



# WOLF RIDGE<sup>SM</sup>

ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

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AS NATURE INTENDED

2014  
Programs



# JOIN

a tradition of inspired outdoor learning, adventure and fun. Be immersed in a world where...

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- A group of seven people, mostly young adults, are posing for a photo in a lush, green forest. They are all wearing rain gear, including jackets and hats. The group is diverse in age and appearance. They are all smiling and making peace signs with their hands. The background is a dense forest with tall trees and green foliage. The overall atmosphere is joyful and adventurous.
- ❖ **People grow and thrive**
  - ❖ **You experience new adventures outside every day**
  - ❖ **Laughter rings through the hills and across the lakes**
  - ❖ **Everyone feels part of the community**
  - ❖ **Respect for self and for the planet are both held high**



# TRADITIONAL SUMMER CAMPS

Traditional overnight camps mean fun, new friends and, at Wolf Ridge, a chance to grow and explore the pristine streams, lakes, and forests of the northwoods.



## Summer Sampler

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.

AGE: Entering grades 2-5

DATES: June 25-28, Aug 13-16

COST: \$350

## Discoverers

Geared perfectly toward younger, first time campers, Discoverers will spend time at Wolf Ridge investigating the habitats and signs of animals in our lakes, learning about the importance of Minnesota's plants, exploring Wolf Ridge using a GPS, understanding how insects adapt and survive in Minnesota along with canoeing and swimming on Wolf Lake. Highlight of the week is an all-day adventure at Split Rock Lighthouse exploring Lake Superior. Campers will enjoy learning & building friendships in a nurturing, fun environment.

AGE: Entering grades 4-5

DATES: June 22-28, July 13-19, July 27-Aug 2, Aug 3-9, Aug 10-16

COST: \$550

## Voyageurs

Community is an important aspect as a Voyageur. Campers will spend the week focusing on the cultural history of northern Minnesota while developing team building and leadership skills through hands-on games and activities. They practice these newly developed skills as they work together to paddle canoes, race to "key" trees, explore Sawmill Creek and go on an overnight camping trip to the Baptism River.

AGE: Entering grades 6-7

DATES: June 22-28, July 13-19, July 20-26, July 27-Aug 2, Aug 3-9, &

COST: \$550 Aug 10-16

## Adventurers

The Adventurers program was created for those campers with a high interest in developing their outdoor adventure and recreation skills. Campers will use maps and a compass to read the land, and will learn canoe strokes, water safety and camping skills the first half of the week at Wolf Ridge. The second half of the week is spent using these skills on an overnight canoe trip in the Superior National Forest. Two-week camp/trip combos also available on page 7.

AGE: Entering grades 8-9

DATES: July 13-19, July 20-26, July 27-Aug 2, Aug 3-9, Aug 10-16

COST: \$565



# SPECIALTY CAMPS

These unique experiences are tailored to specific skills and interests.

## COURSE FEATURES

- ❖ Four-week intensive program
- ❖ Participate in research alongside natural resource professionals
- ❖ Create and present your own field research
- ❖ College or high school credit
- ❖ Do real research in pristine wilderness

## CREDIT FOR COURSEWORK

Lake Superior College awards this course 5 semester credits for students who have completed the Accuplacer test and are entering 11-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Tenth grade students may elect to arrange with their high school to apply the course towards elective credits. All students will leave with a portfolio and having completed a scientific field research project. Our intensive curriculum is taught by board-certified science teachers and is based on National Science Standards. Instruction time is over 180 hours.

