# Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

Student-centered, nature-focused

5th Grade Field Trip

https://eaglebluffmn.org/ All information is taken directly from the website.

## "Children need to get back to nature..."

That is the belief of the founder, Joe Deden.

Founded in 1978, Eagle Bluff is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. As a year-round environmental learning center, we provide accredited education programs & outdoor adventures to over 16,000 children, adults, and families each year.

We are located in rural southeastern Minnesota, just a few miles from the small

historic town of Lanesboro in Fillmore County.



# A remedy for "Nature Deficit Disorder"

Due to many factors, today's children and families often have far less opportunities to connect with the natural environment than previous generations. At the same time, our use of and reliance on screens and other digital technologies has skyrocketed. Parents of children 8 to 12 years old say that their children spend three times as many hours with computers and televisions each week as they do playing outside.

Eagle Bluff Outdoor School Overview

45 second informational video

# Through our accredited Outdoor School programming, we aim to provide students with hands-on, transformative experiences that:

- Promote a positive relationship with the outdoors
- Spark curiosity and appreciation for the natural world
- Impart life skills such as teamwork and problem solving
- Increase environmental & academic literacy
- Foster a sense of respect, stewardship and community



### Our Classes & Curriculum

All of our classes and activities are aligned with Minnesota State

Academic Standards, providing students in-depth experiences in: ecology,
nature identification, earth and physical science, history and people, outdoor
adventure & recreation, challenge skills, and more!

Our curriculum is paired with supporting materials to deepen the learning experience, including **STEM connections** and **IB profiles**.

#### **Dates and Rate**

## February 15-17, 2022

3 days, 2 night all lodging and dining included \$128 for each child and chaperone (teacher or parent).

A minimum of 6 chaperones is requested for a group of @50 students.

We plan to try and fundraise 90-100% of the cost. In order to do this we need to get started right away.

Please review the our <u>UPDATES</u> for 2021-2022, and also our 'current' <u>EB COVID-19 Outdoor School Plan</u>. Please note this is a working document and updated as recommendations/guidelines change.

Please note that schools who cancel less than 120 days prior to their reserved date will be asked to pay a percentage of their contracted fee based on the following cancellation schedule:

91-120 day notice:

30% of the contracted fee

31-90 day notice:

40% of the contracted fee

Less than 30 day notice:

50% of the contracted fee

As added flexibility, Eagle Bluff will roll over this fee and apply it as a down payment towards a trip during the 2022-2023 school year.