

EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 2025

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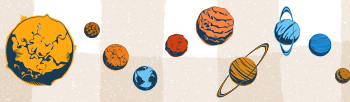
October thru April:
Friday-Sunday
10am to 5pm

Trails are always open!

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Second Saturday Astronomy Nights Launch in November!

Join us every second Saturday of the month from November thru March for an engaging evening filled with various astronomy topics, stargazing, and exciting STEM activities!

ERNC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Soon: Annual Dick Griffith Challenge & Packraft Raffle!

Guess what time it is? Our legendary supporter and ultimate cool cat, Dick Griffith, is throwing down the gauntlet with a matching donation challenge—up to \$5,000! We're joining forces with AlpackaRaft once more to raffle off a drool-worthy packraft. *Swing by www.ernc.org for the scoop in late November.* Every penny goes to our mission of connecting folks with Alaska's wild wonders. Thanks a million!

New Community Mural in the Pollinator Garden!

If you've visited the Nature Center recently, you may have seen an amazing crew of people (lead by our amazing volunteer gardener extraordinaire, Timothy Kane) painting a new mountain mural in our pollinator garden! We were thrilled to collaborate with artist Logan Walton and the JBER Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Clinic, where Logan works as an art therapist. Through the Creative Forces program, the clinic's creative arts therapists serve about 1,000 patients each year, helping service members connect with community programs that support recovery, expression, and well-being. This mural, created with the help of TBI Clinic participants, community members, and volunteers, stands as a vibrant symbol of creativity, healing, and connection for all to enjoy. Thanks to everyone who were a part of this wonderful community endeavor! Come on out, see the mural, snap a pic, and tag us (#eaglerivernaturecenter).



Timothy (left) & Logan (right) busy painting!



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

- NATURE CENTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE ON REVERSE -

NOVEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1PM-3PM

HALLOWEEN HIKE NATURE WALK

Families with pre-k to elementary age children are invited to hike the Rodak Trail at their own pace. Visit animals, insects, and plants stationed along the trail to learn about the fun, creepy, gross, and incredible creatures that call Alaska home. Costumes are encouraged but remember to dress for the weather! This event is all outdoors.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

MOUNTAIN WEATHER SYSTEMS

Peaks, ridges, and valleys, OH MY! Come by the main building to discover how the unique geography of the Chugach Range impacts weather. *Open house means feel free to arrive for the program anytime between 1pm-3pm.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6PM-7:30PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

SECOND SATURDAY ASTRONOMY NIGHT WITH SAAS

A fun evening for the whole family, Astronomy Nights are back! Doors open at 6pm for a lecture led by members of the Southcentral Alaska Astronomical Society. Hang out after the lecture for a STEM activity targeted for elementary age students and stargazing supported by the Anchorage Museum (conditions permitting)! 

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WELCOME BACK ALBERT!

After months apart, it's finally time to reunite with the wonders of the Albert Loop Trail! Come discover what's new, weird, and wild at a naturalist's pace. *Limited to the first 15 participants. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 5PM-7PM

VENTURE VIBES TEEN PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQ.

GAME BIRDS GONE WILD

Get ready to dive into the wild side of Alaska's game birds! From Ptarmigan to Spruce Grouse, discover how these feathered survivors handle the chill of November. Teens will explore habitats, test their observation skills, and learn what makes these birds perfectly adapted for life in the cold! *Meant for kids 12-18 years old. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 5PM-7PM

ALL AGES OPEN HOUSE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

COMMUNITY RECIPE SWAP

Join the Eagle River Nature Center community for a recipe swap! We will discuss food security in Alaska and how to incorporate Alaska's abundance into your home kitchen. *Please register in advance online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1PM-3 PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FROSTY FORTS

Think you've got what it takes to survive the snow? In this frosty adventure, you'll learn to build shelters using natural materials, teamwork, and creativity. Test your winter survival skills as you discover how to stay warm, dry and safe in the snowy outdoors! *Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 11AM

SUNDAY STORY TIME | PRE-K PROGRAM

WINTER WONDERS

Families with preschoolers and early elementary students are invited to join us in the main ERNC space for a few seasonal stories and activities. *Catch story time every month throughout the winter!*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

RENTING A PUBLIC USE CABIN

Did you know our public use cabins and yurts are available for rent year-round? Join us in the main building to learn how to plan your perfect winter retreat, followed by a hike out to the Paradise Haven Cabin. *Hike registration online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ABOVE AND BELOW THE SNOW

Join other elementary school families for a guided hike around the Rodak Trail and discover the secret network of tunnels and burrows beneath your feet! *Registration is limited to 15 Junior Naturalists. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2PM

ALL AGES PROGRAM

AUTHOR TALK WITH NAOMI KLOUDA

Embark on a journey through the icy wonders of Alaska's glaciers with The Alaska Glacier Dictionary by Naomi Klouda. For the first time, all 700 glaciers are explained in their various rates of melting, their nomenclature and glaciological or geologic history. Join Homer author Naomi Klouda for a look at the incredible glaciers that surround us and learn her process as an author.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 5PM-7PM

VENTURE VIBES TEEN PROGRAM | REGISTRATION REQ.

THE THANKFUL HANGOUT

Celebrate Thanksgiving with food, friends, and creativity! Bring a dish to share for our festive teen potluck and unwind with a holiday movie. Get crafty with a fun fall art activity - gratitude art, mini canvas paintings, or nature inspired decorations to take home! Come hungry, come creative, and get ready for a night of good vibes! *Meant for kids 12-18 years old. Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1PM-3PM

JUNIOR NATURALIST | OPEN HOUSE

SNOWFLAKE SAFARI

Take a close look at snowflakes and learn about how snow is formed in the atmosphere. Learn about some of the challenges humans and animals face living in snowy environments. Weather permitting, we will go on a frosty foray of our own.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2PM

GUIDED HIKE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

WINTER BIRD IDENTIFICATION

Naturalist Liza Sanden will cover the basics of winter bird identification and provide information on how to join the Eagle River-Chugiak Christmas Bird Count! *Register online at www.ernc.org/public-programs.*