



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —

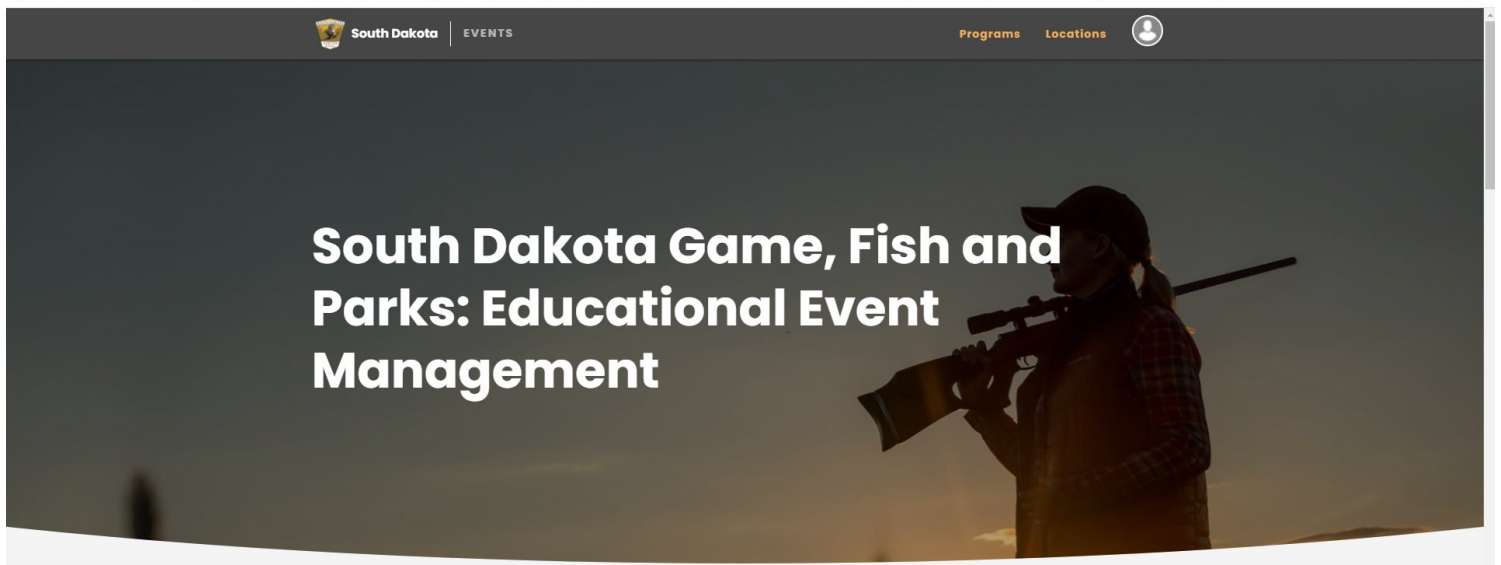


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2024 | **Spring Community Program Guide**

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gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

New Registration System!



Welcome to our program registration site!

We are excited to work with Kalkomey and want to help you navigate through! We also have help from Kalkomey's customer service department!

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

1.800.684.9541 - support@southdakota.kalkomey.com

New Vocabulary :

Kalkomey—the name of the company that has created our new registration page.

Program – the collective group name for specific types of events, for example – Learn to Hunt, Learn to Fish, Outdoor Skills, Conservation

Event – the name of individual classes offered at a location

Linked Account – the tab used to add additional family members to your account

Search for events in your area under these program titles

☀️ Learn to Hunt

☀️ Conservation

☀️ Shooting Sports

☀️ Learn to Trap

☀️ Learn to Fish

☀️ Outdoor Skills

REGISTRATION & Information

SPRING PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Go to our website at: gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

COST

All programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required of all events (classes) unless noted.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver is available on our registration site or in person at The Outdoor Campus.

CANCELLATIONS

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Our waiting list automatically fills from your cancellation.

WAITING LISTS

Do not be afraid to sign up on our waiting lists. People often cancel and if you're on the list your name will automatically move into the class and you will be notified by email.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling.

****WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY****

OUR HOURS

Open: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. &
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

Wild Game Preservation—Canning Meat

Pressure cooker canning meat is a shelf stable way of preserving your harvest. This class will discuss the safety, technique and equipment needed while giving participants hand-on experience. The class will also include an opportunity to taste recipes using canned meat.

Age: recommended ages 14 and up, youth with adults

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday March 9, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

5 Things to Do with Wild Game Burger

Running out of ideas for what to do with ground meat? This class will highlight 5 different ways to prepare and enjoy wild game burger. Everyone will get a chance to help grind fresh wild game and learn different preparation techniques, including making breakfast sausage, sweet and sour meatballs and potstickers.

Class size: 20 **Age:** All ages; youth with adult

Date: Saturday, March 9, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Turkey Hunting

This family program will go over the basics of getting ready for spring turkey season. We will discuss hunting tactics, set up decoys and practice your turkey calls so that you are ready for a successful hunt.

Age: All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, March 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

Let's go exploring for animals and their tracks on the trails! Enjoy the briskness of spring as we move from winter into spring with a short hike perfect for you and your littles, learning where animals live, play and eat. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Introduction to Firearms

An introduction to firearms for youth and adult beginners, this class will familiarize participants with safe firearm use and handling skills. Led by Hunter Cole, HuntSafe instructor, former police officer and firearm enthusiast, this class will discuss the three main types of firearms: rifles, shotguns and handguns along with the different types of actions, ammunition, chokes and much more. This program will be informational and may include a range day scheduled at a later time.

Age: Adults, 18 and up

Class size: 15

Class Date: Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 to 8:30p.m.

BB Guns

Firearm safety, eye dominance, stance style and other great tips and tricks for successful shot placement for target shooting and ethical hunting are the goal of this program. All equipment will be provided.

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, April 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Archery Basics

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows.

Equipment, safety instruction, proper stance and ethical shot placement will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range using 3-D targets.

Age: Family, ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, April 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Shooting Sports



Shot Gun Basics (off site program)

This class will give you hands-on learning in a safe environment with skilled instructors. This will be an excellent class for beginners, for those who need a refresher or a little extra help. All equipment will be provided. Shot Gun Basics will be held at the Crooks Gun Club. **Location: Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107**

Age: Adults, 18 and up

Class size: 6

Class Date: Saturday, May 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Learn to Fish



Fly Tying for Beginners with Lauren and Mikayla

Interns Lauren and Mikayla are getting ready for a summer of fly fishing by learning how to tie flies and now they want to share their knowledge with you! They will be presenting two consecutive classes on Saturday, March 23. All fly tying tools and supplies are provided.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 10

Part 1 will cover tools needed for fly tying along with practice and instruction on how to use them. Participants will then be guided, step by step, through the process of tying the infamous Wolly Bugger.

Date: Saturday, March 23, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Part 2 will review the tools but then will launch into tying buck tail flies—the Clauser Minnow and the Lefty Deceiver.

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2:30 to 4p.m.

Fishing (Family)

Get your spring started off right with a little fishing. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need and practice knot tying and casting. Down at the pond, we will put our new skills to use and, with a little luck, bring in a big one!

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, April 27, 10 to 11 :30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.,
Saturday, May 11, 10 to 11 :30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Fly Fishing (Adults)

Fly Fishing is a fun way to change up your regular fishing routine. We'll start with a basic introduction to a fly rod and the equipment and gear needed. We will discuss safety, then learn the finesse of presenting a fly and how to land a fish.

Age: Adult (16 and up)

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, April 20, 10 to 11 30a.m.

Self-Led & Information Stations

Be sure to check the front and back door areas of The Outdoor Campus building. There are brochure racks with GFP hunting and fishing information and handbooks in the front, scavenger hunt sheets and orienteering maps at the back door to guide you on the trails. We will rotate the activities throughout the year.





Ted Ellenbecker, multi-species angler, multiple world record holder, nationally renowned speaker and developer of “The Theory Of Three,” will be presenting three individual seminars. Register for one or all three!

