

## Special Summer Educational Events

at the Center



### Summer Environmental Stewardship Programs

Customized programs focusing on the region's natural and cultural history. Offered July-August. Contact Susan Nelson at (715) 685-2644 for more information.

### Summer Environmental Education Camps

Multiple-day experiential environmental learning opportunities at the Center. Contact Hayley Bahr for more information at (715) 685-2644.

The Visitor Center also offers year 'round educational events. For more information and schedules, check our web site for updates

[www.nglvc.org](http://www.nglvc.org)



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# Environmental Stewardship Education Program Catalog 2019-2020



## Connecting With Nature

By discovering the historic, cultural, and natural resources of the  
Northern Great Lakes Region



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# WELCOME

The Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center offers a variety of educational experiences no matter what age or grade level to meet your group's interests and needs.

## Educational Opportunities Include:

- Educator Guided Programs
- On-Your-Own Learning
- Special Events



## Educator Guided Programs

For reservations or information, call Susan Nelson at (715) 685-2644 or e-mail [sbnelson@fs.fed.us](mailto:sbnelson@fs.fed.us)



**Little Yellow School Bus Scholarship**

Scholarships are available to help support bus transportation costs of bringing students to the Visitor Center

## Lake Superior Stewardship Series

All programs are designed to provide relevance for multi-cultural audiences and are taught by Visitor Center education staff. Programs were produced in part, with support from the Wisconsin Environmental



## Learn On-Your-Own

The Visitor Center offers these self touring options or call Susan Nelson (715)685-2644 for more information.

### Wisconsin State Historical Society Archives and Research Center—

For information on genealogy programs sponsored by the WI State Historical Society, call Linda Mittlestadt at (715) 685-2649.

**Interactive Exhibits**—Engaging, interactive exhibits interpret the impact of geology, history, and culture on the Lake Superior Region yesterday and today. Discover it yourself using our “Eye Spy” and age appropriate scavenger hunts .

**Interpretive Trails**—Learn while you stroll on the Visitor Center’s easy to walk 3/4 mile nature trail or the Aldo Leopold Trail. Interpretive signs and guide book. Benches for reflection and relaxation.

**Nature’s Discovery Area**—Hands-on discovery area, just off the Visitor Center’s nature trail, includes a beaver lodge, sandbox, and an area to explore for wildlife.

**Native Garden Walk**—Take time to explore our native plant gardens to learn about the native flowers, grasses, and sedges that are identified by name, natural history and Ojibwe botanical uses. A walking guide is available.

## CHECK IT OUT!

These items are available for use at the Visitor Center. For more information, availability and reservations call (715)685-9983.

- **Snowshoes:** Try snow shoeing on the Visitor Center trail systems!
- **Activity Backpacks:** Everything you need to have an educational exploration on a variety of fun topics
- **Binoculars:** Great for bird watching at the Visitor Center



## Grades 6 and above

### Environmental Leadership

For reservations or information on these program , call Cathy Techtmann toll free at (888) 561-2695 or [catherine.techtmann@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:catherine.techtmann@ces.uwex.edu)

Advanced registration required for these programs

### Paddle the Pearls Estuary Ed-Ventures

On-the-water explorations using safe, stable, double-seated kayaks to explore issues affecting Lake Superior's *freshwater estuaries*.

Learn how the region's geology, culture and history have shaped these unique coastal wetlands and today's challenges. Conducted on sheltered Fish and Whittlesey Creek estuaries. Program content may be customized to meet special interests. No experience necessary. All equipment provided. *\*Signed health forms and waivers required and will be provided with pre-trip orientation packet.*

**Duration: 2.5 hrs. . Group Size: 6-12 participants Cost: \$10.00 each. Minimum age: 12 years. Max group size: 14. Offered May-September**



### G-WOW Climate "Camps"

G-WOW Climate Camps are customized programs to help students investigate the issue of climate change applying both science and place-based evidence.

