



International Wolf Center
Teaching the World about Wolves

Wolf Family Rendezvous

Saturday - Sunday
October 17-18, 2020

Welcome!

We are excited you are interested in the Wolf Family Rendezvous program! Below are important details to make your International Wolf Center experience great!

Registration

Registration is available online at <http://www.wolf.org/programs/learning-adventures/>. Click on the "Register" button to fill out your registration and make your payment. Once completed, you will receive an email confirming your registration. This is a popular program, so get your registration in early! Registrants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

To participate in the program, you must **fill out and turn in the Medical History and Liability form** before you will be allowed to participate. You can mail it, scan and email it, or bring it in on the first day. The form is at the end of this document.

Mail it: International Wolf Center or scan and send via email to: programs@wolf.org
Programs
1396 Highway 169
Ely, MN 55731

Handicapped Accessibility

The International Wolf Center in Ely is a handicapped accessible facility. Displays feature braille signs, and we have sign language interpreters available *if arrangements are made ahead of time*. However, our outdoor educational programs may involve, walking, hiking over uneven terrain, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, or other moderately strenuous activities. The International Wolf Center cannot provide special arrangements for persons physically unable to participate in the planned activities for a specific program.

Cancellation and Refunds Policy

In some cases, the Center may be required to cancel a program if conditions arise that are beyond our control and adversely affect the well-being of the trip members such as a natural disaster. We also have minimum numbers of participants required to conduct each program. If the minimum is not met, the program may be cancelled, and notice given to existing registrants. In such a case, a full refund of the program registration cost is given.

The Center recognizes that there are times when participant cancellations become necessary. The following is our program cancellation policy:

All cancellations are subject to a \$50.00 processing fee.

This is in addition to the following conditions:

- No refund of full program fee will be issued if cancellation is made within 14 days of program start.
- Cancellations made between 30 and 15 days will receive refund of payment minus deposit or will receive full credit toward a comparable program.
- Cancellations made 31 or more days before the start of the program will receive refund of payment and deposit.

The Center is unable to provide special arrangements for persons physically unable to participate in the planned activities for this specific program. However, participants may choose not to attend those activities.

The International Wolf Center regrets that it cannot make exceptions to the refund policy. If you think there is a chance that you will need to cancel, we recommend acquiring trip insurance from a commercial source. Trip insurance can help protect you against financial loss if you must cancel or interrupt your trip.

The Center reserves the right to cancel any program if conditions arise that is beyond its control and adversely affects the well-being of the program participants. In such a case, a full refund of the payment received is given, but the Center is not responsible for additional expenses incurred by participants in preparing for the program including flights and other travel expenses.

The Center acts in the capacity of agent only in matters of transportation and program operation. We are not responsible for delays, inconveniences, accidents, expense or mishap of any kind whatsoever resulting entirely, or in part, from the negligence of others or from causes beyond its control. It accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the participant, as program rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary where deemed necessary or caused by changes in schedules.

The Center takes no responsibility for special arrangements or problems incurred by persons physically unable to participate in the planned activities. No refund can be made for absence from the program unless arrangements are made at the time of the booking. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or to retain any person as a participant for any reason, which affects the operation of the program or the rights and welfare or enjoyment.

Lodging

During the dates of the program, each participant may take the option of staying overnight at the Center in the auditorium. Accommodations at the International Wolf Center are sleeping on the lightly carpeted, auditorium benches (bedding is the responsibility of the participant). Showering facilities are not available at the International Wolf Center.

Off-site lodging is available at hotels in Ely and is the responsibility of the participant. For more information on Ely Area accommodations, please visit the [Ely Chamber of Commerce](#).

Meals Provided:

- Saturday: Pizza dinner
- Sunday: Continental breakfast

There are no cooking facilities available at the Center.

Transportation

The Center will provide transport for any field activities during the program, unless otherwise specified. Travel outside of programming is the responsibility of the participants.



Annual temperatures for Ely, MN

Having the proper equipment for outdoor activities can make the difference between a fun adventure and an uncomfortable slog in the woods.

The use of layered garments for protection against weather extremes is key to a successful outing. Loose-fitting layers allow you to maintain a comfortable body temperature and keep you dry as temperatures, precipitation, and your own exertion levels change.