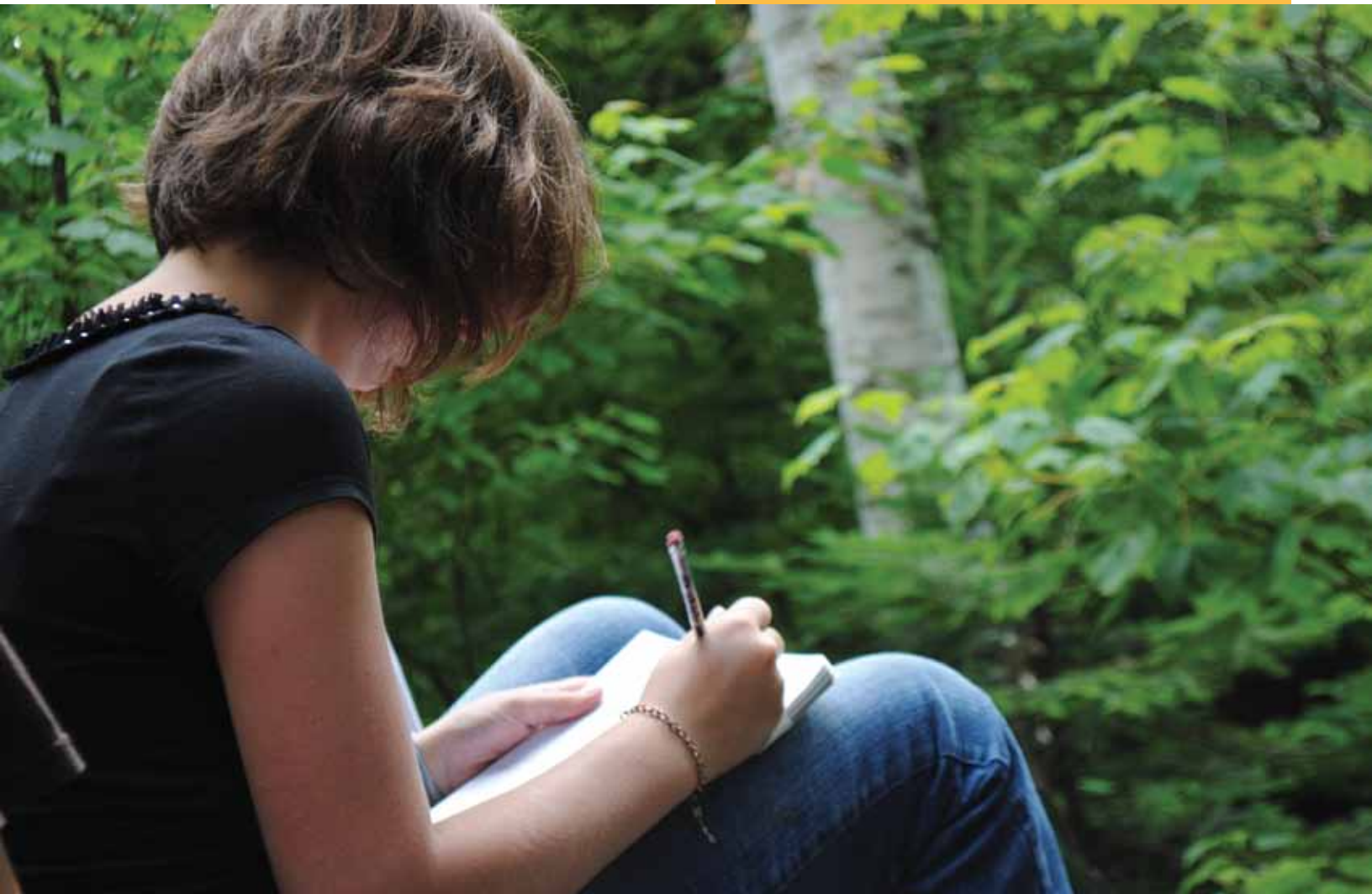
## Ecology Credit Camp

Paddle from lake to lake researching aquatic habitations of the Boundary Waters (BWCAW). While backpacking on the Superior Hiking Trail (SHT), immerse yourself in an ecology study of the forest ecosystem. Help resource professionals conduct research. Explore how social issues can affect solutions to environmental issues. Share ideas about environmental ethics around the campfire. Leave Wolf Ridge with a better understanding of Minnesota's forests and waterways and how community members can work together to manage and sustain them.

AGE: Entering grades 10-12

DATE: July 13-Aug 9

COST: \$2000





## Outdoor Explorers

Whether you're from a family of hunting and fishing enthusiasts or just looking for an opportunity as a "first-timer," this course will help you build your skills while learning responsible hunting and fishing practices. Students will learn how to effectively and safely operate a bow and arrow at the Wolf Ridge archery range and perfect a myriad of fishing skills while stalking the brook trout of Sawmill Creek and the walleyes of Wolf Lake. Ethics will be a central part of the discussion, as well as hunter safety.