Age: All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 50

Date: Saturday, April TBA

* 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Locating Fish! Any Fish...on Any Water

* 1:10 to 2:10 p.m.

Catching Flathead Catfish

* 2:20 to 3:20 p.m.

Walleye Fishing



Outdoor Skills



Outdoor Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. Many topics will be covered including fire preparation, shelter building, first aid, and most importantly, being prepared. This class is incredibly hands-on and is performed mostly outside. Dress accordingly.

Age: all ages; recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size:20

Date: Saturday, March 9, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Orienteering

Join us for one of our classic orienteering classes. Learn basic map reading skills while you explore our permanent course. Exercise both your body and your mind in this fun activity!

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, March 16, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Conservation



Phenology and Nature Journaling

Have you ever noticed when robins first arrived in the spring? Perhaps the first time you saw daisies bloom in your yard? If so, you were observing a phenological event! Phenology is the study of annual events in nature that are influenced by seasonal changes such as climate and weather. It's a wonderful educational activity that gets the whole family outside and engaged in nature. In this class, we'll learn all about the science of phenology, make our own phenology nature journal, play a phenology game, and go on a phenology hike (weather-dependent).

Age: ages 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, March 23, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

Conservation



The Outdoor Campus is proud to partner with Catherine Beall, Monarch and Pollinator Coordinating Wildlife Biologist, of Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever for the following series of classes this Spring.



Incorporating Pollinator Plots in your Garden

Learn how to include healthy pollinator plants and where to start in your vegetable garden! Add a pop of color and have beneficial insect activity for this years plants.

Age: Adults (16 and up)

Class size:20

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Native vs Cultivar – Does it matter to the pollinators?

Let's discuss native plants and what to look for to ensure your pollinators are getting the best option for them. Does the color of flower really matter? Let's discuss!

Age: Adults (16 and up)

Class size: 20

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

Mom, Me and Monarchs

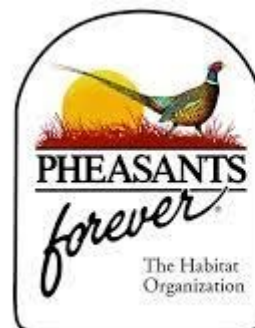
Come enjoy some fun activities to learn more about pollinators and monarchs and how we can help them thrive – even in your own backyard!

We will learn what citizen science projects your family can help with in the summer of 2024!

Age: 5 and up with adult

Class size: 25

Tuesday, April 30, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.



Raptor Presentation by The Falcon and Raptor Education Group (FARE)



www.thefaregroup.net

Falconer, Tanya McCarlson will present and showcase her education raptors that include a Red-tailed Hawk, Great Horned Owl, Kestrels and a Peregrine Falcon. Participants will get an up-close look at the normally distant raptors while learning about their unique adaptations, the history and skill of falconry and conservation efforts.

Age: 5 and up with adult

Class size: 75

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.



Mission—
We are here for the education and conservation of birds of prey through the interactions and information to the betterment of humans to influence all generations.

Tanya McCarlson is a SD Falconer with a wildlife conservation education program in northern SD. She served 20 years in the military and now enjoys her retirement from active duty being with her growing family and serving as an ambassador with these Apex predators. While enjoying South Dakota's ample hunting land, it's also an opportunity to respectfully engage native species with all generations and educate about the importance of conserving our wildlife on all levels.



HuntSAFE Classes



South Dakota's HuntSAFE (*Safety And Firearms Education*) courses are designed for persons age 12 through 15. Persons who are 11 may participate, but will not be issued a Hunter Safety certification card until they turn 12, unless the card is clearly marked that the card is not valid in South Dakota until their 12th birthday. If a student's 12th birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, they may be issued a card and be eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year.



Adults are welcome and invited to attend.

In-Person Outdoor Campus 2024 HuntSAFE Schedule

Each HuntSAFE class will include a Tuesday and Thursday evening at The Outdoor Campus from 6:15 to 9:15p.m. and field day on Saturday at Crooks Gun Club from 8:00 to 2:00p.m. Please note that students must be able to attend all 3 dates for the week of their class in order to participate.

