

# EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

## August 2025

### SUMMER BUILDING HOURS:

May thru September  
Wednesday-Sunday  
10am-5pm

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## ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ERNC SEPTEMBER NIGHTS AUCTION FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 13 @

Odd Man Rush Brewing in Eagle River!

Let us know if you would like to donate an item or service to the auction. Email Betsy at [admin@ernc.org](mailto:admin@ernc.org) for more info.



### CALL FOR FIREWEED!

Each year, we are so lucky to team up with the crew at Odd Man Rush Brewing to produce a Nature Center fireweed beer. But we need your help to harvest fireweed blooms!!! Some tips:

- Be sure you are harvesting in an area where it's allowed!
- Only harvest the blooms; don't pull up the whole plant (and don't harvest all the blooms from one plant).
- Bring blooms in a plastic zip lock bag to Odd Man Rushing Brewing in Eagle River by 8/31/2025.



### LITTLE EXPLORERS

Friday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11am  
GUIDED HIKE | NO REGISTRATION  
LITTLE EXPLORERS

Join in for an hour(ish)-long hike on or near the Rodak Trail at a toddler's pace! Explore a different aspect of life in the Chugach each week. No registration necessary; just check in by 11 am in the main ERNC building. The target audience for this program is babies and children up to age 7 accompanied by an adult. Older siblings are welcome to join. Please leave furry friends at home.



Anchorage School District  
BACK TO SCHOOL  
on August 14!

**- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -**

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 6PM**

**GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION**

**MUSHROOM ID FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BAD AT MUSHROOM ID**

Join aspiring mycology enthusiast and ERNC naturalist, Samantha Blumenkönig, for a short fungal foray around the Rodak Trail. We'll practice the very basics of how to identify mushrooms and confidently identify a few common Alaska species. This course is ideal for adults and teens (accompanied by an adult) who are beginning to be curious about fungi.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1-3PM**

**JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE  
WELCOME TO THE FUNGAL JUNGLE**

Meet in the Ed Yurt to investigate the organisms that lurk among us that are neither plant nor animal. Go on a fungal safari, create a spore print, and learn how to use a mushroom identification key! This program is designed for elementary school-aged students.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1-3 PM**

**JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE  
STUCK IN A RUT**

Stop by the Education Yurt to uncover the mystery of the magnificent moose. Why are their legs so long? What do moose eat in the winter months? What is up with those huge antlers? Discover the answers to these questions and more!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2PM**

**GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION  
BERRY CURIOUS**

Join us on a family friendly walk to look for what's growing along the trail and learn about the different berries that grow in Alaska. We will cover how to identify what's safe to eat and what's not! *Registration is limited to the first 20 people. Register online at: [www.ernc.org/public-programs](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 5-7 PM**

**VENTURE VIBES (TEEN ACTIVITY) | REGISTRATION  
KNOT YOUR AVERAGE MOVIE NIGHT!**

Get ready for a cozy night of crafting and connections! Bring your crochet project (or start a new one with us!) and settle in to watch Disney's Brother Bear- a heartwarming adventure about friendship, transformation, and the power of nature. We'll have yarn, hooks, snacks, and chill vibes. No crochet experience needed- just come as you are!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1-3PM**

**JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE  
DECOMPOSER DISCO**

From worms to mushrooms to bacteria, decomposers keep the cycles of life and death in motion. Discover the unique adaptations and functions of these unsung heroes in the Education Yurt!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2PM**

**GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION  
SALMON SAFARI**

Join Alaska Department of Fish & Game Sport Fish staff and get hooked on salmon! Discover their incredible life cycle and witness the salmon run happening right beneath your feet. You'll also learn about the challenges these finned fighters face in a changing world—and why their story is so important to Alaska's future. *Registration is limited to 15 participants. Register online at: [www.ernc.org/public-programs](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 10:30AM-3:30PM**

**WORKSHOP | REGISTRATION  
KOROHUSK CABIN NATURE JOURNALING**

Join Barb Johnson on a 6-mile hike (round trip) to Korohusk Cabin and explore the joy of observing, journaling, sketching, and painting nature. Discover how your awareness and appreciation increases! It's not about the art, it's about connecting and observing things in detail. No experience necessary. *Limited to 10 people. More details on suggested materials and registration at: [www.ernc.org/public-programs](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1-3PM**

**JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION  
CSI (CRITTER SIGN INVESTIGATION) EAGLE RIVER**

Put your investigative skills to the test during this guided hike. Learn how to identify different animal signs and what they tell us about the animals' behaviors. *Registration is limited to 15 participants. Register online at: [www.ernc.org/public-programs](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2PM**

**GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION  
EAT IT OR LEAVE IT**

Discover the basics of edible and toxic plants and berries found at the Eagle River Nature Center with volunteer naturalist Stacy Flagg. We will start with a brief presentation inside followed by a short hike. *Registration is limited to the first 15 participants. Register online at: [www.ernc.org/public-programs](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1-3PM**

**JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE  
HIDE AND SEEK**

Are you a hide-and-seek champ? Wait 'til you meet the Alaska animals who can vanish into thin air (almost)! Learn how these creatures blend in and try your hand at creating a camouflage disguise.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 5-7 PM**

**VENTURE VIBES (TEEN ACTIVITY) | REGISTRATION  
THE GREAT SHELTER SHOWDOWN**

Ready to test your outdoor skills and creativity? In this fun and friendly competition, teens will team up to design and build shelters using natural materials and teamwork. Along the way, you'll pick up real survival tips, cool nature facts, and a few unexpected challenges to keep things interesting! Whether your shelter is a masterpiece or a little... wobbly, you'll learn a ton, laugh even more, and get to show off your wilderness smarts in the great outdoors! *Register online at: [www.ernc.org/public-programs](http://www.ernc.org/public-programs).*



Scan the QR code & it will take you to our online program schedule where you can view more info and register for programs.