AGE: Entering grades 6-7

DATE: Aug 10-16

COST: \$600



## Camp Fish

Knowing where the trout, walleyes and northern pike prowl and eat comes through an understanding of aquatic sciences. Campers assess lake and stream habitats, explore the natural history of game fish species, and consider fishing ethics. Students test their new skills as anglers on a 3-day, 2-night fishing trip to a handful of lakes in the Superior National Forest.

AGE: Entering grades 7-8

DATE: July 13-19

COST: \$600

## Day Camp

Explore Wolf Ridge's woods, streams, wetlands, lakes and more. Hands-on activities, crafts and games offer adventure and fun. Great camp experiences without the overnight commitment. New adventures every day and every year. Hot lunches and snacks provided.

AGE: Entering grades 1-7

DATE: June 23-27

COST: \$175



# WILDERNESS TRIPS

Feeling adventurous? Get way out there! Wolf Ridge Wilderness Trips take you off the beaten path where you will explore remote wild rivers, lakes, and forests with a Wolf Ridge naturalist-guide and gain new self-sufficiency and wilderness travel skills. Our leaders are experienced wilderness travelers and are certified in Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness Water Safety, and CPR. All trips are co-ed.

## 5-Day BWCAW Canoe

Experience wilderness in its truest sense. This introductory trip focuses on back country skills and a connection to wild places. Discover the confidence that comes from paddling, portaging, and camping through the Boundary Waters. AGE: Entering grades 7-8  
DATE: July 6-12  
COST: \$570

## 5-Day Apostle Islands Sea Kayak

Grab a paddle! Explore sea caves, visit historic lighthouses, and wake up to the sun rising on the water. Develop the knowledge and skill that comes from kayaking on the greatest lake in the world, Lake Superior. No experience is necessary. Wolf Ridge provides all kayak and safety skills training. AGE: Entering grades 9-10  
DATE: July 27-Aug 2  
COST: \$665

## Grand Portage Expedition

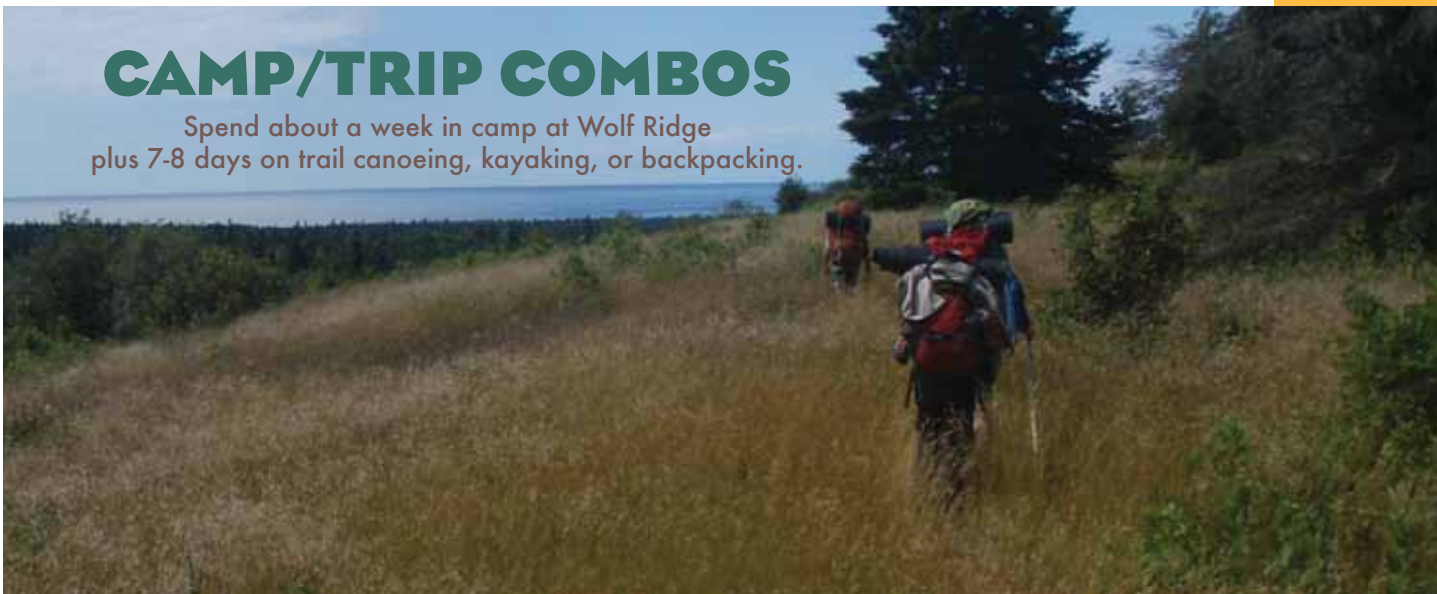
The ultimate wilderness experience and a once in a lifetime trip for experienced campers! Campers will spend 12 days canoeing through the wilderness along the border of the Boundary Waters and Canada's Quetico and La Verendrye Provincial Parks, concluding with the crossing of the Grand Portage to the original headquarters of the historic Northwest Company on the shores of Lake Superior. Campers must have prior experience and complete and submit an application before registering. Visit our website for an application. AGE: Entering grades 10-12  
DATE: Aug 3-16  
COST: \$1370





