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ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER



SUMMER 2017

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CAMPS & ADVENTURES

SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH

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. These popular overnight camps offer new activities each summer. Tuesday choice day allows your child to focus on special interests and go back to activities they really enjoyed. Friday night's community celebration dinner, campfire, and s'mores are always a highlight to cap off the week. Our counselors and naturalists look forward to exploring with you and your camp friends!

Summer Sampler Entering grades 2-5

Campers enjoy four fun-filled days of outdoor adventures, crafts, games, and campfires. Parents are welcome to join in Friday afternoon's activities and campfire and to stay overnight before the Saturday morning pick-up. Aug. 16-19.

Discoverers Entering grades 4-5

Campers will enjoy learning and building friendships in a nurturing, fun environment. With activities geared perfectly toward younger, first time campers, "Discos" will spend time at Wolf Ridge investigating the habitats and signs of animals, creating art out of nature, exploring wetlands for frogs and toads, canoeing, and swimming. One highlight of the week is an all-day adventure at the Wolf Ridge Farm. July 9-15, July 16-22, July 23-29, July 30 - Aug. 5, Aug. 6-12, Aug. 13-19.

Voyageurs Entering grades 6-7

Community is an important focus of the Voyageur program. Campers will spend the week focusing on the cultural history of northern Minnesota while developing teambuilding and leadership skills through hands-on games and activities. They practice these newly developed skills as they work together to paddle the voyageur canoe, learn how to use a GPS, explore the critters in Sawmill Creek and go on an overnight camping trip to Raven Lake. July 9-15, July 16-22, July 23-29, July 30 - Aug. 5, Aug. 6-12, Aug. 13-19.

Adventurers Entering grades 8-9

This 1-week program was created for campers with a high interest in developing their outdoor adventure and recreation skills. Campers will learn how to predict the weather, challenge themselves on the adventure ropes course and rock wall, and develop important teambuilding skills while preparing for a backpacking trip on the Superior Hiking Trail. The SHT includes 235 miles of scenic trail with cascading rivers, quiet forests, and stunning views of Lake Superior. The 1-week Adventurer program will spend 3 days/2 nights traveling a portion of the SHT. Also see "Camp/Trip Combos" on page seven for 2-week Adventurer options. July 23-29, July 30 - Aug. 5, Aug. 6-12.

Junior Naturalists Entering grades 10-12

Junior Naturalists will be challenged to grow their leadership and outdoor adventure skills through one of our two 2-week sessions in one of two great northern wildernesses; Canada's Quetico or the Apostle Islands of Lake Superior. See dates and descriptions on page seven.

Day Camps Entering grades 1-5

Hands-on activities, crafts, and games offer adventure and fun. Enjoy great camp experiences without the overnight commitment. Grouped by grade entering in the fall. Hummingbirds explore the world around us - grade 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 every day and every year. Hot lunches and snacks provided. June 26-30.

Specialty Camps (see page 4)

Wilderness Trips (see page 7)



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SPECIALTY CAMPS

Looking to follow a new outdoor passion? Build your outdoor 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.

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. Campers will learn how to effectively and safely operate a bow and arrow at the Wolf Ridge archery range and perfect fishing skills while stalking brook trout in Sawmill Creek, walleyes in Wolf Lake, and on a handful of lakes in the Superior National Forest during a 3 day overnight. July 30 - Aug. 5.

Voyageurs 2-Wk. Ultimate Survival Grades 6-7

Set campers' imaginations and adventurous spirits free during the summer. Learn about the natural environment and survival skills like finding shelter, water, fire, and food. Ultimate Survival Camp gives campers a wonderful chance to discover more about the natural environment and teaches valuable life skills such as teamwork, independence, and resilience. As campers conquer the ultimate survival challenges, they gain a real sense of achievement. They will return home bursting with confidence and enthusiasm! Aug. 6-19.

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. Aug. 6-12.

Farm, Feast and Fire Grades 8-9

Explore, harvest, and cook at the Wolf Ridge Organic Farm. Join your 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 like an overnight farm camp-out complete with campfires, games and stories. Aug. 6-12.

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 some of the more secluded crags in the surrounding area. 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! Aug. 13-19.

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 (3 semester credits) or high school credit (1 semester course). July 9-29.

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 personal art or writing that represents your current environmental and wilderness ethic. Earn college (2 semester credits) or high school credit (1 semester course). July 30 - August 12.

Counselor In Training

Grades 10-12

This 2-week program is a wonderful opportunity to enhance and develop self-confidence, self-awareness, communication skills, tolerance for adversity, and your personal leadership style. Your training as a CIT will begin with teambuilding, communication, and leadership activities both 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 16 - 29.



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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.

5-day BWCAW 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! Aug. 13-19.

Adventurers Northwoods Sea 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! Aug. 13-19.

Adventurers 2-week BWCAW Canoe Entering grades 8-9

Seven days of 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. The 7 day 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 9-22.

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

Enjoy a week of Wolf Ridge camp fun. Rock climb, learn survival skills, travel the adventure ropes course, gather around the campfire, and much more before spending the next seven days hiking Isle Royale National Park. On the island, travel through old growth forests, share amazing views and stories of Lake Superior, and perhaps even encounter moose. National Park and ferry fees are included in the program cost. July 16-29.

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

Spend the 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 and Remote Area Border Crossing permit required for Quetico Provincial Park trips. July 23 - Aug. 5.

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

Lake Superior is the focus 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 30 - Aug. 12.

Isle Royale 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 island in a way that very few people get to. Along the way campers will hone 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 either Wolf Ridge or any other wilderness youth camp to attend this unique and challenging trip. July 2-15.

