

**The Outdoor Campus**

**Preschool  
Programs**



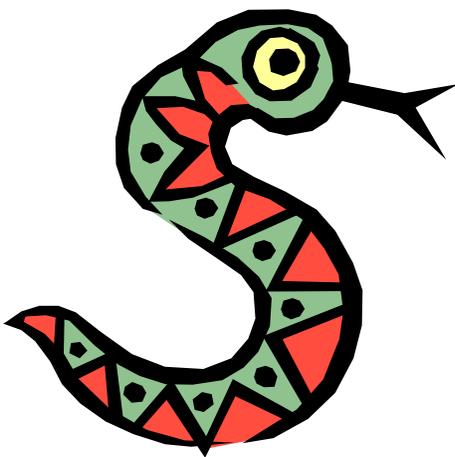
**Spring 2013**

# Spring Program Options

Our staff and volunteers teach a variety of fun outdoor education programs for preschoolers. Our goal is to increase preschoolers' awareness and appreciation of the outdoors. For information regarding registration, refer to the application form in this brochure or call (605) 362-2777.

## Feathered Friends

Preschoolers will discover the wonderful world of birds through several hands-on activities. Make a bird feeder for your feathered friends. (45 minutes)



## Silly Snakes

Learn about South Dakota's snakes. See a puppet show, sing a song, and make a snake craft. See and feel a live snake! (45 minutes)

## Ladybugs

Discover the world of ladybugs. See a puppet show, sing a song, make a tasty ladybug snack, and play a game. (45 minutes)



## My First Fish

Come to feeding time at The Outdoor Campus and meet the fish that live here. Play a game, have a 'fishy' snack and discover what makes a fish a fish.

(45 minutes)



## Furry Animals

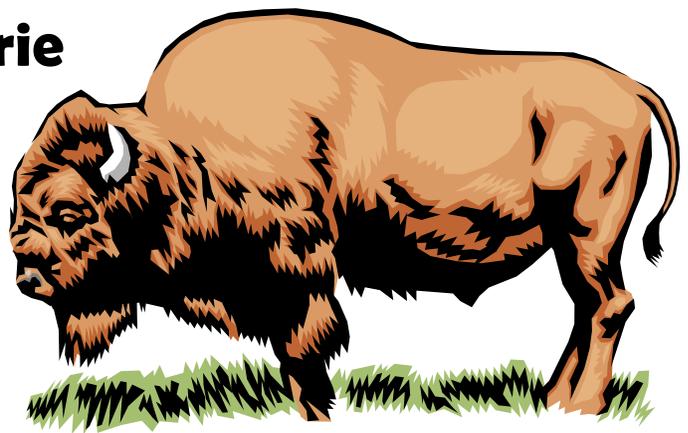
Discover the furry animals of South Dakota. Sing a song, see a puppet show, feel some animal furs and play a critter game. Go outdoors to look for furry animals.

(45 minutes)

## Bison – King of the Prairie

See a puppet show and learn about the largest beast of the prairie. Make a craft and learn about the prairie habitat.

(45 minutes)



## Do the Locomotion

Hop like a rabbit, waddle like a duck, and run like fox. Discover with songs and games how critters from South Dakota move. Meet some live critters and watch them waddle and slither. (45 minutes)

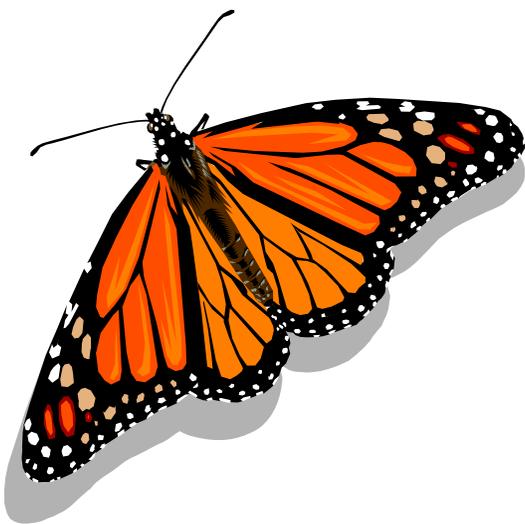
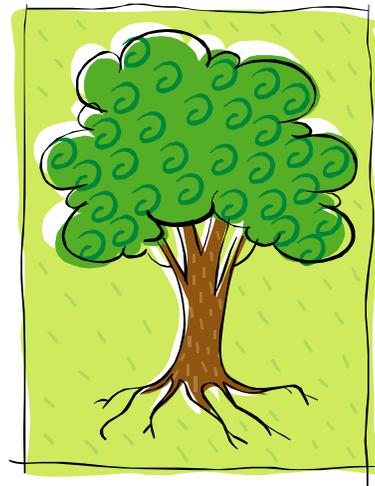


