



International Wolf Center

Teaching the World about Wolves

Wolf Photography Workshop

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Welcome!

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the information featured on this website. Itineraries are based on our best information at this time. Circumstances beyond our control may require us to adjust itineraries or other details. We regret any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

Registration

Registration is completely online via the "Register Now" button on the page for this program. Please register in advance. We are unable to accommodate "walk in" registrations.

You will receive a confirmation email with important details and documents. To ensure participation in the program please submit the Educational Program Registration and Liability Form at least two weeks prior to the program to:

International Wolf Center
Wolf Photography Workshop
1396 Highway 169
Ely, MN 55731

or via email to program@wolf.org

Cancellation Policy

In some cases, the Center may be required to cancel a program if conditions arise that are beyond our control and adversely affects 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 of the other participants.

Again, the Center strongly recommends purchasing trip insurance.

Lodging & Meals

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 at www.ely.org.

Transportation

The Center will provide transport for any field activities during the program in a 14-passenger mini-bus. Travel outside of programming is the responsibility of the participants.

Weather



Annual temperatures for Ely, MN:

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

The layered use of garments for protection against the wind, rain, sun, and temperature extremes are the goals of your clothing choices. Loose fitting layers allow you to maintain a comfortable and dry body by having flexibility in insulation as outside temperatures change and as your own body's temperature and moisture output changes with different levels of exertion.

Image courtesy of www.weather.com

Suggested packing list for any season:

- Camera, Tripod and associated gear
- Warm socks (not cotton)
- Rain gear (doubles as wind breaker)
- Sturdy shoes or boots for hiking
- Hat
- Pants to hike comfortably in
- Shirts and other layers
- Warm fleece jacket or sweater
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle, leak-proof
- Day pack or fanny pack (large enough to carry water and a snack)
- Insect repellent
- Journal or notebook
- Writing utensils
- A change of clothes
- Snacks – some snacks are provided however, if you have a favorite or particular taste, it is best to pack your own

Program itinerary – Note that outdoor hikes and activities vary with weather conditions and temperature.

Note: the emphasis on this program is placed on photographing wolf behaviors; we are not teaching you how to use your camera but rather how to interpret behaviors and anticipating what “comes next.”

Friday

- Receive free admission to the International Wolf Center. Use this time for self-guided exploration of the Wolves and Humans and Little Wolf Exhibits, to watch a wolf-themed movie in the theater, to participate in an interpretive program in the auditorium or for observation of our ambassador pack of live gray wolves.
- Check the Center’s website for seasonal hours of operation
- Dinner on your own
- Program begins at 5:00 pm.
- Photography and Wolf Behavior Presentations

Saturday

- Breakfast on your own
- Program begins at 9:00 a.m. Doors will open at 8:45 a.m.
- Fundamentals of wolf-behavior photography and field trip into wolf territory
- Lunch provided
- Continuation of field trip, discussion of habitats and seasonal use
- Photo session: shooting during the action
- Dinner provided
- Get ready to learn about predator/prey relationships during our weekly “What’s for Dinner?” program.
- Programming ends for the day at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Sunday

- Breakfast on your own
- Story-telling through photos and continuation of fundamentals of photography
- Show your best photos of the session
- Program concludes at approximately 12:00 p.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: _____

Please list an Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Participant's Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Do you have any dietary needs or food allergies? _____

Are you allergic to bee stings or insect bites? _____

Do you have any medical conditions or allergies we should be aware of? _____

Are you currently on medication? _____

Explain: _____

Current Immunizations: _____

Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

- I understand that there are inherent risks in any program which involves outdoor activities, including the possibility of serious injury or death. I agree to hold the International Wolf Center harmless for any injury that I incur.
- In case of injury, I give permission for necessary emergency medical care to be given to me at an appropriate medical facility.
- I understand that The International Wolf Center reserves the right to decline any person as a participant **for any reason** which affects the operation of the program or the rights and welfare or enjoyment of the other participants or staff.
- I fully understand the Cancellation and Refund Policy as stated in the documents attached to this registration form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give permission to the International Wolf Center to take and use photos or other media of me for promotional use.

Signature: _____ Date: _____