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| April 9, 11, 13 | May 14, 16, 18 | June 11, 13, 15 |
| June 25, 27, 29 | July 16, 18, 20 | July 23, 25, 27 |
| August 6, 8, 10 | August 20, 22, 24 | September 10, 12, 14 |
| September 24, 26, 28 | October 1, 3, 5 | |

Online Field Day Schedule

For students who take the online HuntSAFE course, their Field Day will be at Crooks Gun Club on Saturday from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. Participants must pre-register for one Field Day date.

**April 13 * May 18 * June 15 * June 29 * July 20 *
July 27 * August 10 * August 24 * September 14 *
September 28 * October 5**

For more information or to register / search for HuntSAFE classes in your area go to: <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/>

FALLS FLYRODERS CLUB

This is a brand new club that meets on the last Thursday of each month. The current program is to tie flies in the winter months at The Outdoor Campus and travel around to fish local water in the summer months. We require participants to be 16 years of age or older, but if you have a younger participant who you would like to share this opportunity with, reach out and we will try to make accommodations.

**The first meeting will be March 28th at The Outdoor Campus from 6-730PM.
We will be tying the pheasant tail nymph.
(All equipment and materials provided)**

Our goal is two fold. We want to share our passion for fly fishing with locals who are interested and we want to prove that fly fishing can be fun and approachable, even in Eastern South Dakota.

Whether you are a seasoned pro who is simply looking for fishing buddies and community, or you are just a little fly curious, you belong with the Falls Flyroders.

There are no fees, no commitments, and no long term contracts. I know this sounds like a cell phone add but we just want to offer an opportunity to get folks together and geek out about fly fishing. You are encouraged to bring your own gear but we do have loaner equipment available to get you started.

For more details and current information, contact Jason Nelson at 605-940-8486 or email at Jason.nelson@state.sd.us.

Make some REEL friends with the Falls Flyroders Club.



Be a Volunteer!

Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and other's awareness of South Dakota's great outdoors.

How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/
- 2) Our volunteer coordinator, will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.
- 3) Once your interview and background check are completed, Paige will schedule an orientation to get you more familiar with The Outdoor Campus and what you'll be doing here!
- 4) Finally, after the orientation, you'll be ready to start volunteering! You will be able to sign up online for whatever available programs you choose.



Our volunteers are the best!

About The Outdoor Campus



MISSION STATEMENT

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks provides sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship and safely connecting people with the outdoors.

Founded by GFP in 1997



How are these classes FREE?

Our funding comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in South Dakota. If you like our classes thank a hunter or an angler.

How can we support The Outdoor Campus?

Buy a hunting and fishing license in South Dakota. Nationwide the sale of licenses are declining rapidly as we lose the Baby Boomer Generation. They were the last large group of hunters and anglers. We need to replace the funds they put toward habitat, wildlife management, conservation, recreation and education. Every single license you buy in your family helps fisheries, pheasant habitat and so much more—including The Outdoor Campus.

