



Alaska Center for the Environment

Trailside Discovery



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Eagle River Nature Center Information

Dear Trailside Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your enrollment in Trailside's environmental education program

Drop-off / Pick-up: Students and instructors meet at the Eagle River Nature Center. Programs begin promptly at 9:00 am and end at 4:00 pm. We ask that children not be dropped off earlier than 8:55 am or picked up later than 4:05 pm. Arriving and departing on time is very important! If you are unable to drop off or pick up your child at these times an additional fee will be charged.

Daycare: Daycare services are available to children 4 - 13 years old, from 7:30-9:00 am and again from 4:00-5:30 pm. The fee for one week of morning daycare is \$20 and afternoon daycare is \$20. Children signed up for daycare will remain at Eagle River Nature Center until they are picked up by 5:30 pm, or an additional fee will be charged. If you have not already requested daycare and you wish to do so please contact us to make arrangements.

Balance must be paid in full seven days prior to week in which child/children is/are attending.

Shuttle Service: We do have a shuttle service from Eagle River Wal-Mart for an additional \$5.00 per day. The shuttle will leave at 8:00am and returning at 4:30 pm. Please call our office for more information.

Items Students Need To Bring Each Day: (Please label all clothing with name & phone #)

- **Rain Gear:** Rain coat, rain pants, and rubber boots come in handy for wet days.
- **Day pack:** Children will carry their own packs and gear. Please pack them lightly!
- **Water bottle:** A supply of water is important to replenish fluids lost while traveling.
- **Walking shoes:** Sturdy shoes are key to comfortable travels. Good tennis shoes are O.K.
- **Hats and/or sunglasses:** These help protect skin and eyes from ultraviolet radiation.

Snacks / Sack Lunch: Students will be very active during the day. Families need to provide one nutritious snack, a sack lunch, and a beverage. We suggest a sandwich, fruit juice or water, crackers and cheese, carrots or other vegetable, fruit and other similar fare. If lunches and snacks are comprised primarily of candy, pastries, and soda pop, etc. we are required to contact parents to request more nutritious food for children enrolled in our programs.

Required Form: *Health form* must be filled out and returned to our office ten days prior to attending. A signed statement that all immunizations required for school is up to date and including the actual date of last tetanus shot. The authorizations on the back of the health form must be signed by parents. *Parent Policy Brochure form* must also be reviewed by parents, and signed off on the Health form. Trailside Discovery does not carry Accident Insurance; you must carry your own accident coverage.

What to Expect: After meeting at the Eagle River Nature Center, groups in ratios of, ages 5 - 7 two staff per ten to twelve children, ages 8 - 12 two staff per 12-14 children. Students will head in a variety of directions around the Nature Center. Our groups head into the forest, wander along Eagle River, and have fun! Students move from place to place, watching wildlife and other natural wonders. Our instructors lead activities that directly involve students in learning basic concepts of ecology and the environment in which they live. Students will also be involved with service projects while at camp. These features make our programs fulfilling and unique outdoor experiences. We want children to enjoy their summer and to learn through experience. This approach should stir their natural curiosities to learn more about the natural world. We hope you are as excited about the program as we are! We eagerly await your arrival and our exploration into the wilds around the Eagle River Nature Center!

Thank You,


Thomas Burek, Director

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