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SUMMER 2018

CAMPS AND TRIPS

FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

SUMMER CAMPS - TRADITIONAL

The fun and friendship of Wolf Ridge's traditional summer camps give you completely different adventures than the ones you have during the school year. Like other overnight camps, you'll experience a variety of fun activities, games, crafts, and lake time. What makes Wolf Ridge Summer Camp different is the increasingly rare opportunity to be out in nature - up close - every day. It's something that draws new campers every summer - and keeps them coming back year after year.

Our overnight camps offer new activities to try each summer. In addition to the week's all-camp and all-group activities, on "Tuesday Choice Day," you'll get to choose from a variety of sessions that let you delve further into something you want to spend more time exploring. Friday night's community celebration dinner, campfire, and s'mores cap off the week. Our counselors and naturalists look forward to exploring with you and your camp friends!

Summer Sampler Entering grades 2-5

Come for four fun-filled days of outdoor adventures, crafts, games, and campfires. Parents are welcome to join in on Friday afternoon's activities and campfire, and to stay overnight before the Saturday morning pick-up. August 15-18

Discoverers Entering grades 4-5

Build friendships, explore, and learn about the natural world in a nurturing, fun environment. With activities geared perfectly toward younger, first time campers, "Discos" investigate lake habitats, learn about the importance of Minnesota's plants, discover how insects adapt and survive in Minnesota, canoe, swim, and go for an all-day hike on the Superior Hiking Trail. June 24-30, July 8-14, July 15-21, July 22-28, July 29- August 4, August 5-11, August 12-18

Voyageurs Entering grades 6-7

Share fun hands-on activities and games with your cabin-mates while you explore the cultural heritage of the Ojibwe, study local wildlife, canoe, go on an overnight campout to the Baptism River, and much more. Voyageurs camp will give you new team building and leadership skills in addition to building new friendships with others who share your enthusiasm for outdoor adventures. June 24-30, July 8-14, July 15-21, July 22-28, July 29- August 4, August 5-11, August 12-18

Adventurers Entering grades 8-9

Do you have a high interest in developing your outdoor adventure and recreation skills? Learn how to predict the weather, challenge yourself on the adventure ropes course and the indoor rock wall, and develop important team building skills while preparing for a two-night canoe trip in the Superior National Forest. You might also want to consider one of the 2-week Adventurer camp/trip options under Wilderness Trips on page six. July 15-21, July 22-28, July 29- August 4, August 5-11

Junior Naturalists Entering grades 10-12

Challenge yourself and grow your leadership and outdoor skills through one of our 2-week wilderness adventures into either Canada's Quetico or the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior. See dates and full descriptions under Wilderness Trips on page seven.

Day Camps Entering grades K-5

Hands-on activities, crafts, and games will add adventure and fun to your summer. Enjoy great camp experiences without the overnight commitment. Grouped by grade entering in the fall. Hummingbirds explore the world around us - grades K-1. Rangers delve into all things water - grades 2-3. Sprouts dig into farm adventures - grades 2-3. Pioneers unlock forest magic - grades 4-5. New adventures each day and rotating activities every year. Hot lunches and snacks provided. June 25-29

Check out more camp options!

[Specialty Camps \(see pages 4-5\)](#)

[Wilderness Trips \(see page 6-7\)](#)



SUMMER CAMPS - SPECIALTY

Looking to find a new outdoor passion? Build your outdoor adventure or leadership skills? These specialty camps give you new, hard-to-find experiences in the areas you love, with friends and instructors who share your passion.

