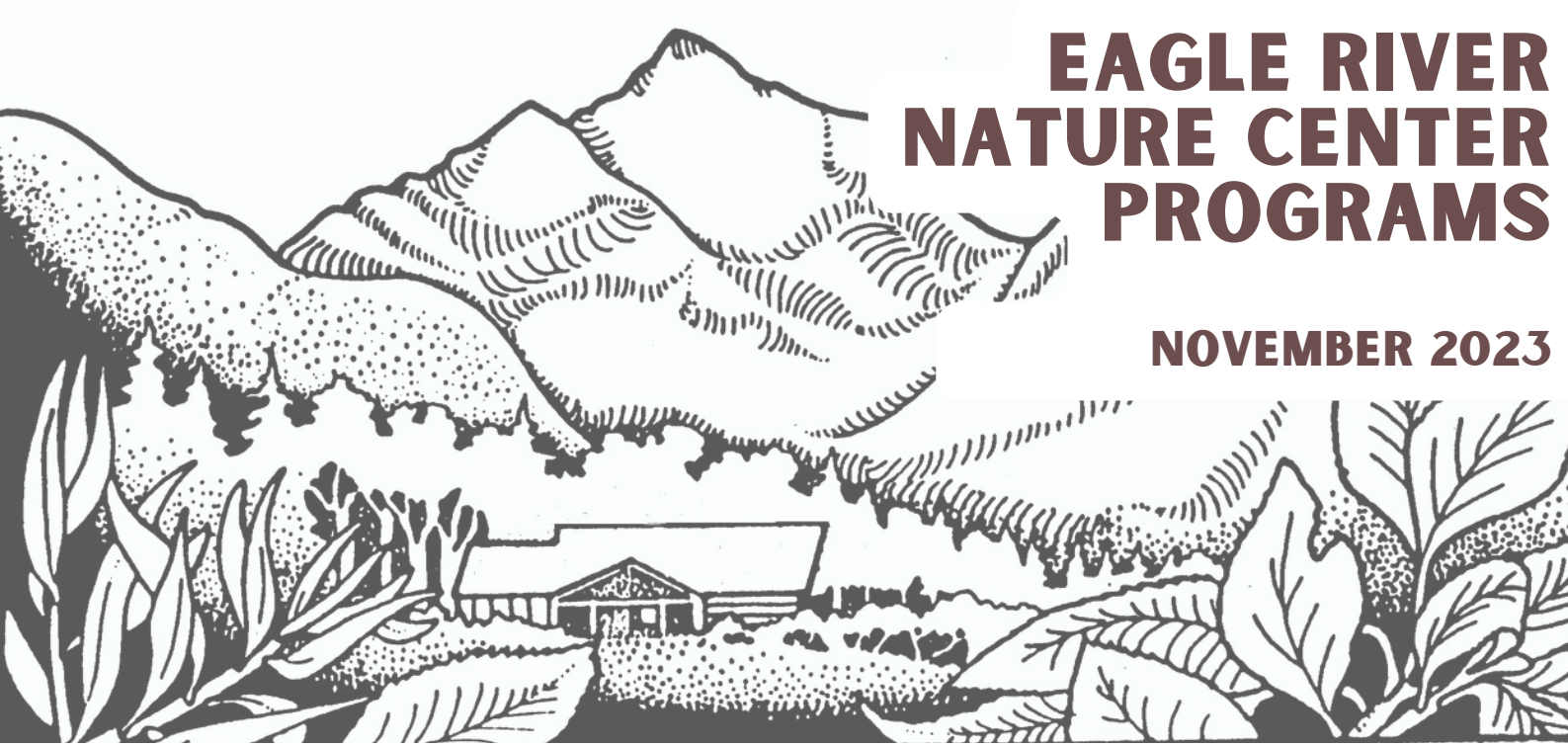


EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 2023



WINTER BUILDING HOURS:

October-April:
Friday-Sunday
10am-5pm

Trails are always open!

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ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Soon: Annual Dick Griffith Challenge & Packraft Raffle!

It's that time of year. . . long-time supporter and all-around cool guy, Dick Griffith, will be challenging you to meet his donation (up to \$5000.00). *NEW THIS YEAR:* we are teaming up with **AlpackaRaft** and will be raffling off a super-sweet packrat! Visit www.ernc.org, for more information in late November. All proceeds will go towards our mission of connecting people to nature in Alaska, thank you!!

