

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus West

South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Winter 2012

Registration Information



Registration is open

for December, January and February programs

Youth programs are **free**. Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts! Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.

There are 2 ways to pre-register for classes at The Outdoor Campus West:

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
2. Call us at 394-2310.

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

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll add a class. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

Preschool Programs

Sprouts (3-4 yr olds)

Nature awareness programs for preschoolers and their adult partner.



South Dakota Wildlife!

Hands-on activities will help you learn about South Dakota wildlife through stories, crafts and songs.

Class dates: (pick one of the following)
Saturday, Dec. 31 10-10:45 a.m.

Deer and Elk

Join us as we touch deer and elk hides and handle antlers. Learn the differences between these two animals.

Class dates: (pick one of the following)
Wednesday, Jan. 11 10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14 10-10:45 a.m.



'B' is for Beaver

Join us as we learn about these amazing aquatic animals. Touch a beaver hide, take a close look at their teeth and learn about their creature features.

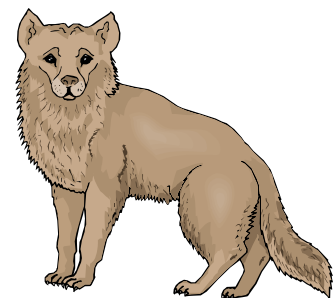
Class date: Saturday, Jan. 28 10-10:45 a.m.
OR 11-11:45 am



What's Wild?

Engage in stories comparing the lives of wild and tame animals, then sort animals into categories.

Class dates: (pick one of the following)
Wednesday, Feb. 8 10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 11 10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 18 10-10:45 a.m.



Nature Story Time (2-4 year olds with an adult partner)

Every Monday, except holidays

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library. We will read stories each month about animals, nature, kids in the outdoors and lots more.

Monday, January 9 9:00 a.m.
Monday, January 23 9:00 a.m.
Monday, January 30 9:00 a.m.



Young Naturalist Programs

Age: (5-7 yr olds)

Nature awareness programs for 5-7 year olds. Parents are welcome to stay. The goal of the Young Naturalist program is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.



Fishing Fun

Get a short introduction to ice fishing, play a fishing game, learn to identify South Dakota fish.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, December 10, 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 17, 11-11:45 a.m.

Deer and Elk

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Class dates:

Saturday, January 14, 11-11:45 a.m.



Animal Noses

Sniff around and learn how animals use their noses!

Class dates: Saturday, January 28, 10-10:45 OR 11-11:45 a.m.



Winter Adventure Day

Bundle up for outside fun! Test your skills on our nature playground, explore the trails on snowshoes and be a nature detective.

Class date: Tuesday, January 17, 10-noon



All About Owls

Learn how owls catch their prey through hands-on activities. Dissect an owl pellet to discover what owls eat.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, February 11, 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday, February 18, 11-11:45 a.m.



Jr. Naturalist Programs

Age (8-12 yr olds)

The goal of the Junior Naturalist program is to teach students about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities as well as outdoor experiences.



Ice Fishing

Get an introduction to ice fishing and fish identification. Make an ice fishing "jiggle stick" to take home. Due to unsafe ice conditions on our pond, there will be no actual ice fishing.

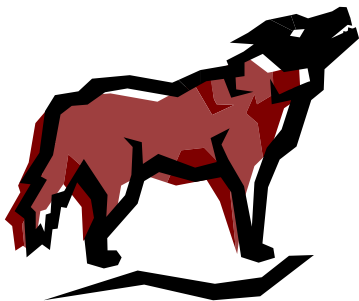
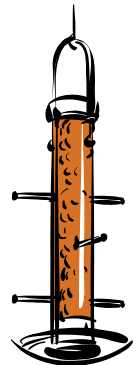
Class date: Saturday, December 10 1:30-3 p.m.

OR Saturday, December 17 1:30-3 p.m.

Bird Feeding

Learn what the birds need in winter and what you can do to attract birds to your backyard. Make a treat for your feathered friends.

Class date: Saturday, January 14 from 1:30-3:00p.m.