## Animal Senses

Preschoolers will learn how animals hear, touch, smell, taste, and see through games and activities. Sing a frog song, guess what is in the “feely bag,” experience the smells of nature, and go on a short nature hike. (45 minutes)

## Terrific Trees

Discover our largest plants – trees! Play a game and make a craft. Take a hike and meet our largest tree! (45 minutes)



## Monarch Magic

Learn about the wonderful world of monarchs. See a metamorphosis puppet show, make a monarch craft, and go on an insect hunt outdoors. (45 minutes)

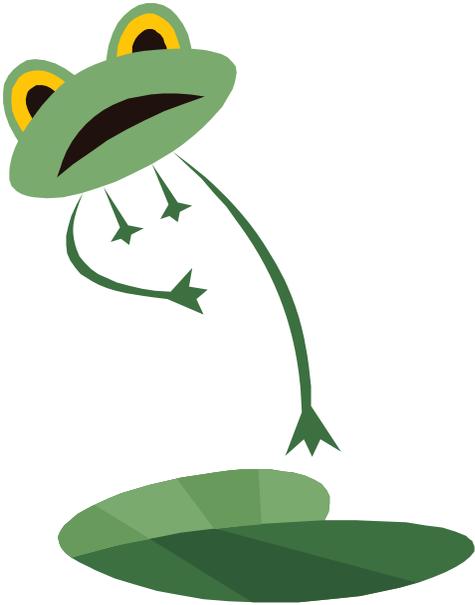
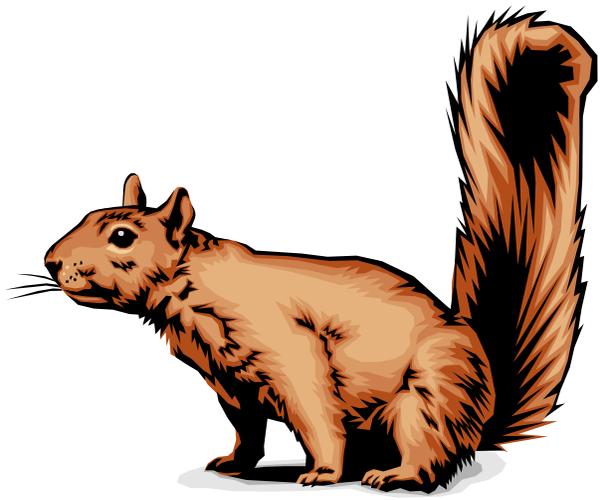
## Animal Babies

Discover animal babies in the spring. Hear a story and play a game. Go on a hike to see where baby animals might be in the spring. (45 minutes)



## Scampering Squirrels

Come to The Outdoor Campus for fun with squirrels. See a puppet show, and play a game. Go outside on a squirrel search. (45 minutes)

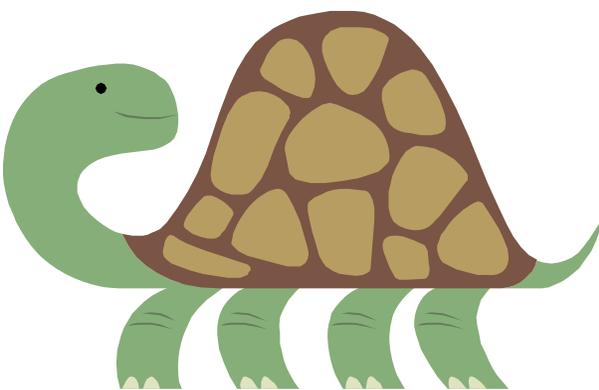


## Happy Hoppers

Learn about frogs and toads at The Outdoor Campus. Meet live animals, see a puppet show, and make a craft. Take a hike and search for “hoppers.” (45 minutes)