Impacts of a changing climate on traditional "lifeways" of the Lake Superior Ojibwe are incorporated to

demonstrate how climate affects all cultures. G-WOW Climate Camps feature customizable learning "modules" including indoor and outdoor field experiences within the Chequamegon Bay region and tribal communities. Multiple day field courses are available. Advanced reservations required.

**Duration: Customizable. Cost: Varies from no charge to some fees depending on program selected. Call for details.**

"Gikinoo'wizhiwe Onji Waaban" or "G-WOW" means "Guiding for Tomorrow" in the Ojibwe Language

Visit [www.g-wow.org](http://www.g-wow.org) for all program offerings



## Grades 1-5

Length: 2-4 hrs. Group Size: Max. 45 students Cost: Free

### Habitat Hunting

Students discover the diversity of native plants of the northern forest, meadow, and wetland habitats, while becoming aware of the negative impacts of invasive, non-native plants.

A discovery walk through forest, wetland, and meadow habitats with a hands-on stewardship activity motivate further learning and appreciation of plant, animal and habitat diversity.

**ISSUES:** Loss of diversity

**VISION:** Native plants and animals; healthy habitats



### Rooted In Resources...

### Immigration and Lake Superior Region

Voyageurs, fishermen, loggers, miners— all were lured here by seemingly endless natural resources. Railroads and ships exported lumber and iron ore to a growing country, bringing people from the east and from across the ocean. Some were hoping to farm the cutover -- all looking for a new life. Students study this rich cultural history and diversity while pondering impacts on Native people who were living here, and the land's resources.

**ISSUE:** Long-term impacts resulting from short-sighted resource use

**VISION:** Learning from the past to plan for a more sustainable future



## Grades 2-5

Length: 2-4 hrs. Group Size: Max. 45 students Cost: \$2/student

These programs are taught at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center by Madeline Island Museum staff. For reservations or information, please contact Keldi Merton, Interim Director, (715) 747-2415.

Programs are available January—April 2018.

### Inside an Image

In our world, we look at pictures all day long, but are there things we are missing? Students will use a variety of historical, local images to explore the stories of Northern Wisconsin. They will learn



about cultural clues that give a broader understanding to the lives and times of the subjects. The students will take their own images and look for their own clues that research might notice years from now.

**ISSUES:** Not seeing the whole picture

**VISION:** Appreciate the historic cultures of the region and be able to analyze similarities and differences over time

### Dig into Archaeology

Students will “go on a dig” to discover how archaeologists perform their job. They will learn how to use the tools of an archaeologist to map a site. Students will then move to analyzing the artifacts in order to discover the various peoples living in Wisconsin for the past 10,000 years.



**ISSUES:** How much is not known about early peoples of Wisconsin

**VISION:** Students will dig into the how, why, and who of archaeology

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### Habitat Rehab

Much of the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center property is like many other northern rural acres — cleared of valuable trees a century ago, drained, and left in a worn-out, low-value, weedy state. What can we do to heal the land? Students will learn first hand how timber-quality trees, wetlands, and native plants can be returned to the land, increasing wildlife habitat and diversity, value to people, and benefits to streams, estuaries, and Lake Superior itself. Students will also be asked to participate in a habitat rehabilitation

project and should come dressed for outdoor learning and work.

**ISSUES:** Habitat impairment; invasive species. **VISION:** Healing the land; healthy habitats wetland habitats and benefits.

### Kids Paddle Forest to Lake

Get outdoors and discover the connection between public lands, habitats, and watersheds! “Kids Paddle” programs features half-day on-the-water field investigations where students interact with the aquatic resources through guided paddling explorations, water quality experiments, and macroinvertebrate habitat investigations within sheltered Fish Creek Estuary. Environmental educational specialists from the US Forest Service, UW-Extension, and Superior River Watershed Association guide each fun, interactive program session. Advance registration required. Offered May-September. **Duration:** 3 hours. Group size: 8-52 participants. Minimum age: 12 years and older. *Signed health forms and waivers required and will be provided with pre-trip orientation packet.* Costs underwritten by USDA Forest Service Youth Engagement Grant. **ISSUE:** Connection of forests to watershed health. **VISION:** Stewardship of land and water resources.