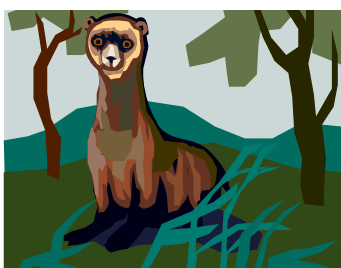
Wild Dogs

South Dakota has some truly incredible wild dogs! Touch furs, explore skulls and learn about the wild canines of the state.

Class date: Saturday, January 28, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Winter Adventure Day

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SD Endangered Species

Play a game and do activities that highlight some of South Dakota's disappearing wildlife.

Class date: Saturday, February 11 from 1:30-3 p.m.;

OR Saturday, February 18 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Family Programs

(all ages unless otherwise listed)



Nature Wrapping Paper

Make some beautiful wrapping paper using natural materials and nature stamps. Paper and materials provided.

Class date: Saturday, December 17, 10:00-2:00 p.m.

Family Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how it got started. We'll get outside and use a GPS receiver to navigate a GPS course as we search for hidden caches! Program participants will use our GPS receivers.

Class date: Tuesday, December 27, 3:00-5:00 pm

Thursday, December 29, 6:00-8:00 pm

Age: 13 and up

Class size: 20



Family Ice Fishing Basics

Get an introduction to ice fishing and fish identification. Make an ice fishing "jiggle stick" to take home. Due to unsafe ice conditions on our pond, there will be no actual ice fishing.

Age: 5 and up, minors must attend with an adult

Class date: Wednesday, December 28, 1:00-3:00 p.m. OR 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Owl Moon Hike

Enjoy a reading of “Owl Moon” by Jane Yolan and meet owls from the Black Hills Raptor Center. Then, go on a moonlight hike in quiet search of owls.

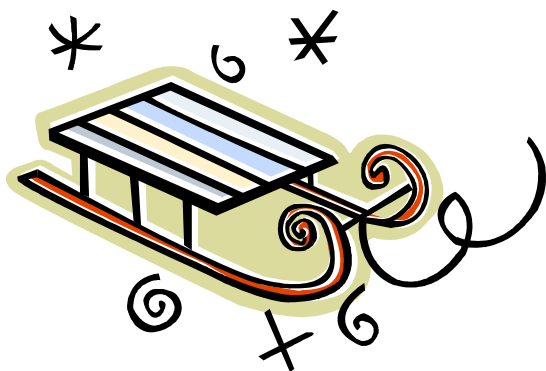
Age: 5 and up, minors must attend with an adult

Class date: Friday, January 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Snowshoeing is a great winter sport for the whole family!

Give it a try!

Six steps, and you're an EXPERT!



Winter at Night

Bundle up, bring your sled and take a winter evening hike. Then, gather around the fire for music, hot chocolate and treats.

Age: All ages, minors must attend with an adult.

Class date: Tuesday, February 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Adult Programs (18 and up)

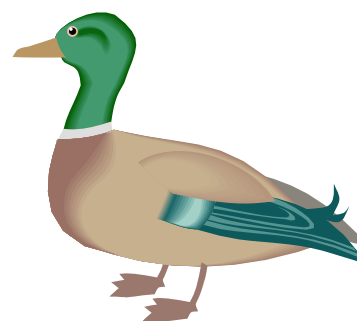


Fowl Cooking

Join us as we demonstrate some tasty waterfowl and pheasant recipes you can make at home.

Class size: 20

Class date: Tuesday, December 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Burn off the Holiday Treats Snowshoe Hike



Join us for a snowshoe hike to burn off a few of those extra calories picked up during the holiday season. Snowshoes will be provided.

Program will be a regular hike if no snow.

Class size: 15

Class date: Saturday, December 31, 1-3 p.m.

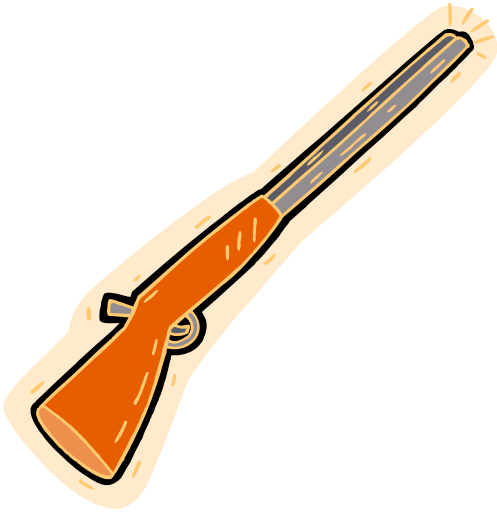
Fish Cooking

Join us as we demonstrate some tasty fish recipes you can make at home.

