



# OUTDOOR Campus



2017 | The Outdoor Campus  
Summer Group Programs

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# GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from the programs in the GROUP PROGRAMS section of the brochure. Group programming can include scouts, church groups, clubs offices and other groups 10 or larger.

## To Register for Group Programs:

> Call Derek at 605.362.2777 for open dates and staff availability. Please read the below requirements for group programming.

### **GROUP SIZE:**

Minimum group size is 10; maximum is 20.

### **OTHER PROGRAMS**

Groups of 9 or smaller should register for programs found in the community programs section of this brochure.

### **COST:**

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

### **HOW MANY PROGRAMS CAN WE ATTEND?**

Groups may schedule only one program per season to insure equal program availability to all groups.

### **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.

### **CONFIRMATION LETTER:**

After scheduling with Derek, we will send the group leader a confirmation letter with instructions and a waiver if the program requires it. Please read this information thoroughly.

### **CHAPERONES**

We require at least one adult chaperone for each youth group, and one licensed adult for each youth angler age 5 and under.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

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

## Fishing Fun!

Kids get a fun introduction to fishing and safety. This program has games, basic fish ID, casting practice and hands-on fishing at our pond.

## Hunting Basics

Pheasant, waterfowl or deer—join us to learn the basics from start to finish on being safe and successful in the field. We will go over equipment, gaining permission, safety and more.

## Introduction to Archery

Experience archery at The Outdoor Campus. We will learn about safety, archery equipment and how to archery hunt ethically. Try your skills with our 3-D targets on our range.

## Summer Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and plants along our trails. You'll often see frogs, beavers, ducks and toads.

## BB Gun Basics

Join us on the BB gun range to learn safety, shooting positions and techniques used while shooting and hunting. Improve your accuracy with every shot and take home a target riddled with holes.

## Paddling

Learn the basics of paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet.

## Orienteering

Orienteering is a fun activity for all ages. Younger participants can hone map reading skills on the beginning map courses. Older participants can learn how to use the map and compass together to navigate the backcountry hiking, in orienteering meets, adventure races or hunting.

## GPS and Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how to use them while in the outdoors or out hunting or fishing. Get outdoors and use a GPS receiver to navigate several GPS courses.

## Outdoor Cooking

Tired of s'mores and hotdogs while camping? Learn some new recipes along with fire safety, new cooking techniques and eat delicious food. Everything tastes better when you eat it outside.

## South Dakota Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Join us to discover what wild animals call this state home.

## Hop, Slither, Crawl: Animal Movements

Hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake and crawl like an opossum. Learn about animal movements with a game, craft, hike and more.

## Super Senses

Learn how animals have developed their super senses in nature through a game, craft and sensory hike. We will compare our senses of hearing, touching, tasting, seeing and smelling to our furred and feathered friends.

## Living on the Edge: Endangered Species

Learn what it means for animals to be endangered, threatened, rare or extinct. We will play games, do a craft and find out what you can do to help some South Dakota animals.

## Wet and Wild

Learn the importance of wetlands to wildlife and humans. We will stomp through the water, slash through the trees and get down and dirty with some of South Dakota's itty bitty wildlife. Be prepared to get wet and dirty.

## Habitat 101

Learn what animals need to have for a home. Food, water, shelter and space are the main components for any animal's habitat. We will be hiking and exploring, looking for animal habitats.

# LET'S GO FISHING THIS SUMMER!

There are a bunch of ways to go fishing this summer, whether you have experience or you've never picked up a fishing pole in your life! Below is a list of ways we can help you become an expert on the water!

## Fishing Club

We will meet four times this summer with the first one being a crash course on things such as: knot tying, lure choice, fish ID, how to buy a license, what equipment to buy, and a chance to fish our stocked pond! The next meetings will be at lakes surrounding Sioux Falls. ***This course is designed for individuals or families looking to find an inexpensive outdoor activity that can also put food on the table.*** Equipment can be provided as needed but we hope your passion drives you to get some of your own. After our first session, licenses will be required of all SD residents 16/up and all non-residents. To sign up for the club, call Brian, club leader, at 605.362.3524.