Green Energy Grades 4-5

Ready, set, design, and build! Use science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills to explore the world of renewable energy. Build your own electronic components to light up a campsite at night, power a radio or computer using manual power, cook meals with a solar powered oven, and design and build a small sailboat to harness wind power. Investigate how Wolf Ridge uses solar voltaic, solar hot water, wind, and biomass energy. At the end of the week, apply your knowledge of renewable energy to design and camp out at a sustainable campsite. August 5-11

Angling to Archery Grades 6-7

Whether you're from a family of hunting and fishing enthusiasts or just looking for an opportunity as a "first-timer," this camp will help you build your skills while learning responsible and safe hunting and fishing practices. Learn how to effectively and safely operate a bow and arrow at the Wolf Ridge archery range. Perfect your fishing skills while stalking brook trout in Sawmill Creek, walleyes in Wolf Lake, and while canoeing on a handful of lakes in the Superior National Forest during a three-day overnight. August 5-11

Girls Rock the Ridge Leadership Camp Grades 6-7

On the surface, Girls Rock the Ridge Leadership Camp looks like your average summer camp full of outdoor adventures, learning and fun, but this camp might also change your life with its combination of exploration and personal challenge. You'll have the space to be silly and play both in camp and while on a short wilderness trip. And you'll be an integral part of a group of young women who love to explore the world and share ideas about their beliefs and values. August 12-18

Voyageurs 2-Wk. Ultimate Survival Grades 6-7

Set your imagination and adventurous spirit free! Learn survival skills like finding shelter, water, fire, and food. Ultimate Survival Camp gives you a wonderful chance to discover more about the natural environment, plus you will practice valuable life skills such as teamwork, independence, and resilience. While conquering the Wolf Ridge's ultimate survival challenges, revel in your new-found sense of pride and achievement. Return home bursting with confidence and enthusiasm! July 8-21

Wildlife Camp Grades 6-7

Do you love wildlife? Have you dreamed of working with animals someday? Learn about different kinds of Minnesota wildlife and their habitats. Help with our on-going animal research projects, such as radio tracking, trail cameras, study plots, and bird banding. Help take care of our education animals including feeding, training, and cleaning. Get to know more about local wild animals through outdoor activities. You will get up close and personal with animals in this specialty camp experience. July 22-28

Farm, Feast and Fire Grades 8-9

Explore, harvest, and cook at the Wolf Ridge Organic Farm. Join fellow teen farmers as you learn about growing vegetables, cook farm-fresh meals together, swim, canoe, climb rocks, hike, play whiffle-ball, study soil arthropods, and go on adventures such as an overnight farm campout complete with s'mores, games and stories. July 29 - August 4

Camp Rock Climbing Grades 8-9

Explore the world of rock climbing. The forests and shores of Lake Superior near Wolf Ridge are home to some of the best rock outcrops in the Midwest. Start by learning basic climbing moves, knots, and anchor-building on our indoor wall. Trek to Mystical Mountain above Wolf Lake to test your skills on the rocky cliffs. The week culminates with a 3-day camping and climbing trek to Tettegouche State Park on the shores of Lake Superior. Experience the thrill of exploration along with the confidence and trust that comes from rock climbing. Wolf Ridge provides all climbing equipment. No previous experience is required, just a hearty sense of adventure! August 5-11



Credit Academy: Freshwater Ecology

Grades 10-12

If you are interested in exploring what it is like to be a field scientist, this is the camp for you. Conduct fish surveys alongside natural resource professionals. Paddle from lake to lake researching aquatic habitats of the Boundary Waters (BWCAW). Gain confidence as you present your findings to fellow campers. Leave Wolf Ridge with a better understanding of Minnesota's waterways and how people can work together to manage and sustain them. Earn college (three semester credits) or high school credit (one semester course.) July 15-28

Credit Academy: Wilderness Ethics

Grades 10-12

While backpacking the wilderness trails of Isle Royale, share spectacular views of Lake Superior, tranquil beach walks, a chance to see moose in their natural habitat, and stories of wild places with friends around the campfire. Investigate society's evolving views of wilderness through its depiction by artists, writers, and ecologists. Create a personal piece of art or writing that represents your current environmental and wilderness ethic. Earn college (2 semester credits) or high school credit (1 semester course.) July 29 - August 11