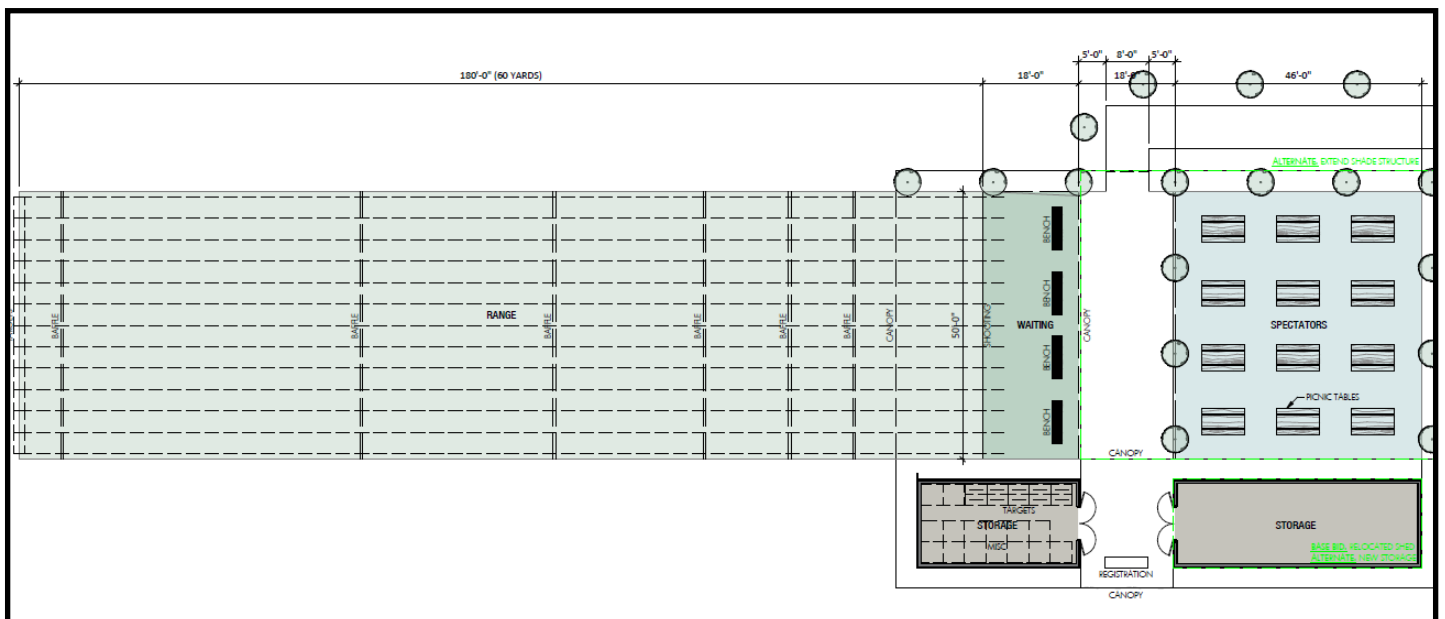
Do you get any other funds?

We do receive some funding from a Federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment sales. A small portion of each fishing pole or shotgun you buy can go toward hunting and fishing programs here.



South Dakota Parks & Wildlife

South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation helped pave the way for nearly 500,000 residents to build their skills at the Outdoor Campus - Sioux Falls since opening its doors in 1997.



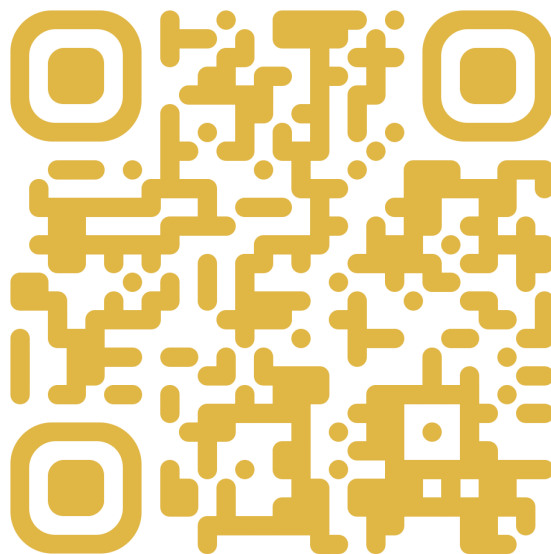
INDOOR EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT

- 5,000-square-foot indoor range spectator viewing area
- Addition of 2 new classrooms and remodel of the original 2 classrooms
- Dedicated intern office space
- Public nursing mothers room
- Game processing space with walk in cooler
- Updated restrooms and family restroom
- Partner storage area by the range
- Outdoor meat smoking and grilling space
- Improved bird viewing area with aerated and heated pond

OUTDOOR EXPANSION

- 60-yard range covered by a canopy for Campus archery and bb gun classes and public use
- Spectator area behind the firing line with picnic tables

**Preserving our outdoor heritage can
happen with a gift of any size.**



**One dollar, one program,
one new outdoorsman at a time.**