Home School Science Workshops at the Nature Center are back

Check out www.ernc.org and click on "Home School" underneath the School's & Groups tab for more information!



**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

Annual Winter Solstice Walk

You don't want to miss this event! Our annual Winter Solstice Walk is a winter favorite. We line our Rodak Trail with hundreds of ice lanterns for you to enjoy as you walk under the beautiful night sky. This year's event will be on Saturday, December 16th. Registration will be required and event is limited due to parking limitations. Keep an eye on our website, www.ernc.org, for more information and registration soon!



- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

NOVEMBER 2023 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 1PM-3PM **JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE** **HABITATS INSIDE OF ME**

Did you know that your body hosts a whole bunch of critters, even when you're healthy? Meet in the ed yurt to discover a few of the habitats on and inside of you and create your very own parasite. *Jr naturalist programs are open to elementary school-aged students and their families---ask about earning your junior naturalist badge. Open house means stop by anytime in that window.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2PM **RETURN OF NATURE JOURNAL CLUB**

Whether you've been nature journaling for a long time, or just want to try something new, this is the community for you! Meet at the Education Yurt to work through a seasonal prompt with extra resources provided by ERNC. This is a hybrid class + community meet up. Bring your own supplies or borrow some of ours.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1PM **NATURE STUDIES FOR HOMESCHOOL** **REGISTRATION + FEE** **LIFE AROUND POND**

They may be smaller than us, but salmon and beavers have a big impact on our landscape. Investigate beaver ecology and adaptations and explore how salmon nourish ecosystems—even the trees! Observe how other creatures around the pond are preparing for winter. *Find more details and register at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 11AM **SECOND SATURDAY STORY TIME** **DINOSAURS**

Families with preschoolers and early elementary students are invited to join us in the Ed Yurt for a short story time and activity. *Please allow 10-15 minutes to walk from the main ERNC building to the Ed Yurt.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2PM **ALL AGES HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED** **LIFE AROUND THE POND**

Investigate wetlands and see what changes November is bringing to the Rodak Trail. Please leave your furry friends at home. Limited to 12 people registered at www.ernc.org/public-programs

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1PM-3PM **SELF-GUIDED JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE** **SEASONAL SCAVENGER HUNT**

Check in at the front desk and pick up your scavenger hunt check list! Explore the trails with your family to see if you can find evidence that autumn is on the way! *Junior Naturalist programs are open to elementary school-aged students and their families—ask about earning your Junior Naturalist Badge. "Open House" means stop by anytime in that window.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2PM **ARMCHAIR NATURALIST | ALL AGES PROGRAM** **HEART OF AFRICA: INTO THE CONGO BASIN**

After exploring some of the more traditional safari destinations, Philip and Heather Bottrell decided to spend two weeks in the incredibly remote Congo Basin. Come enjoy photos of the amazing flora and fauna of the Republic of Congo and Central African Republic.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 4PM **GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED** **MONTHLY MUSIC WALK:** **MUSIC OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT**

Investigate music themes of light & darkness as we explore the quiet, dark beauty of this season along the Rodak trail. ERNC Naturalist Samantha Blumenkönig and local musician & teacher lead this family-friendly outing. Pack a snack, dress for the weather and prepare to hike up to 3 miles. Please leave your furry friends at home. Registration at: www.ernc.org/public-programs.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2PM **ALL AGES LECTURE** **BUILD YOUR HIKING CONFIDENCE**

Have you always wanted to hike, but not been sure where to start? Maybe you hike already but haven't really found your comfort zone, or are looking for smart ways to push your own limits? Join guidebook author and travel/outdoors writer Lisa Maloney for a chat about the basics of hiking, strategies for building comfort and confidence outdoors, and tips on expanding that comfort zone to include new activities.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1PM - 3PM **JR. NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE** **Flake It 'Til You Make It**

Investigate the life cycle of a snowflake, build a snowflake, spot the difference between graupel, hoarfrost, and rime and explore what happens beneath the snow during the winter. Junior Naturalist programs are open to elementary school-aged students and their families—ask about earning your Junior Naturalist Badge. "Open House" means stop by anytime in that window.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2PM **NATURE JOURNAL CLUB**

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