Superior Service Learning

Grades 10-12

Ready to give back to the outdoors? Service Learning Camp is uniquely crafted to be a life-changing combination of learning, exploration, adventure, and meaningful service. Unique and purposeful, far more than just a camp, this will prepare you for leadership positions at home, in your community, and future career. Spend time at both Wolf Ridge and backpacking for four days on the Superior Hiking Trail. For two of the days, work to maintain and restore a section of the trail, benefitting thousands of hikers who pass this way each year. Together we inspire one another to act and to make a difference! August 12-18

Counselor In Training

Grades 10-12

This 2-week program is a wonderful opportunity to enhance and develop your personal leadership style. CIT training includes team building adventures, communication skills practice, and activities that help you explore characteristics that make leaders effective. Instruction takes place at Wolf Ridge and on a 4-day canoeing trip in the Superior National Forest. After becoming more comfortable and confident with your skills, spend the next week as an Assistant Counselor co-leading a group of younger campers. Two older counselor/mentors provide guidance and training. This is a great opportunity to be a positive role model and to make new friends. July 22 - August 4

WILDERNESS ADVENTURES FOR YOUTH

Take a few steps off the beaten path. Wolf Ridge takes you to truly amazing places, from the ancient forests of the Boundary Waters and the Quetico to the cobblestone and sand beaches of Lake Superior's islands. Whether you are a newcomer to the ways of the woods or a seasoned wilderness traveler, these trips will challenge you, build confidence, and give you life-long community and wilderness skills.

BWCAW 5-day Canoe Entering grades 7-8

Experience wilderness in its truest sense. This introductory canoe trip focuses on building a foundation in backcountry skills and a connection to wild places. Paddle and portage across expansive forests and lakes, experience wildlife and remote campsites, and discover the confidence that comes from camping in this truly special place! August 12-18

Superior Hiking Trail 5-day Backpack Entering grades 7-8

Experience the freedom of exploring the great Northwoods with your own two feet! Discover the world of backpacking and backcountry exploration while traversing 4-8 miles a day along the Superior Hiking Trail. Experience the striking beauty of the North Shore, from wide open vistas and high ridge lines, to lush forests and beautiful waterfalls. Celebrate a successful trip by relaxing and rock picking on the shore of Lake Superior. July 8-14

Adventurers 5-day Northwoods Kayak Entering grades 8-9

Grab a paddle and explore the amazing lakes of Minnesota's only national park! This introductory sea kayaking trip will explore the rugged and beautiful bays and islands of Voyageurs National Park, while learning the basics of sea kayaking on the bigger waters of the park. Experience the ancient rocks, towering pine forests, sandy shores, and rich cultural stories of this unique area. No prior kayaking experience is necessary, just a hearty sense of adventure! August 12-18

Adventurers 2-week BWCAW Canoe Entering grades 8-9

Experience seven days of Wolf Ridge camp fun along with seven days of canoeing into the heart of Minnesota's Boundary Waters. Enjoy activities like rock climbing, adventure ropes, and campfires. Get ready for your trip by learning about weather and making your own canoe paddle. Your canoeing trek traverses through the lakes and forests of the BWCAW. Return to Wolf Ridge with weathered paddles, great stories, new friends, and sharpened wilderness skills. July 8-21

Adventurers 2-week Isle Royale Backpack Entering grades 8-9

Begin your camp experience with 2 days of Wolf Ridge camp fun, as you prepare for your backpacking adventure. You'll then depart for Isle Royale National Park, and spend the next 7 days hiking about 5-8 miles a day across the wild and beautiful landscape. On the island, travel through old growth forests, share amazing views and stories of Lake Superior, and perhaps even encounter moose! When you return, enjoy a few days at Wolf Ridge rock climbing, learning survival skills, experiencing the adventure ropes course, and gathering around the campfire to share stories of your trip. July 15-28

