



## Statistics and Rankings

### Site and Facility

- 2,000-acre campus with 18 miles of trails.
- Located 70 miles northeast of Duluth, MN
- 100,000 square feet of campus buildings
- 380 beds
- Organic farm and garden on site, which provides vegetables to the center's cafeteria
- Renewable energy installations, including 10 kW wind turbine, 18.5 kW photovoltaic array, solar thermal domestic hot water heating, and biomass space heating. 85% of the facility is heated with biomass renewable energy.

### Attendance

- More than 13,000 people each year in educational programs.
- More than 10,000 youth, students, or campers each year in educational programs.
- More than 500,000 people in educational programming since 1971.
- More than 800 alumni of the Naturalist Training Program since its inception in 1974.

### Curriculum

- 53 different classes ranging from 1-3 hours.
- Multi-disciplinary approach to environmental education including science, art, cultural history, personal growth and teambuilding.
- 30 years' experience in partnering with industry to educate about natural resource use. Partners include: Minnesota Power, Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Potlatch, and Cleveland Cliffs Natural Resources.
- Professional bird banding training.
- Scientific research partner, actively collaborating with National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration, University of Minnesota Duluth's Natural Resources Research Institute, Minnesota Office of Climatology, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the National Weather Service.

### Financial

- \$2.8 million annual operating budget
- \$400,000 endowment
- More than \$9 million in assets
- No long-term debt

### National and State Position

- Largest accredited residential environmental education center in the country.
- First Environmental Learning Center of its kind to be accredited as a school.
- Largest summer camp in Minnesota focused on environmental education.
- Wolf Ridge sponsored the first environmental education focused charter school in MN. The school was one of the national winners of the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Award in 2013.
- The Wolf Ridge Naturalist Training Program was the first program of its type in the country.
- The only Student Teacher Practicum program to place licensed teachers who are professional environmental educators in elementary and secondary schools.