## Puddle Wonders

Discover the wonder of water and what lives in it. Play a game, and look for water critters at the Campus. (45 minutes)



## Turtle Tales

Learn about these fascinating reptiles – turtles. Hear a story and meet live turtles. Make a craft and go on a turtle hunt. (45 minutes)

# Preschool Fun In Nature (F.I.N.) Day



## **What is FIN Day?**

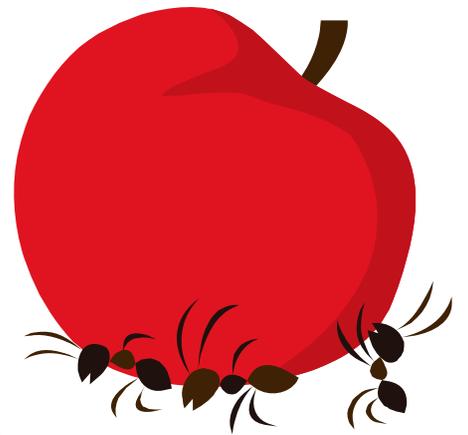
F.I.N. day is an opportunity for preschoolers to experience a variety of outdoor activities designed to develop their awareness of the natural world around them.

## **When is FIN Day?**

F.I.N. Day will be held May 16th. You can sign your preschoolers up for either the morning session (9:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.) or the afternoon session (1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m.) A total of 40 preschoolers will be accepted for each session.

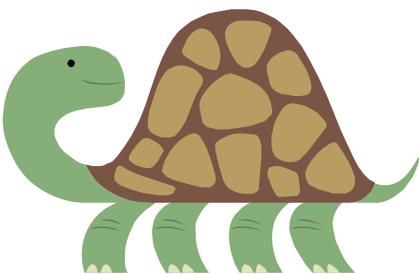
## **Who can come to FIN Day?**

Children ages 4 and 5 who attend an organized preschool are eligible to participate. Each group of ten children must be accompanied by one adult chaperone.



## **How do I register my preschoolers?**

Registration begins January 31st. Fill out the regular preschool application. In the “program requested” blank, fill in – F.I.N. Day – and include which session you would like. Once registered, preschool teachers will meet with The Outdoor Campus staff for an explanation of schedules and other details. Your special questions can be answered at that time as well.

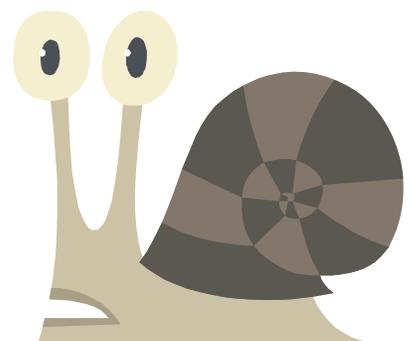


## **How long will we be at The Outdoor Campus on FIN Day?**

Children will rotate through five different 20-minute stations during the 2-hour session. The Outdoor Campus staff will organize the children into the groups at the beginning of the session.

## **What will we learn?**

Each FIN Day learning station will highlight a different nature focus, such as Furry Animals, Feathered Friends, Fish, Reptiles, Amphibians, and other age-appropriate, nature related topics. All stations will be activity based and there will be a snack station included in each session as well.





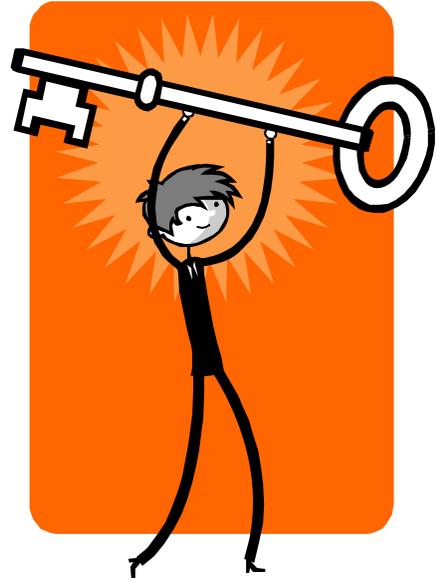
# Application Procedure for Preschool Programs