Proper footwear is also essential. Closed-toed, supportive athletic shoes or boots with socks will provide the most support and comfort.

PLEASE come prepared for the weather. Consider the predicted temperatures, PLUS wind chill and nightly lows.

Image courtesy of www.weather.co

Suggested packing list for any season:

- Camera (optional)
- Warm socks (not cotton)
- Rain gear (doubles as wind breaker)
- Sturdy shoes or boots for hiking
- Hat
- Pants to hike/snowshoe comfortably in
- Shirts and other layers
- Warm fleece jacket or sweater (Layers!!!)
- Sleepwear
- Warm Sleeping bag and/or other warm bedding (Bedding not provided)
- Pillow
- Toiletries
- Travel alarm clock
- A change of clothes



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Friday, October 16, 2020

Receive free admission to the International Wolf Center. Use this time for self-guided exploration of the Discover Wolves! and Little Wolf Exhibits, watch a wolf-themed documentary in the theater, participate in one of our daily programs or spend time observing our pack of gray wolves. The Center is open Friday at 10:00 am.

Saturday, October 17, 2020

- Pack some snacks for this full day of fun! It all begins at 8:30 a.m.
- 8:30am - Arrive at the Center for a private lesson about the purpose and role of the ambassador wolves living at the Center.
- 9:00am – Wolf Adaptations program
- 10:00am – Wildlife tracking/sign in the wilderness. Make your own wolf plaster track!
- Free time for lunch on your own. Enjoy some family time while tasting the flavors of Ely at a local restaurant.
- 1:00pm - Head out into the north woods to apply your newfound skills in animal tracking and see what the Superior National Forest has to offer. Plan for a hike over uneven terrain and dress for the weather as we search for signs of animals. Bring a snack and a bottle of water.
- Afternoon free time to enjoy the Ely area.
- 5:00pm - Return to the Center for a tasty pizza dinner with all the fixin's! Enjoy your meal with some private wolf-viewing time.
- 6:00pm - Sit back and relax in the theater for a special presentation of the Center's own Highlights of the Ambassador Pack film.
- 7:00pm - Get ready to learn what wolves eat for dinner at the "What's for Dinner?" program. An introductory lesson on wolf hunting and feeding behavior will prepare you for the weekly feeding of our ambassador wolves!
- 8:00pm - The fun continues with outdoor "night" activities to discover the special adaptations that wolves and other wildlife have for a life of nocturnal activity. Plan to be outdoors unless it is raining or the temperature is below 10°F.
- Programming ends for the day at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18, 2020

- 7:00am - Rise and shine! Wake up to the ambassador wolves and enjoy their presence as you pack up your overnight gear in preparation for breakfast.
- 7:30am – Enjoy a continental breakfast of bread goods, cereal, fruit, juices and milk.
- 8:00am - Take advantage of some private wolf-viewing time before the wolves settle in for their late-morning naps.
- 8:30am - Wrap up your learning experience with a rousing game of Wolf Jeopardy!
- Program concludes at approximately 10:00 a.m.



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Educational Program Registration and Liability Form

Please fill out a form for each program participant

Program name: _____ Program date(s): _____

Name of participant: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

If under 18, Parent/Guardian name: _____

Contact Information for Parent/Guardian during the program: _____

Alternative Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Participant's Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Does the participant have any dietary needs or food allergies? _____

Is the participant allergic to bee stings or insect bites? _____

Does the participant have any medical conditions or allergies we should be aware of? _____

Is the participant currently on medication? _____

Explain: _____

Current immunizations are required for participation. Participant is current on vaccinations _____ (initials)

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

I give permission for the aforementioned participant to attend the International Wolf Center's educational program on the dates indicated above. I understand that they will be supervised by an International Wolf Center staff member, and given risks inherent in any type of indoor or outdoor program including program transport, the International Wolf Center is to be held harmless. The program may include both indoor and outdoor activities, for which I will prepare the participant. I also give permission for necessary emergency medical care to be given to the participant at an appropriate medical facility. For a participant under the age of 18, I understand I need to pick up them up at the Guest Services Desk.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

I give permission to the International Wolf Center to use photos or other media of this participant for promotional use.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

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