

Who we are.

Founded in 1971, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center was the first environmental learning center in the nation to be accredited as a K-12 school and is recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in environmental education.

During the school year, more than 15,000 children, teachers and parent chaperones head to our campus to have their own adventure in learning. Our students come from all over, from more than 165 schools in communities across Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin because of our unique location – located south of the Boundary Waters and overlooking the North Shore of Minnesota's Lake Superior.

Our broad spectrum of year-round environmental and outdoor learning programs for children, families, seniors and college students serve an additional 3,000 people each year, including our Summer Camps, Family Programs, Wilderness Trips, and Ecology Credit Camps.

What we do.

Wolf Ridge is a place where minds open to the joy and wonder of discovery of our natural world. We seek to stimulate a love and understanding of nature by involving children and adults in direct observation of and participation in the outdoors. We promote self-awareness and leadership development in the process.

Activities and classes at Wolf Ridge are nearly all outdoors, typically three hours in length. Over fifty different classes and activities are available. Class subjects include environmental science, cultural history, contemporary environmental issues, personal growth, team building and outdoor recreation.

Our mission.

"To develop a citizenry that has the knowledge, skills, motivation and commitment to work together for a quality environment."

We do this by:

Fostering awareness, curiosity and sensitivity to the natural world

Providing lifelong learning experiences in nature

Developing social understanding, respect and cooperation

Modeling values, behaviors and technologies which lead to a sustainable lifestyle

Promoting the concepts of conservation and stewardship

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.