



# OUTDOOR Campus



*Photo by Keith Anderson*

## The Outdoor Campus 2020 | Spring Program Guide

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# REGISTRATION

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 7 a.m. on February 19, 2020

## THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Online at [outdoorcampus.org](http://outdoorcampus.org)
2. In person at The Outdoor Campus.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

## COST

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

## PRE-REGISTRATION

Preregistration is required of all classes and programs 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

The Outdoor Campus is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays (April 1 to November 1) 1 to 4 p.m. We are closed on State and Federal holidays. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds for the most updated information.

## NOTE TO PARENTS

When dropping off your children for our programs, please remember that you must come into the building to retrieve them at the end of class. Please know that your child's safety is our greatest priority. Thank you!

## Build your own Fishing Rod! – Casting, Spinning or Fly

Join our experienced volunteer instructors as they lead you through the process of building a custom rod. Whether you use casting, spinning or a fly rod, you can find the perfect rod by making it yourself.

### Introduction and Orientation (must be present!)

Participants will learn about the rod building process and associated costs. The first night wraps up with selection and ordering rod blank. Participants will be responsible for covering the cost of their rod components. A complete component set starts at approximately \$70.

**Building days** will take you step-by-step through the process of building your rod. Building days will include attaching the handle, finding the spine, wrapping guides and personalizing. Be sure to attend 3-4 building days and be prepared to put in a little time on your own at home between classes to ensure you complete your rod.



**Age:** adults only, ages 16 and up

**Class Size:** 15

**Class Dates:** Introduction and Orientation -Tuesday, February 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

**Building Days** (*please plan on 3-4 building days*)

Thursdays, March 12, 19 and 26, 6 to 9 p.m.

**and/or**

Saturdays, March 14, 21 and 28, 1 to 4 p.m.



## Photography Series with Marty DeWitt and OLLI

### Alaska – The Last Frontier with Marty DeWitt

This program will be a visual introduction to the great Alaskan landscape. Presentation will utilize a wide variety of beautiful images, including scenic vistas, wildlife, glaciers, whales, and much, much more. There will even be an occasional trivia fact and photo tip sprinkled in for good measure.

**Age:** adult only, 16 and up

**Class size:** 40

**Class Date:** Monday, March 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Your National Parks, A to Z with Marty DeWitt,

"National Parks from A to Z" will be a visual tour of America's National Park System, as showcased through images by local photographer Marty DeWitt. From Acadia to Zion, Marty has visited more than 140 park areas and will share stories, park trivia and many beautiful photos.

**Age:** adult only, 16 and up

**Class size:** 40

**Class Date:** Monday, April 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

### Introduction to Outdoor Photography with Marty DeWitt.

This class will introduce basic principles of camera operations, exposure, lighting, composition and tips to help participants take better nature and travel photographs. Presentation will utilize a wide variety of images taken in state and national parks throughout the country, and will benefit photographers of all abilities, regardless of the type of camera you have.

**Age:** adult only, 16 and up

**Class size:** 40

**Class Date:** Monday, May 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.



## Date Night – Tying one over with GFP

A night out on the town! Join us at Fernson Brewery and learn how to tie flies while enjoying a beverage with our favorite North American Fly-fisherman, Dan Frasier. (BTW, It's ok if you don't have a date! And if you only drink water!)

**Age:** Adult only

**Class size:** 12

**Class Date:** TBD

## Date Night – Dutch Oven Cooking (2-Night Series)

The *first night* will include cast iron history, tips and tricks and supplies you will need when cooking with a Dutch oven. We will test the ovens with some simple recipes.

The *second night* of class we will prepare more advanced recipes and learn how to clean and store ovens when not in use.

*(Must be able to attend both)*

**Age:** Adults, 16 and up

**Class size:** 12

**Class Dates:**

Friday, April 24, 6 to 8:30 p.m. &

Friday, May 1, 6 to 8:30 p.m.



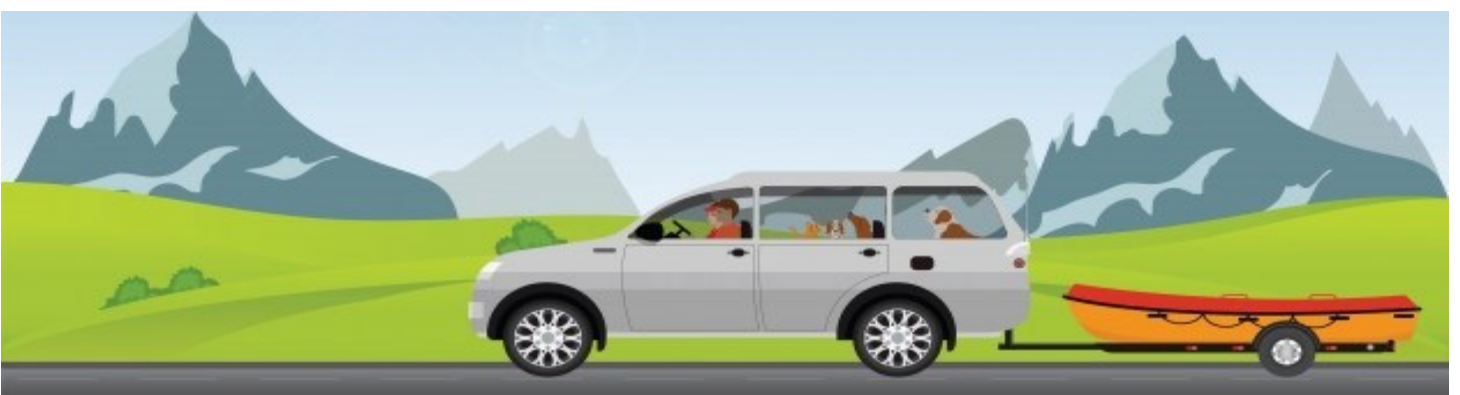
## Trailing Your Boat or Camper

Join us for a no-judgement trailering class. No one will yell or tell you you're doing it all wrong. This class is for beginners and will have classroom and driving time combined into a 2-hour session.

