



**International Wolf Center**  
Teaching the World about Wolves

## Tracking the Pack

*February 15-16 & September 20-21, 2014*

### **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 all online via the “Register Now” button on the page for this program. Please register in advance. We are unable to accommodate "walk in" registrations.

### **Cancellation Policy**

In some cases, the Center may be required to cancel a trip if conditions arise that are beyond its control and adversely affects the well being of the trip members such as a natural disaster. In such a case, a full refund of the program registration cost is given.

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 Center recommends planning your travel to account for any delays, inconveniences or expenses beyond your control. No refund can be made for absence from the program unless arrangements are made prior to the program start date. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or to retain any person as a program member for any reason, which affects the operation of the program or the rights and welfare or enjoyment of the other program members.

### **Policy details:**

- We require a minimum of 4 participants. In case of cancellation by the Center, we will call the Monday prior to the start of the program.
- After registering, a two-week notice is requested for any cancellations. When cancelling fewer than two weeks prior to the program, a \$10 processing fee will be withheld for each registrant.

### **Lodging & Meals**

This program is designed as a “slumber party” event. Sleeping accommodations will be in the Center’s lightly carpeted auditorium on the floor. Participants are encouraged to bring any items that will make their night’s stay comfortable such as a camping-style sleeping pad or air mattress. There are no showers or cooking facilities available.

A pizza dinner will be provided and will include a variety of pizza flavors/toppings, a vegetable, chips, cookies, milk, water and soda. Continental breakfast will consist of a selection of cereals, bagels, Poptarts as well as a choice of fruit, condiments, milk, juice and water. To ensure

accommodation of dietary requests, please indicate any dietary requests on your health form and submit at least two weeks prior to the program to:

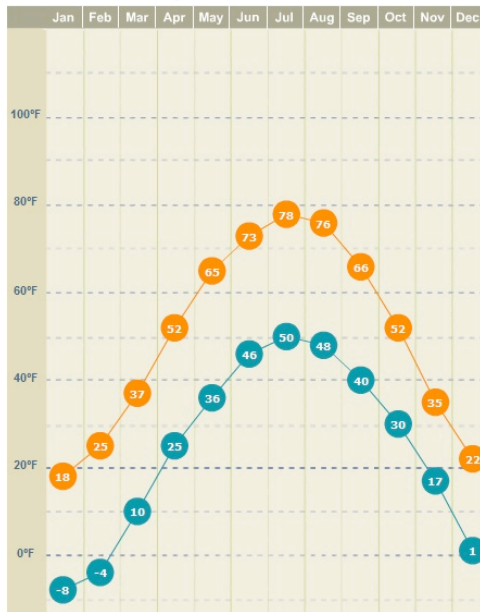
International Wolf Center                      or via email to [office2@wolf.org](mailto:office2@wolf.org)  
ALV – WFR  
1396 Highway 169  
Ely, MN 55731

## 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:*



*Image courtesy of [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)*

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.

Suggested packing list for any season:

- 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
- Sleepwear
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle, leak-proof
- Day pack or fanny pack (large enough to carry water and a snack)
- Camera and related equipment
- Insect repellent
- Journal or notebook
- Writing utensils
- Sleeping pad or mattress
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Pillow
- Earplugs (the wolves sometimes howl at night!)
- Toiletries
- Travel alarm clock
- 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

**Sample itinerary – Note that outdoor hikes and activities vary seasonally.**

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. The Center is open daily at 10:00am and closes at 5:00pm. The Wolf Den Store is open during this time.

Saturday

- Pack a sack lunch and some snacks for this full day of fun! It all begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Arrive at the Center for a private lesson about the purpose and role of the ambassador wolves living at the Center – what can we learn from their behaviors?
- Keep on learning with an interactive program on the different techniques in identifying wolf and other wildlife sign in the wild such as tracks, scat and fur.
- After a short break, discuss wolf research methods and how researchers use different techniques to track wild wolves to gather information. Then, receive a lesson on using radio telemetry technology and practice tracking planted “dummy” collars at the Center.
- Head out into the north woods to apply your newfound skills in animal tracking and radio telemetry and see what the Superior National Forest has to offer. We will enjoy a field lunch during our exploration. Enjoy discussions on local flora and fauna. We will also work on locating wild wolves via telemetry! If the snow is deep enough, we’ll strap snowshoes onto our boots and learn about winter foot-travel too. Plan for a hike over uneven terrain and dress for the weather. Bring a snack and a bottle of water.
- Return to the Center for a hot, tasty pizza dinner with all the fixing’s! Enjoy your meal with some private wolf-viewing time.
- Sit back and relax in the theater for a special presentation of the Center’s own Highlights of the Ambassador Pack film.
- Get ready to learn about predator/prey relationships during our weekly “What’s for Dinner?” program.
- The fun continues as you learn about the ways wolves communicate with each other and what humans can interpret from the sounds. We will venture out into the night and try howling to wild wolves to see if we can make our own interpretations! Plan to be outdoors unless it is raining or the temperature is below 10°F.
- Programming ends for the day at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Sunday

- Rise and shine! Wake up to the ambassador wolves and enjoy their presence as you pack up your overnight gear in preparation for breakfast.
- Partake in a continental breakfast of bread goods, cereal, fruit, juices and milk.
- We will wrap up our program with a discussion about how research influences wolf management and discuss possible careers in wolf research.
- Program concludes at approximately 10:00 a.m.