Jr. Naturalist 2-week Quetico Canoe Entering grades 10-12

Spend your first week exploring the natural history of the boreal forest near Wolf Ridge and experiencing high adventure activities like outdoor rock climbing, then paddle canoes north into the ancient waters of Quetico Provincial Park. This fun and challenging 8-day trip takes us deep into the heart of Canada's premiere canoe wilderness. Valid passport required for Quetico Provincial Park trips. July 22 - August 4

Jr. Naturalist 2-week Apostle Island Sea Kayak Entering grades 10-12

Lake Superior is the centerpiece of this action-packed two-week session. During the first week, combine camp fun with kayak skills as you prepare for eight days of sea kayaking in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. Explore the lighthouses, beaches, and forests of the islands and discover what makes the islands so special. Just bring your spirit of adventure and Wolf Ridge will provide the gear. Price includes all park fees. July 29 - August 11

Isle Royale 2-week Sea Kayak Expedition Entering grades 10-12

Wolf Ridge's pinnacle sea kayaking experience and most remote trip! Spend 11 days sea kayaking along the shore of Lake Superior's largest island, Isle Royale, and experience the park in a way that very few people ever will. Along the way, hone your wilderness skills and the classic art of sea kayaking while learning the rich natural and cultural story of this truly fantastic place, from the legendary relationship between moose and wolves to the centuries old stories of island residents. Space is limited on this trip, so sign up soon. Campers must have prior wilderness trip experience with Wolf Ridge or any other wilderness youth camp to attend this unique and challenging trip. July 1-14

Boundary Waters 3-week Traverse Canoe Expedition Entering grades 10-12

Wolf Ridge's longest trip and a once in a lifetime wilderness trip for experienced campers! Begin your three-week expedition at the western edge of the Boundary Waters and travel across the entire wilderness area, culminating with the epic and historic Grand Portage to the shores of Lake Superior. Along the way experience multiple waterfalls, rugged cliffs, and pictographs while learning about the fascinating stories of this historic route used by both the voyageurs and native Ojibwe for centuries. Campers must have prior wilderness trip experience with either Wolf Ridge or any other wilderness youth camp to attend this unique and challenging trip. July 1-21



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR FAMILIES

Our all-inclusive family programs guarantee fun, learning, and quality time for all ages. Wolf Ridge does the cooking so you and yours can spend your days enjoying our 2000 acres of trails and lakes. Perhaps you will choose to explore Wolf Ridge, the North Shore, BWCAW, or Apostle Islands with our naturalists. We are committed to providing memorable, affordable, and educational outdoor adventures for all experience levels.

"A forever enjoyable, educational, cherished adventure filled with treasured memories! ALL staff were superior, very wonderful with our grandchildren. Loved all the activities. Thanks so much!"

- Karen Wennen, 2017 participant

Family Summer Camps

Wolf Ridge is the perfect place to share outdoor adventures on the family vacation of a lifetime – all without the hassles of daily planning or cooking. Enjoy high quality educational, family-oriented activities such as adventure ropes, rock climbing, Ojibwe, voyageur, all day canoe adventures, kayaking, nature studies, a Lake Superior boat cruise to Split Rock Lighthouse, campfires, a family picnic on Lake Superior, evening crafts, and naturalist-led explorations. There are several options each day, including choices for kids only, families, or just exploring on your own. Leave your wallet at home - our all-inclusive cost includes everything you'll need; comfortable lodging in our new family-friendly Margaret A. Cargill Lodge, hearty home-cooked meals using ingredients fresh from our on-site organic farm, all activities, and related outdoor equipment. We do our best to keep this an affordable family experience. Cost is based on number of family members. Please see our website or call 218-353-7414 for details. July 1-7, July 22-28, July 29 - August 4