Boundary Waters Traverse Canoe Expedition Entering grades 10-12

Wolf Ridge's longest trip and a once in a lifetime wilderness trip for experienced campers! On this 3 week trip, campers will begin at the western edge of the Boundary Waters and will travel across the entire wilderness area, culminating with the epic and historic Grand Portage to the shores of Lake Superior. Along the way they will experience multiple waterfalls, rugged cliffs, and native 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 2-22.

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.

Family Summer Camp

This is the perfect chance to share outdoor adventures on the vacation of a lifetime – without the hassles of daily planning. You'll enjoy high quality educational and family-oriented options 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 for children. All-inclusive cost includes comfortable lodging, hearty meals, and all activities. Cost depends on number and ages of family members. We do our best to keep this an affordable family experience. Please see our website or call 218-353-7414. July 2-8, July 30-Aug. 5, Aug. 6-12.

Grandparent & Grandchild Inter-Generational "Road Scholar"

Build lasting memories to share with your grandchildren during this Road Scholar Grand summer Adventure. Become a French-Canadian voyageur and sing your way across Wolf Lake. Visit the Ojibwe camp to make baskets and twine. Feast on wild rice. Learn the natural history of forests and streams. Take a day trip to Lake Superior. Other activities include hiking to spectacular overlooks, paddling a canoe under stunning cliffs, and experiencing our adventure ropes course and indoor climbing wall. Free time options include crafts, games, and naturalist presentations. Most activities are shared with grandchildren; a few are separate. Grandchildren 8-12 years old. June 25-30.

5-Day Wilderness Trips

BWCAW Canoe

Explore the natural and cultural wonders of this spectacular wilderness with 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 group 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. July 1, from 10-4.

"The enthusiastic, dedicated staff made the entire experience a memory that will live on!"
- Family Camper, 2016



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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 2017 offerings. More at 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 seven day introductory class provides both amateur birders and professional biologists with the skills necessary to participate in monitoring and research programs. The five 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 13–17. Beginning Bird Banding: June 18–25.

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 mid-west, 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 19–23.

Summer Open Bird Banding

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. Come any time from 7–11 A.M. June 7, 14, 21. July 6, 12, 26. August 2.

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. April 7–14.

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 harvest, and more. Expect a weekend of laughter, learning, and beauty. Sept. 29 - Oct. 1.

REGISTRATION, COSTS & DATES: 2017

HOW TO SIGN UP

Call, fax, or scan to:

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218-353-7762 (fax)
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Finland, MN 55603

On-line:

wolf-ridge.org/register



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Dates and Costs Summary

Youth Traditional Camps	Summer Sampler	grades 2-5	Aug. 16-19	\$370
	Discoverers Voyagers	grades 4-5 grades 6-7	July 9-15 July 16-22 July 23-29 July 30-Aug. 5 Aug. 6-12 Aug. 13-19	\$580
	Adventurers	grades 8-9	July 23-29 July 30-Aug. 5 Aug. 6-12	\$595
	Junior Naturalists	grades 10-12	see Youth Wilderness Trips	
Youth Specialty Camps	Day Camps	grades 1-5	June 26-30	\$186
	Voyagers 2-wk Ultimate Survival	grades 6-7	Aug. 6-19	\$1260
	Angling to Archery	grades 6-7	July 30-Aug. 5	\$632
	Wildlife Camp	grades 6-7	Aug. 6-12	\$580
	Farm, Feast and Fire	grades 8-9	Aug. 6-12	\$580
	Camp Rock Climbing	grades 8-9	Aug. 13-19	\$650
	Counselor-in-Training	grades 10-12	July 16 - 29	\$1260
Youth Wilderness Trips	Credit Camp: Freshwater Ecology	grades 10-12	July 9-29	\$2000
	Credit Camp: Wilderness Ethics	grades 10-12	July 30-Aug. 12	\$1590
	BWCAW Canoe 5-day	grades 7-8	Aug. 13-19	\$600
Family & Adult	Adventurers 2-wk BWCAW Canoe	grades 8-9	July 9-22	\$1350
	Adventurers 2-wk Isle Royale Hike	grades 8-9	July 16-29	\$1375
	Adventurers Northwoods Kayak	grades 8-9	Aug. 13-19	\$700
	Isle Royale Sea Kayak Expedition	grades 10-12	July 2-15	\$1485
	Jr. Nat. 2-wk Quetico Canoe	grades 10-12	July 23-Aug. 5	\$1420
	Jr. Nat. 2-wk Apostle Island Kayak	grades 10-12	July 30-Aug. 12	\$1420
	BWCAW Traverse Canoe Expedition	grades 10-12	July 2-22	\$2000
Family & Adult	Summer Family Camps	all	July 2-8 July 30-Aug. 5 Aug. 6-12	see website
	Family Wilderness Trips	see page 8	call David at 218-353-7414	starting at \$1900
	Inter-Generational Road Scholar Call 877-426-8057 to register	ages 8-12 and adults	June 25-30	starting at \$579
	Open House	all	July 1	Free
	Summer Open Bird Banding	all	June 7, 14, 21 July 6, 12, 26 Aug. 2	Free
	LNT Master Educator Register through NOLS at nols.edu/int	adult	May 19-23	\$450
	IBP Bird Banding Courses	adult	Adv. 6/13-17 Beg. 6/18-25	\$950 \$2050
	Wilderness First Responder	adult	April 7-14	starting at \$725
	Fabulous Fall Nature Geek-Out	adult	Sept. 29- Oct. 1	\$325

www.wolf-ridge.org

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")

Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

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Exp. Date. ____ / ____

Name on card - please print



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