Why Choose Wolf Ridge?

Wolf Ridge is the kind of place where living things can change before your eyes. Things like trees, animals, lakes, rivers. Things like you.

Life-changing experiences for growing kids.
In an increasingly fast-paced world, our camps and wilderness trips provide a nurturing, supportive environment where kids can slow down, learn more about themselves, embrace challenges, experience new adventures, develop new skills, and make lasting friendships in the outdoors. They will have the time to experience what it feels like to connect to our natural world in timeless ways. With each new sunrise, kids and counselors awake to the excitement and fun of new hands-on outdoor learning adventures and activities.

Well-rounded variety of camp and trip choices.
Our wide array of options includes traditional overnight camps, specialty camps, wilderness trips, academic credit academies, day camps, and family camps. The range of options caters to both the young novice and the experienced overnight camper who is yearning to explore even more and to grow their skills. Your child will take great pride in their discoveries and learning, participating in the traditions passed down by generations of Wolf Ridge campers.

Ideal setting in which to learn timeless values.
Wolf Ridge sits between the shores of Lake Superior and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Equal parts majestic and remote, our 2,000 acre campus is bordered by the Baptism River and features creeks, two lakes, two high peaks, 18 miles of trail and a mixed forest of maple, birch and spruce. Wildlife is abundant and includes pine marten, eagles, moose, black bear, white-tailed deer, fox, wolves, beaver, peregrine falcons, and loons.

Enthusiastic, dedicated, well-trained staff.
Our staff are experienced in working with children and well-trained to help them stay safe and happy. They are hand chosen for their ability to inspire kids as a positive role model and create the nurturing environment that will allow your camper to grow into their best self. College-age counselors and naturalists with four-year degrees are committed to demonstrating the character values of caring, respect, honesty, and responsibility. This unique community of staff from across the world comes together to share in new adventures, fun, fellowship, and personal growth experiences.

Options for the whole family as well as for youth.
Spend some quality time with family and friends in the great outdoors. Our relaxed family environment will provide you and your loved ones the kind of vacation you can only get at Wolf Ridge. Here, you’ll learn and grow together through hands-on activities. We’ll take care of all the details; you just have the time of your life!
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

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. $390. August 14-17.

Discoverers  Entering grades 4-5
Camps 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. $626. June 23-29, July 7-13, July 14-20, July 21-27, July 28- August 3, August 4-10, August 11-17.

Green Energy  Entering 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. $626. August 4-10, August 11-17.

Eco-Artists  Entering grades 4-5
Eco-Artists combines the great outdoors with artistic expression in the natural environment. It is the perfect combination of creativity and artistic expression using nature as your canvas. Spend your days learning, exploring and playing in the woods finding different mediums for art projects. Have fun with hands-on experiments, and learn the science of color and form to make expressive artworks. Don’t be fooled by the name though, Eco-Artists has plenty of room for adventure and you will be encouraged to challenge yourself both in your art expression and in outdoor adventure. $626. July 21-27.

DAY CAMPS  Entering grades K-5
OVERNIGHT CAMPS

**Voyageurs**
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. $626. June 23-29, July 7-13, July 14-20, July 21-27, July 28- August 3, August 4-10, August 11-17.

**Angling to Archery**
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 compound and recurve bows 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. $680. July 7-13, August 11-17.

**Leadership Camps: Girls Rock the Ridge or Boys Rock the Ridge**
Amazing wilderness locales. Resilience. Self-reliance. Outdoor skills. Not to mention epic memories. Rock the Ridge Leadership Camps are full of adventures, learning and fun. They are also crafted to be a life-changing combination of exploration and personal growth. Through an integrated in-camp and wilderness trip experience, you’ll have the space to be yourself while exploring your community, self, and the environment. You’ll be an integral part of a group of young people who love to explore the world and share ideas about their beliefs and values. After you come home, the character, leadership, and service traits you uncovered on your expedition will stay with you, helping you navigate your daily life with resilience and success. $639. Girls Rock the Ridge, June 23-29. Boys Rock the Ridge, July 28 - August 3. Girls Rock the Ridge, August 11-17.

**Voyageurs 2-Week Ultimate Survival**
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 Wolf Ridge’s ultimate survival challenges, revel in your new-found sense of pride and achievement. Return home bursting with confidence and enthusiasm! $1300. July 14-27.