Grandparent & Grandchild Summer Grand Adventure

What's more rewarding than passing on your love of lifelong learning and being outdoors? Our Grand Summer Adventure inter-generational program is designed for grandparents and their grandchildren (ages 6 – 11) to bond with the natural world and each other. Share your love of nature and your knowledge of outdoor skills while exploring the unique history and ecology of Minnesota's beautiful northwoods with activities such as animal tracking, canoeing, naturalist hikes, and campfires. Indoor rock climbing and the ropes course will allow your grandchild to stretch their confidence. Take on the role of an 18th century fur trade voyageur and paddle to Wolf Lake in a Montreal canoe. A few options are for kids or grandparents only, but most will be together. You'll pass on your passion for spending time connecting to the natural world to your grandchild and create memories that will last a lifetime. August 5-9

5-Day Wilderness Trips

BWCAW Canoe

Explore the natural and cultural wonders of this spectacular wilderness with your family or group of friends and a Wolf Ridge naturalist/guide. Learn the skills needed for canoe travel and camping. Wolf Ridge provides on-trail educational activities, permits, transportation, food, group equipment, lodging, and time on our indoor rock climbing wall. Must be 5 years or older. For available dates, call 218-353-7414 and ask for David Butcher.

Apostle Islands Kayak

Combine the adventure of exploring the world's largest freshwater lake by kayak while learning about the remarkable natural and cultural history of the Apostle Islands. Your naturalist/guide will meet your family or group of friends at Little Sand Bay near Bayfield, WI. Learn kayak skills, then camp and explore sea caves, lighthouses and beaches. Must be 12 years or older. For available dates, call 218-353-7414 and ask for David Butcher.

Open House

Join us for a day of outdoor fun and adventure. Members, local community folks, and curious passers-by are all welcome to enjoy a day of indoor rock climbing, adventure ropes, meeting our live raptors and porcupine, hiking, and canoeing. All events are free. Bring close-toed shoes. Arrive early in the day for the best experience. Date to be determined.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULT LEARNERS



You don't have to be a kid to enjoy learning at Wolf Ridge. Maybe you're a nature enthusiast, resource professional, teacher, or wilderness trip leader. We offer a variety of experiences year-round tailored to specific interests and topics. Here are some of our 2018 offerings. [More at wolf-ridge.org](http://wolf-ridge.org).

IBP Advanced & Beginning Bird Banding

Wolf Ridge hosts the Institute for Bird Population's Beginning and Advanced courses for seasoned and new banders. The 7-day introductory class provides both amateur birders and professional biologists with the skills necessary to participate in monitoring and research programs. The 5-day advanced class is designed for experienced banders who wish to improve their sexing and ageing skills using the *Identification Guide to North American Birds* by Peter Pyle.

Advanced Bird Banding: June 16-20. Beginning Bird Banding: June 22-29

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

This is the highest level of education training in the LNT series. One of the few master classes offered in the Midwest, coursework focuses on how to teach others about ethical camping and outdoor recreation practices. Graduates are certified to offer and teach LNT Awareness Workshops and Trainer Courses. A great opportunity for outdoor professionals, scout leaders, and anyone interested in teaching outdoor ethics. See nols.edu/lnt for details. May 16-20

Summer Bird Banding Drop-In

Since 1993, Wolf Ridge has been a site for a long-term international study to learn about the lives and health of migratory songbird populations. Participants can observe and sometimes participate in the banding process. Meet at the Forest Ecology Building on any one of seven summer mornings. Free and open to all ages. Banding will be cancelled on rainy days. Come any time from 7-11 A.M. June 6, 13, 20. July 6, 18, 25. August 1

Wilderness First Responder

Learn essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in backcountry environments. This course provides relevant and realistic medical training for outdoor professionals as well as people who enjoy spending time recreating and/or leading in wilderness areas. Certification is offered in partnership with Wilderness Medical Associates. April 2-9.