Day 1 – June 7<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30 PM at The Outdoor Campus

Day 2 – June 21<sup>st</sup> 6 – 7:30 PM at Family Park

Day 3 – July 12<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30 PM at Wall Lake

Day 4 – July 26<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30 PM at Klondike

### Win By Fishing!

Attend all four sessions of Fishing Club and send us a photo of you going fishing on your own and we'll give you a prize!

## Saturday Fishing at Family Park

Want to go fishing, but don't have the equipment? Come fish with Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation and SD Game, Fish and Parks at Family Park every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We'll supply all the equipment and bait. Poles will be loaned out on a first come, first served basis. No pre-registration is required. **Program begins Saturday, June 3 to Saturday July 29. Schedule will be posted at Family Park.**

## Fishing at Covell Lake

Want to go fishing, but don't have the equipment? Come fish with Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation and SD Game, Fish and Parks at Covell Lake. We'll supply all the equipment and bait. Poles will be loaned out on a first come, first served basis. No pre-registration is required. **Program dates: June 13 and June 27 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

## Saturday Afternoon Fishing at The Outdoor Campus

Want to go fishing, but don't have the equipment? Come fish with us at our pond! We'll supply all the equipment and bait for catch and release fishing. Poles will be loaned out on a first come, first served basis. No pre-registration is required. **Program is every Saturday from June 3 to July 29, 1 to 3 p.m. All ages welcome.**



## Women's Try-It Day

June 24 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Get all the ladies together and come play with us! We'll be all set up for fishing, kayaking, Dutch oven cooking, shooting, archery, survival bracelets and fly fishing. Representatives from Outdoor Women of South Dakota will be here, too. Watch our Facebook event page for more information and hotel packages if you bring out of town guests. This is a drop-in event. No registration is required.



### Who Fishes and Hunts?

73% of all anglers are male. 27% are women.

89% of all hunters are male. 11% are women.

## Outdoor University 2017

Saturday, August 5

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for the area's *premier outdoor extravaganza*. Activities, information booths and door prizes will round out this exciting day. Canoeing, kayaking, shooting, archery, slack lining, gold panning, touch tanks, wildlife law enforcement gear and much more! We have food vendors on site and plenty of ways to spend the whole day with your family. No pre-registration is required!



## 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!

### Examples include:

*Give back to your community*



- Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Special Events (Outdoor University, Women's Try-It Day, Halloween Hike, etc.)
- Front Desk Duty

## How To Get Started!

1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.

[www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org)

2) The volunteer coordinator will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.

3) Once your interview is completed and a background check is completed, the volunteer coordinator 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!*

## 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 is 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.



### 20TH BIRTHDAY

This year we celebrate our 20th birthday! We're proud to say we've reached nearly 2 million people with our outdoor skills messages in the last 20 years. Thanks to all of you for making us great!

## 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.

### 2017 Full Time Staff

**Thea Miller Ryan**, director

**Derek Klawitter**, community and group program coordinator

**Sandy Richter**, special events naturalist

**Shelly Pierson**, school programs coordinator

**Kyle Grogan**, volunteer coordinator

**Tonna Hartman**, senior secretary

**Lynn Purdy**, night and weekend manager

*Opening Day—June 1997*





# FIND US ONLINE



## Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

Our Facebook page is updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.



## Find us on Twitter @outdoorcampus

We've always got something to say! Tweet with us. We tweet back!



## Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus

We post a lot of photos. Want to see what's happening out here? This is the place to look!



## Find us on Snapchat @outdoorcampus

Snapchat take-overs by interns? YES! Watch some of our activities as they happen here!



## Find our blog! [outdoorcampus.wordpress.com](http://outdoorcampus.wordpress.com)

Our blog is a great way to find the story behind the story. Meet people, animals, see behind the scenes photos of Game, Fish and Parks at work.



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