mittens or gloves, warm hats, warm jackets, boots, and snow pants or winter underwear beneath trousers.

### Reservation & Cancellation Policy

To make reservations, contact our naturalist at (907) 694-9255 or email [naturalist@ernc.org](mailto:naturalist@ernc.org). Please provide your name & contact information, date and time of requested visit, estimated # of children and adults. Also, please let us know if your group is planning to eat lunch at any of our public areas.

Upon receiving your request and finding a mutually agreed-upon date/time for your program, our naturalist will send you a Contract for you to sign and return together with a \$50 minimum deposit to hold your reservation.

Cancellations made less than 72 hours of scheduled program are subject to forfeiting the \$50 deposit, except in the case of significantly bad weather, 0 Fahrenheit or lower temperatures (K-8th grade) or road conditions.

If you need to cancel or re-schedule your program, call us immediately. If you have not called our naturalist at **(907) 694-9255** before 9am on the day of your program, your deposit will not be refunded.

### Need to Rent the Classroom Yurt?

**To make arrangements** please contact our Operations Manager at **694-2108** or by email at [admin@ernc.org](mailto:admin@ernc.org). Allow at least 3 working days for a reply. Availability is limited to hours when the facility is not being used for our naturalist programs and school classes. The yurt holds up to 45 people. It is located about 1/4 mile from the Nature Center along the Rodak Nature Trail. The yurt has a gas stove and gas lamps, but ideally it is best to use it during the lighter and warmer months. The yurt does not have electricity. A generator may be rented for a fee and with prior arrangements with our manager. The yurt has a nearby outhouse. This is a fairly rustic facility which will require your guests to hike to along a trail. This is **not a drive-up** facilit