Fabulous Fall Nature Geek-Out

Spend a glorious fall weekend in the company of fellow nature geeks! Workshops include wildlife photography, agate finding, Saw-whet owl banding, storing the fall harvest, and more. Expect a weekend of laughter, learning, and beauty. Sept. 28-30

Dates and Costs Summary

Youth Traditional Camps	Summer Sampler	grades 2-5	Aug. 15-18	\$380
	Discoverers	grades 4-5	June 24-30 July 8-14 July 15-21	\$597
	Voyageurs	grades 6-7	July 22-28 July 29-Aug. 4 Aug. 5-11 Aug. 12-18	\$597
	Adventurers	grades 8-9	July 15-21 July 22-28 July 29-Aug. 4 Aug. 5-11	\$597
	Junior Naturalists	grades 10-12	see Youth Wilderness Trips	
Youth Specialty Camps	Day Camps	grades 1-5	June 25-29	\$190
	Green Energy Camp	grades 4-5	August 5-11	\$597
	Voyageurs 2-wk Ultimate Survival	grades 6-7	July 8-21	\$1300
	Wildlife Camp	grades 6-7	July 22-28	\$597
	Angling to Archery	grades 6-7	August 5-11	\$650
	Girls Rock the Ridge Leadership	grades 6-7	August 12-18	\$597
	Farm, Feast and Fire	grades 8-9	July 29-Aug. 4	\$597
	Camp Rock Climbing	grades 8-9	August 5-11	\$670
	Counselor In Training	grades 10-12	July 22 - Aug. 4	\$990
	Credit Camp: Freshwater Ecology	grades 10-12	July 15-28	\$1630
	Credit Camp: Wilderness Ethics	grades 10-12	July 29-Aug. 11	\$1630
Service Learning Camp	grades 10-12	August 12-18	\$597	
Youth Wilderness Trips	Superior Hiking Trail Backpack	grades 7-8	July 8-14	\$618
	BWCAW 5-day Canoe	grades 7-8	Aug. 12-18	\$618
	Adventurers 2-wk BWCAW Canoe	grades 8-9	July 8-21	\$1390
	Adventurers 2-wk Isle Royale Hike	grades 8-9	July 15-28	\$1399
	Adventurers Northwoods Kayak	grades 8-9	Aug. 12-18	\$721
	Isle Royale Sea Kayak Expedition	grades 10-12	July 1-14	\$1529
	Jr. Nat. 2-wk Quetico Canoe	grades 10-12	July 22-Aug. 4	\$1462
	Jr. Nat. 2-wk Apostle Island Kayak	grades 10-12	July 29-Aug. 11	\$1462
BWCAW Traverse Canoe Expedition	grades 10-12	July 1-21	\$2050	
Family & Adult	Summer Family Camps	all	July 1-7 July 22-28 July 29-Aug. 4	see website
	Family Wilderness Trips	see page 8	call David at 218-353-7414	starting at \$1900
	Grandparent-Grandchild Summer Grand Adventure	ages 6-11 and adults	August 5-9	starting at \$579
	Open House	all	TBD	Free
	Summer Open Bird Banding	all	June 6, 13, 20 July 6, 18, 25 Aug. 1	Free
	LNT Master Educator <small>Register through NOLS at nols.edu/lnt</small>	adult	May 16-20	\$450
	IBP Bird Banding Courses	adult	Adv. 6/16-20 Beg. 6/22-29	\$1200 \$2195
	Wilderness First Responder	adult	April 2-9	starting at \$725
	Fabulous Fall Nature Geek-Out	adult	Sept. 28-30	starting at \$325

www.wolf-ridge.org

Register On-line
wolf-ridge.org/register

Call weekdays 8-4:30
218-353-7414

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Registration Form

Program Title _____

Program Dates _____

Name _____ Gender _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

(cell) _____

E-mail _____

FAMILY PROGRAM ATTENDEES

Name / Gender / Date of Birth

CAMPERS & YOUTH TRIPS

Birthdate _____ Grade entering _____

T-shirt size: Child S M L Adult S M L XL

Roommate request _____

PAYMENT

Minimum NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$150 per participant

Visa Program Deposit _____

Discover Total Enclosed _____

MasterCard

American Express

Check (payable to "Wolf Ridge ELC")

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