**Wildlife Camp**
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. $626. August 4-10.

WILDERNESS TRIPS

**BWCAW 5-day Canoe Trip**  
Note: 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! $650. August 11-17.

**Superior Hiking Trail 5-day Backpack Trip**  
Note: 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. $649. July 7-13.

**Thank you for giving my kid the kind of experience I had hoped for in my heart of hearts!**  
- Parent of a 2018 camper
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Adventurers
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. $639. July 14-20, July 21-27, July 28-August 3, August 4-10.

Camp Rock Climbing
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! $699. August 4-10.

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Adventurers 5-day Northwoods Kayak Trip
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. $750. June 23-29.

Adventurers 2-week BWCAW Canoe Trip
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. $1420. July 7-20.

Adventurers 2-week Isle Royale Backpack Trip
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 learning survival skills, rock climbing, experiencing the adventure ropes course, and gathering around the campfire to share stories of your trip. $1450. July 14-27.

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Wolf Ridge just might be my son’s favorite place on earth!
- Parent of a 2018 camper
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Credit Academy: Freshwater Ecology
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. 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.) $2050. July 7-27.

Credit Academy: Wilderness Ethics
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.) $1699. July 28 - August 10.

Ornithology Field Camp
Band birds, conduct sound surveys, and study bird populations with professional ornithologists. You’ll learn to handle live birds as well as getting a taste of field research. Instructors for this camp are nationally recognized ornithologists who are known for both their knowledge and their teaching skills. Leave with a better understanding of how scientists monitor, study, and conserve bird populations in their habitat. $852. July 7-13.

Counselor In Training
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. $990. August 4-17.
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Jr. Naturalist 2-week Quetico Canoe Trip
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. $1525. July 21 - August 3.

Jr. Naturalist 2-week Apostle Island Sea Kayak Trip
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. Discover what makes them so special by exploring the lighthouses, beaches, and forests of the islands. Just bring your spirit of adventure and Wolf Ridge will provide the gear. Price includes all park fees. $1502. July 28 - August 10.

Superior Service Learning
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! $639. August 4-10.

The impact this camp made on me this summer was immeasurable!

- Freshwater Ecology Credit Academy camper
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, taught by enthusiastic experts.

Consider Wolf Ridge for your conference,
**FAMILIES**

**Our all-inclusive family programs** guarantee fun, learning, and quality time for all ages. We do all the cooking so you and yours can spend the days enjoying our 2000 acres of trails and lakes. We are committed to providing memorable, affordable, and educational outdoor adventures for all experience levels.

**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 heritage, voyageur class, 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. June 30-July 6, July 28-Aug. 3, August 4-10.

**Family Winter Camp**
Remember what it was like as a kid, when you woke up to a thick blanket of fresh snow? A whole new world of possibilities opened up. Sledding, snowshoeing, building snow forts, cross country skiing and a slew of other possibilities took your imagination captive. Now, imagine having a winter camp with your family. Add in more like-minded families learning and playing in the snow together. Drink hot chocolate and eat s’mores around a campfire, with star filled nights – what a great way to make memories that you’ll talk about for years to come. Cost is based on number of family members. Please see our website or call 218-353-7414 for details. February 8-10.

**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. Cost is based on number of family members. Please see our website or call 218-353-7414 for details. July 21-25.

**ADULTS**

**Wilderness First Responder**
Medical training for leaders in remote areas including outdoor educators, guides, and professional search and rescue teams. This 70-hour certification course is offered in conjunction with Wilderness Medical Associates. $925. April 12-19.

**Leave No Trace Master Educator**
Anyone interested in teaching outdoor ethics will want to consider this course offered at Wolf Ridge by the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Graduates are certified to teach LNT Awareness Workshops and Trainer Courses. $450. May 18-22.

**Fabulous Fall Nature Geek-Out**
Give your inner nerd a little love! Choose North Shore Geology Exploration, Saw-whet Owl Banding, North Shore Coastal Kayaking, Fishing the North Shore, Lake Superior Agates, or the Wolf Ridge Sampler. $325-375. September 27-29.

**IBP Bird Banding Courses**
People come from around the country to learn bird banding from the Institute for Bird Populations top banding professionals. Advanced (July 2-6, $1250) and Beginning (June 23-30, $2295) courses are available. Sign up early - these fill fast!

**CONFERENCE CENTER**

workshop, or meeting. 218-353-7414.