

Parent Information

WHAT IS WOLF RIDGE?



Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center is an accredited residential environmental school for persons of all ages. It offers immersion programs which involve direct observation and participation in outdoor experiences and focus on ecology and science, human culture and history, personal growth, group building and outdoor recreation. The Center's mission is to:

- Foster awareness, curiosity and sensitivity to the natural world.
- Promote social understanding, respect and cooperation.
- Model values, behaviors and technologies which promote a sustainable lifestyle.
- Develop a citizenry that has the knowledge, skills, attitudes, motivation and commitment to act together for a quality environment.
- Rekindle the concepts of conservation and stewardship.

THE CAMPUS

Located on Wolf Ridge's 2000 acres of land are Wolf and Raven Lakes, the Baptism River and Sawmill Creek, Marshall Mountain, wetlands, maple forests and a magnificent view of Lake Superior.

The dormitories at Wolf Ridge sleep 360 persons, with 4-8 persons per room, and are shared by all groups in attendance. The classroom buildings contain seven labs, two climbing walls, two auditoriums, and six other classrooms. Other buildings include the office, dining hall and energy center, our central wood heating plant. Three remote classrooms, a forest ecology building, a ski chalet, and a stream study building, are located off the ridge.

WOLF RIDGE YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Our **Summer Youth Program** is one of the best summer camps around. Each age group has specific activities that only that age-group will do. Our residential camp for ages 9-18 combines the best parts of the Wolf Ridge school program with outdoor recreation and learning activities.

Wolf Ridge offers week long **Family Vacations** in summer and winter. Adults and children have separate classes in the mornings and family classes in the afternoons and evenings. Programming includes our most popular classes and special events such as a Family Folk Dance, a family picnic and campfire.

Wolf Ridge offers several Theme Weekends during the year. Past themes have included Superior Hiking Trail, Snow Days, and Spring Celebration. Call or check our website for dates and costs.

EMERGENCIES

In case of an emergency, and the need to get hold of a participant at Wolf Ridge, you may call (218) 353-7414 or 1-800-523-2733 (MN, WI). From 8am to 8pm your call will go directly to the office. After 8pm follow the voice messaging system to reach our on-site staff. Emergency messages will be delivered as soon as possible. Throughout the day students are away from the buildings and are not directly accessible. Non-emergency messages will be taken and delivered at meal times. Please do not use the emergency voice mail option to deliver a non-emergency message. Leave a general message and it will be delivered at breakfast.

Courtesy phones are available for outgoing calls only. These phones are available with teacher permission and accept **only** local, calling card, or credit card calls.

STUDENT MAIL AT WOLF RIDGE

While your child is at Wolf Ridge you may wish to send them mail. Mail is received at the office and given to the school's Wolf Ridge liaison. The liaison will distribute mail at dinner. Address mail to:

Your child
c/o Your child's group
6282 Cranberry Rd
Finland, MN 55603

Stamps and postcards are available for purchase at Wolf Ridge for letters home.

Wolf Ridge is not able to print and distribute emails.

SPECIAL FACILITIES

Indoor Climbing Walls
Adventure Ropes Courses
Orienteering Courses
Ojibwe Village
Voyageur Camp
Acid Rain Stations
Campfire Rings
Telescope Deck
Canoe Landings
Educational Store
Initiative Games Events
Ski Chalet
Forest Ecology Building
Volleyball Courts

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CLASSES AT WOLF RIDGE

Each year over 150 schools bring students to the center for residential environmental education experiences in the outdoors. Wolf Ridge naturalists contribute the majority of instruction. Teachers and parents who accompany the children contribute to instruction and supervision. All classes are aligned with the Minnesota Graduation standards.



6:30 am	Wake up	5:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 am	Breakfast	6:15-7:45 pm	Evening Activity
8:30-11:30 am	Morning Class	8:00-8:45 pm	Evening Program
12:00 pm	Lunch	9:00-9:30 pm	Campfires, astronomy, etc.
1:15-4:15 pm	Afternoon Class	9:30-6:30 am	Quiet time in dorm

CLASSES

Animals:

Animal Signs
Beavers
Birds
Small Mammals
Snowshoe Hares
White-tailed Deer
Wildlife Management

Plants:

Forest Ecology
Plant Study
Trees & Keys
Wetlands Ecology

Earth Science:

Geology
Weather

Aquatics:

Fisheries Management
Frozen Lake Study
Lake Ecology
Stream Ecology

Environmental Issues:

Acid Rain
Living Lightly
Seeds of Change

Cultural History:

Ojibwe Heritage
Voyageur Life

Personal Growth:

Adventure Ropes
Rock Climbing

Team Building:

Basic Survival
F.I.R.S.T. Games

Outdoor Recreation:

Beginning Orienteering
Canoeing
Competitive Orienteering
Cross Country Skiing
Ojibwe Snowshoeing
Superior Snowshoeing
Superior View Hike

EVENING ACTIVITIES

Astronomy
Block Printing
Campfires
Creative Expressions
Dreamcatchers
Lake Superior Game
Night Hikes
Paper Making
Owl Pellet Dissection
Star Lab
Volleyball
Voyageur Canoeing
Woodland Art

NOTE

All visitors not arriving with a scheduled group must register at the Administration Building upon arrival to the Wolf Ridge Campus.

NATURALIST PRESENTATIONS

Wolves	History of the North Shore
Raptors	Fur Trade
Bats	
Logging Camp Life	