# CAMP/TRIP COMBOS

Spend about a week in camp at Wolf Ridge plus 7-8 days on trail canoeing, kayaking, or backpacking.



## Adventurers BWCAW Canoe

Seven days of camp fun along with 7 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 with activities like outdoor survival, orienteering, and traditional canoe paddle making, then take off for a 7-day canoeing trek across the lakes and forests of the BWCAW. Return to the Ridge with great stories. Relax and put the finishing touches on your paddle.

AGE: Entering grades 8-9  
DATE: July 13-26  
COST: \$1275

## Adventurers Isle Royale Backpack

Enjoy a week of camp fun: rock climbing, learning survival skills, orienteering, adventure ropes, campfires and much more before spending the next 7 days hiking Isle Royale National Park. Campers will 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.

AGE: Entering grades 8-9  
DATE: July 20-Aug 2  
COST: \$1275

## Jr. Naturalist Apostle Islands Kayak

Lake Superior is the theme of this action packed two-week session. During the first week, campers will combine camp fun with kayak skills as they prepare for eight days of sea kayaking in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. No kayaking experience necessary. Just bring your spirit of adventure! Price includes all park fees.

AGE: Entering grades 10-12  
DATE: Aug 3-16  
COST: \$1340

## Jr. Naturalist Quetico Canoe

Head North! Campers spend the first week exploring the geology and natural history of the boreal forests near Wolf Ridge, then paddle canoes north into Canada to explore the ancient waters of the Quetico Provincial Park. This 8-day trip takes us deep into the heart of Canada's canoe wilderness. Valid passport and Remote Area Border Crossing permit required for Quetico Provincial Park trips.

AGE: Entering grades 10-12  
DATES: July 13-26  
COST: \$1340



# FAMILY ADVENTURES

Find inspiring outdoor opportunities for all ages at our all-inclusive family programs. Guaranteed fun, learning, and quality time together enjoying the North Shore. Meals and lodging provided.

## ADVENTURE FEATURES

- ❖ Professional naturalist teaching staff
- ❖ Child-friendly environment
- ❖ Clean, comfortable lodging
- ❖ Chef-prepared meals
- ❖ Wide variety of hands-on activities

## Donor Member Winter Weekend

Imagine exploring the Wolf Lake area on snowshoes by day, investigating a beaver lodge beneath Mystical Mountain and then relaxing in the East Dorm. After dinner swoosh along the luminary lined ski trails of Raven Lake. Winding your way through the woods you hear the hoot of an owl. Back at the chalet share snacks and laughs with friends.

AGE: All ages

DATE: Feb 7-9

COST: Donor members - Ages 5-adult \$85, ages 2-4 \$42.50, under 2 free  
 Non-donor members Ages 5-adult \$130, ages 2-4 \$65, under 2 free.

## Road Scholar Grand Adventure: Exploring Nature with Your Grandchild

Build lasting memories to share with your grandchildren. Become a French-Canadian voyageur and sing your way across Wolf Lake. Visit the Ojibwe camp to make baskets, twine, and feast on wild rice. Learn the ecology of forests and streams and 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.

AGE: Grandchildren 8-12 years old

DATES: July 6-11, July 20-25, Aug 10-15

COST: Starting at \$579

\*\*NOTE: Registration for these programs is at Road Scholar. Call 877-426-8057 or on-line at [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org). \*\*

## Family Camp

This is the perfect chance to spend some fun quality family time 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 and voyageur, all day canoe adventures, kayaking, nature studies, a family folk dance, 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.