Class size: 20

Class date: Tuesday, January 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.





Women's Firearm Safety

Learn about different types of firearms and how they work. Hands-on lessons will cover safety, fundamentals of shooting and marksmanship. No actual shooting in this program.

Age: Females, 18 & up

Class size: 15

Class date: Tuesday, January 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Journal Making

Make your own journal with a beautiful swirled cover for recording your adventures at The Outdoor Campus. A hardcover blank book and materials will be provided.



Class size: 25

Class date: Tuesday, February 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Re-vinylize Bag Making

Give new life to our stock of vinyl by creating a messenger bag that is fun, functional and fashionable. This bag is no-sew and whips up quickly. Materials will be provided for your bag.

Class size: 20

Class date: Thursday, February 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Special Events

Third Thursday Guest Speaker Series

Join us at 7 p.m. for these great speakers.

No pre-registration required.

December 15: The Black Hills: Yesterday and Today, Paul Horsted

January 19: Whitetail Deer, Guy Tillet

February 16: Birds of Prey, Black Hills Raptor Center



Rush Games

Outdoor Campus staff and volunteers will be doing a first intermission activity or contest during these Rush games! Stop by our booth and visit!

January 6 and 20

February 17

March 20 and 21

ALSO! Join us for Jersey Night at the Rush Game on March 20! First 1,000 kids get a FREE Rush jersey with The Outdoor Campus logo on it!

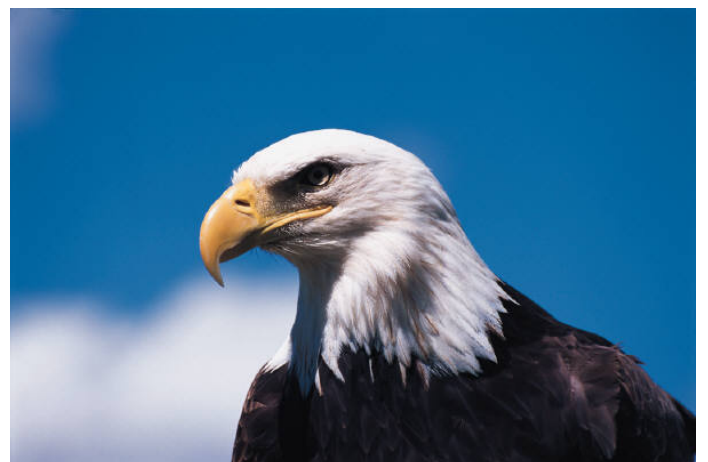
Bald Eagle

Awareness

Drop in on Saturday for hands-on stations featuring all things birds of prey! Black Hills Raptor Center will conduct a public presentation with live birds of prey at 2 p.m.

Age: all ages

Date: Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Special Events

East Meets West



**Saturday, January 28
&
Sunday, January 29**

We invited the folks from The Outdoor Campus East in Sioux Falls here for a weekend of family outdoor fun. Come

meet the folks from the east side of the state and show them how much we love to play outdoors in the west!

Saturday, January 28
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All day—visit our touch tables, meet some critters and play in habitats!

Sign up for these classes:

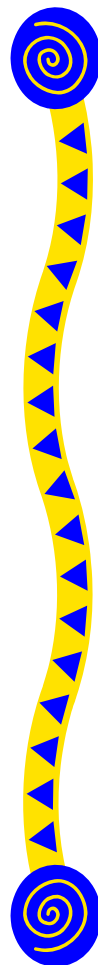
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- 1:30 p.m. Junior Naturalists (8-12)

Drop by from 1:30 to 3:30 for snowshoeing and cross country skiing! We'll have staff available for some introduction to using the equipment and we'll let you ski and snowshoe all over The Outdoor Campus West's grounds!

Sunday, January 29
1 to 4 p.m.

All day—visit our touch tables, meet some critters and play in habitats!

Drop by from 1 to 3:30 for snowshoeing and cross country skiing! We'll have staff available for some introduction to using the equipment and we'll let you ski and snowshoe all over The Outdoor Campus West's grounds!





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