**We will be offering programming three days a week—  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for the weeks of  
March 4th—May 24th.**

1. Fill out the application form completely. You can drop it off at The Outdoor Campus in person; mail it to 4500 S. Oxbow Ave., Sioux Falls, SD, 57106; fax it to (605) 362-2704; pull up our website at [www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org) and complete it online; or simply call (362-2777) and we will take the information over the telephone. **This must be done by 5:00 p.m. on February 12th to get in the first drawing.** Any slots still open will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Each teacher must apply for his/her own classroom. In the event that you are bringing two classrooms on the same bus, teachers will need to plan alternative activities for one of the classrooms for part of the time since Outdoor Campus staff can accommodate only one class at a time. Please indicate this exception on the application form.
3. Each class is allowed to attend one program per school year from this brochure.
4. On February 19th, Campus staff will select names randomly and number them in the order drawn.
5. The spring schedule will then be filled in beginning with application number 1 and continuing until all slots are filled or all applications are scheduled. Any remaining slots will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.
6. Everyone will be contacted within the next week concerning registration. Confirmation will be sent in the mail.

## **Keys to Success:**

In filling out the form, select 3-4 possible dates in case someone ahead of you has chosen your first date. You may apply for only one program and one time slot per classroom per school year.



**Group Size:** To provide quality programming, the maximum class size for preschool programs has been set at 20 students. The minimum number of students is 10.

**Cost:** There are no fees for these programs. Thank a hunter or angler for supporting these education programs.

**Cancellations:** Please notify us of all cancellations or adjustments to number as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

**Chaperones:** We encourage chaperones' participation to assist with supervision of students. We request a 1 to 10 ratio for all field trips.



# Application for Preschool Programs



**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preschool:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of students:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs: (Please indicate any students with mobility, disability, health, allergies or other con-**

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**Program Requested:**

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**Preferred Dates and Times (Select 3-4 dates that work and specific AM or PM times)**

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# Other Options

**Preschool groups may visit our museum and grounds on their own. This option is popular with groups who are not able to schedule a field trip led by our staff.**

**The following guidelines will make your trip successful:**

You must call and schedule your group in advance. This prevents conflicts with other groups and Outdoor Campus programs.

Plan 15 to 20 minutes for visits to the museum.

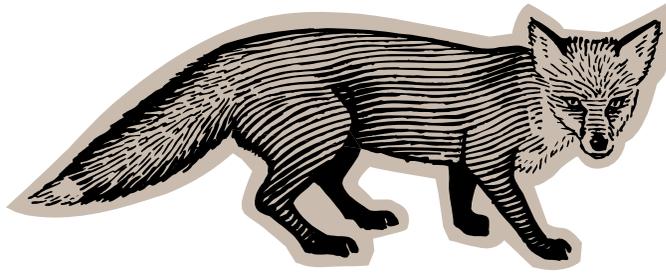
Groups that use the grounds must remain in the designated areas and trails.

A touch table containing furs, skulls, mystery boxes and other artifacts for younger students is available near the front of the museum. You may request scavenger hunt cards for younger children to use in the museum or on our trails.

**Additional Sertoma Park Opportunities:** While visiting Sertoma Park, there are several other opportunities for your students. The park has an excellent multi-age playground, sound tubes, a whisper dish and a geodome for climbing. There are also over two miles of trails for hiking. In addition, the Sertoma Butterfly House is available for visits. Call them at (605) 334-9466.



## **Borrow These Teaching Tools**



We have crates of teaching materials that you can borrow for up to two weeks by leaving or sending a security deposit of \$75. When the crate is returned and after a satisfactory inventory of its contents, the resource director will destroy or return your check. These are the crates we lend:

Mammal Crate A

Endangered Species Crate

Prairie Crate

Elk Crate

Beaver Crate

GPS Crate

Mammal Crate B

Grasslands/Sod Box

Tree Trunk

Bat Crate

Coyote Crate

If you would like to see the inventory sheet for any of these crates, contact Kay Gannon at [kay.gannon@state.sd.us](mailto:kay.gannon@state.sd.us)



## **Contact Information**

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