AGE: All ages

DATES: July 27-Aug 2, Aug 3-9

COST: Ages 5-adult - \$398, ages 2-4 - \$200, under 2 free





# FAMILY & GROUP WILDERNESS TRIPS

We are committed to providing high quality, affordable, and educational wilderness trips for all experience levels.

## TRIP FEATURES

- ❖ Half-day to multi-day options
- ❖ Canoe or kayak trips
- ❖ No experience necessary
- ❖ Experienced naturalist-guides
- ❖ Hands-on naturalist-led activities
- ❖ All group equipment provided
- ❖ Great value - cost is all-inclusive



## BWCAW Canoe Trips, 5-Days

Explore the natural and cultural wonders of this spectacular wilderness while learning the skills needed for canoe travel. We provide permits, transportation, food, group equipment, lodging, and time on our indoor rock climbing wall.

AGE: Must be 5 years or older

DATES: June - August, call for dates

COST: \$1800 for up to 4 people. Maximum 8 people. Add'l, call for details

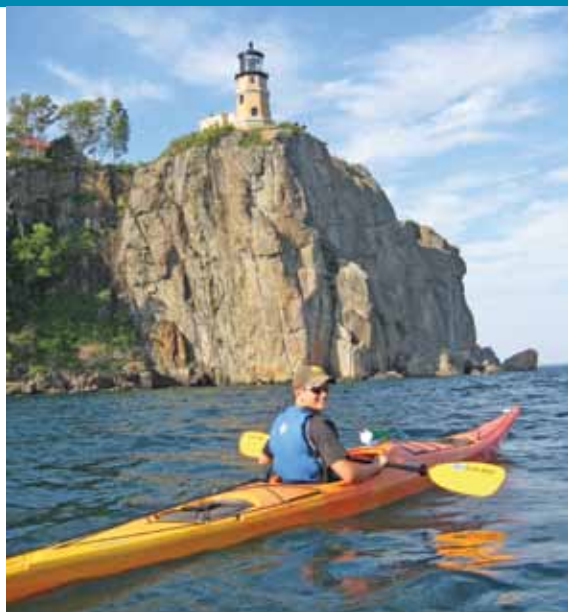
## Apostle Islands Kayak Trips, 5-Days

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 explore sea caves, lighthouses and beaches.

AGE: Must be 12 years or older

DATES: June-August, call for dates

COST: \$1800 up to 4 people. Maximum 6 people. Add'l people, call for details



## 1/2-Day Kayak at Split Rock

A spectacular paddle! Sea kayak past towering cliffs, over shipwrecks, and under the Split Rock lighthouse. Tours begin and end at Split Rock Lighthouse State Park. Pebble beach picnic included. Custom tours available for groups. Sign up by calling 218-353-7414.

AGE: Must be 12 years or older

DATES: June - August, check our website for dates

Tues. mornings 8:30-noon

Thurs. evenings 4:30-8pm

COST: \$59/person



## Phenology Adventure with Jim Gilbert

Join well known Naturalist and Phenologist, Jim Gilbert on sessional explorations of Wolf Ridge ELC via hiking, canoeing, skiing and snowshoeing. An experienced and enthusiastic storyteller, Jim will interpret the phenology of the plants and animals.

AGE: Adult

DATES: March 14-16, June 27-29, Oct 10-12

COST: \$226 for sharing room with one, more for private

## Open House

Join us for a day of outdoor fun at our annual open house. Donor members, local community folk, and curious passersby are all welcome to enjoy a day of rock climbing, adventure ropes, a live raptor and porcupine program, hiking, and canoeing. Come for all or part of the day. Donor members call by June 10th to reserve your free picnic lunch.

AGE: All ages

DATE: June 14, 2014 9:00-4:30

COST: Free

## Bird Banding

Since 1993, Wolf Ridge has been a site for the MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) study. This long-term international study focuses on learning 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.

