The Outdoor Campus

2024 | Spring Homeschool Programs

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HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Nature awareness programs for all ages of homeschooled children. The goal of this program is to introduce children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening educational environment.

Register for Homeschool Programs:

- Registration opens Wednesday, February 14th, at 8:00 a.m. for home school programs.

- Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.

- All participants must sign a waiver prior to attending class.

- Parents should attend classes with their children, but please do not register for the class. **Only students should be registered for homeschool classes** to allow for the maximum amount of space for students.

To register for classes:

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

- Sign up on our public computer at The Outdoor Campus. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- If you have any problems with registration, call Kalkomey at: 1-800-684-9541

Cancellations:

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class.

Thank you!

Cost

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

MARCH

Snowshoeing Orienteering

Come navigate our orienteering trails on Snowshoes. Be sure to wear boots and dress warm as we will be outside for the majority of this class. **(If no snow, we will just be orienteering)**

Class Date: Tuesday, March 5, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Ice Fishing

Get a short introduction to ice fishing and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment, but please dress for the weather. If ice is questionable we will fish off the dock.

Class Date: Thursday, March 14, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Bat Box Building

Make your very own bat box and learn more about our creature of the night, its habitat, diet, and more!

Class Date: Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Fish Dissection

Join us to find out all about fish anatomy. Heart, liver, and stomach oh my! We will be learning about all parts of a fish.

Class Date: Thursday, March 28, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

APRIL

Birdwatching Basics

Come join us on a guided hike and learn about birds along our trails. Stumble across multiple different species and listen to their calls! (Please come dressed for the weather)

Class Date: Thursday, April 4, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Turkey Hunting

Come join us as we learn all about turkeys. Habitats, diet and turkey hunting tactics will be covered in this class.

Class Date: Thursday, April 11, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Backyard Trapping Basics

Come join us as we will go over a couple easy and basic sets on how to trap animals in your backyard. We will be going over various live trapping techniques focusing on a few different backyard species. We will also practice setting traps and demonstrating where to put them.

Class Date: Friday, April 19, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Fishing Fun

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in SD and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety, and ethics before heading out to the pond and dropping in a line.

Class Date: Tuesday, April 23, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

MAY

BB Gun Basics

Learn all about the basics of safely operating a BB gun and spend the rest of the time on our range practicing. (Younger children may attend with parent/guardian assistance.)

Class Date: Thursday, May 2, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Archery Basics

Come join us and learn how to safely handle and shoot a youth sized bow and arrow. We will practice our aim on our 3-D animal targets and learn how to take an ethical shot. (Younger children may attend with parent/guardian assistance.)

Class Date: Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Catch it, and Clean it - Fishing 101

We will start the morning fishing, and with some luck we will end the morning learning how to clean our catch and also how to prepare it for the dinner table.

Class Date: Wednesday, May 15, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.