AGE: All ages

DATES: June 4, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00-11:00am

COST: Free

## Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Wolf Ridge, the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics (LNT) have collaborated in offering this course. The Master Educator Course is the highest level of education training in the LNT teaching structure and focuses on learning how to teach others about ethical practices in camping and outdoor recreation. 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. Check out the website for more details: <https://www.nols.edu/lnt/>

AGE: Adult

DATE: May 16-20

COST: TBD



## Beginning & Advanced Bird Banding Classes



Wolf Ridge hosts the Institute for Bird Populations in conducting beginning and advanced workshops for bird banders. The seven-day introductory class is designed to provide both amateur birders and professional biologists with the skills necessary to participate in monitoring and research programs involving bird banding. The four-day advanced class is designed for experienced banders who wish to improve their sexing and ageing skills. The class will focus on understanding and identifying the differences between specific adult age classes using the *Identification Guide to North American Birds* by Peter Pyle.

AGE: Adult

DATES: Beg. June 22-29, Adv. June 16-20

COST: Beg. \$1,594, Adv. \$794 for sharing room with one, more for private



## PROGRAM INFO

Register by mailing in the form to the right or register on-line at: [www.wolf-ridge.org](http://www.wolf-ridge.org)

Traditional Summer Camps	Grade entering	Dates	Cost
Summer Sampler	grades 2-5	June 25-28 Aug 13-16	\$350
Discoverers	grades 4-5	June 22-28 July 13-19 July 27-Aug 2 Aug 3-9 Aug 10-16	\$550
Voyageurs	grades 6-7	June 22-28 July 13-19 July 20-26 July 27-Aug 2 Aug 3-9 Aug 10-16	\$550
Adventurers	grades 8-9	July 13-19 July 20-26 July 27-Aug 2 Aug 3-9 Aug 10-16	\$565
Specialty Camps			
Ecology Credit Camp	grades 10-12	July 13-Aug 9	\$2000
Outdoor Explorers	grades 6-7	Aug 10-16	\$600
Camp Fish	grades 7-8	July 13-19	\$600
Day Camp	grades 1-7	June 23-27	\$175
Youth Wilderness Trips & Camp/Trip Combos			
5-Day Canoe BWCAW	grades 7-8	July 6-12	\$570
5-Day Apostle Island Sea Kayak	grades 9-10	July 27-Aug 2	\$665
Adventurers BWCAW Canoe	grades 8-9	July 13-26	\$1275
Adventurers Isle Royale Backpacking	grades 8-9	July 20-Aug 2	\$1275
Jr. Naturalists Quetico Canoe	grades 10-12	July 13-26	\$1340
Jr. Naturalists Apostle Kayak	grades 10-12	Aug 3-16	\$1340
Grand Portage Expedition	grades 10-12	Aug 3-16	\$1370
Family/Adult Programs, Trips, & Classes			
Donor Member Winter Weekend	all ages	Feb 7-9	Donor members ages 5-adult \$85, ages 2-4 - \$42.50, under 2 - free Non-donor members ages 5-adult \$130, ages 2-4 - \$65.00, under 2 - free
Road Scholar Grand Adventure: Exploring Nature with your Grandchild	8-12 yrs & adults	July 6-11 July 20-25 Aug 10-15	starting at \$579  **MUST REGISTER THROUGH ROAD SCHOLAR** See page 8
Family Camp	all ages	July 27-Aug 2 Aug 3-9	Ages 5-adult - \$398 ages 2-4 - \$200 under 2 - free
Family & Group Wilderness Trips	kayak: 12 yrs-adult canoe: 5 yrs-adult	Up to 4 people \$1800, discounts for over 4 people.	Call for available dates.
Split Rock 1/2 day Kayak Tours	12 yrs-adult	June-August	\$59ea
Phenology Adventures with Jim Gilbert	adults	March 14-16 June 27-29 Oct 10-12	\$266
Open House	all ages	June 14 9:00-4:30	free
Bird Banding	all ages	June 4, 18, 25 July 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00-11:00am	free
Leave No Trace Master Educator	adults	May 16-20	\$TBD
Beg. & Adv. Bird Banding Classes	adults	Beg. June 22-29 Adv. June 16-20	\$1,594 \$794

## MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

Program Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Program Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F  
 Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY PROGRAM ATTENDEES

Members attending and ages

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### 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 must be included

- MasterCard      Program Deposit \_\_\_\_\_
- Discover            Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_
- Visa
- Check (payable to Wolf Ridge ELC)

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