**Age:** Licensed Adults, ages 16 and up

**Class size:** 12

**Class Date:** Saturday, May 2, 9 to 11 a.m.





## Fly Fishing Series

Learn everything you need to know about fly fishing ... well almost! Special thanks to Trout Unlimited Volunteers for helping coordinate this special series class!

**Age:** Adults, ages 16 and up

**Class size:** 12

**Class Dates:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

(must be able to attend all 3 days)



Wednesday, May 6, Fly fishing equipment / casting instruction

Wednesday, May 13, Where to fish/ What to fish for/ Fishing on the pond

Wednesday, May 20, Entomology and flies/ Fish Behavior/ Fishing on the pond

## North American Flyfisher

Dan Frasier is a well-known fly-fisherman and author from Sioux Falls. Having fly-fished all over North America for everything from Sailfish to Tarpon to Carp and Gar, Dan's experience with many species of fish on the flyrod is extensive. Join Dan for a presentation about his adventures in fly-fishing and information about fly-fishing locally.

**Age:** Recommended 12 and up, youth with an adult

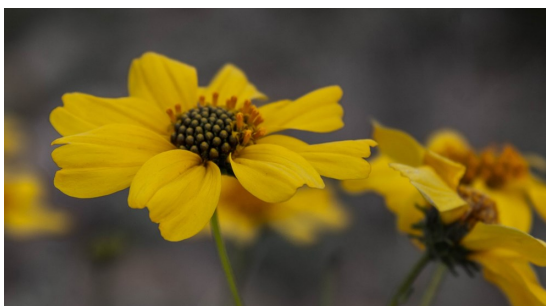
**Class size** 50

**Class Date:** Thursday, April 23, 6:30 to 8p.m.



## Advanced Nature Photography

Are you ready to take your photography to the next level? Do you love the outdoors and want to capture stellar moments in nature? Are you already familiar with basic photo concepts, but want to learn how to utilize *ALL* the parts of your camera in manual mode? Then join us for Advanced Nature Photography to sharpen your skills. This class is for those experienced with some nature photography, but who are looking to learn more tips, tricks, and



techniques to capture wildlife in even better ways. Participants in this class are required to bring their own camera that has a manual mode setting in order to best manipulate the tools we're using.

**Age:** Adults/ 16 and up

**Class size:** 6

**Class Date:** Saturday, May 9, 9 to 10:30 a.m.



## Dutch Oven Cooking

Outdoor cooking at its finest! The class will include the equipment and safety instruction you will need to cook in a Dutch oven along with some hands-on cooking practice with some of our favorite Dutch oven recipes including at least one with wild game!

**Age:** all ages, recommended youth 8 and up with adult

**Class size:**15

**Class Date(s):** Thursday, March 5, 6 to 8:30p.m.,  
Tuesday, April 14, 6 to 8:30p.m. or Thursday, May 21, 6 to 8:30p.m.

## Exploring Bow Hunting

Learn the skills to become a successful bow hunter through a variety of hands on activities that will teach you about hunter ethics, shot placement and technique.

**Class size:** 20

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

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, March 7, 10 to Noon, Saturday, April 18, 10 to Noon  
or 1 to 3 p.m.

## Spring 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; youth 8 and up with adult

**Class size:** 25

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, March 7, 1 to 3p.m., Saturday, March 28, 10 to Noon  
OR Saturday, March 28, 1 to 3 p.m.

## Wood Ducks – All About and House Building

Wood ducks arrive in South Dakota in early April seeking out suitable nesting cavities in trees or nest boxes. This class will teach you about wood ducks and help you build your own duck house just in time for their spring arrival! All equipment will be provided with step by step construction instruction provided by Noah Greble, who is currently working on his Eagle Scout accreditation.

1 wood duck house per family.

**Age:** All ages, youth 5 and up with adult

**Class size:** 25

**Class Date:** Saturday, March 14, 9  
to Noon



## 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. You will also make your own paracord bracelet.

Time spent outdoors, dress accordingly.

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

**Class size:** 20

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, April 4, 10 to Noon or 1 to 3p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 6 to 8 p.m.



## Bi-Athlon: BB Guns and Orienteering

Combining two of our favorite activities here at The Outdoor Campus this program will include safety instruction and practice with our BB guns and orienteering course. Then, putting what you learned to use, we will have a bi-athlon race!

**Age:** All ages; recommended youth 5 and up with adult

**Class size:** 25

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, April 4, 10 to 11:30 p.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 to 8p.m.



## Archery Target Shooting

Learn proper technique for successful arrow placement using our compound and long bows. We will discuss safety and other equipment you may need.

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

**Class size:** 25

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, April 25, 10 to 11:30 a.m., 1 to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 4:30 to 6p.m. or 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## Beginner Nature Photography

Learn to capture wildlife like the pros! In this beginner class, you'll learn basic photography concepts; lighting, composition, and more. This class will give you the starting knowledge to create unique nature photography. All you need to bring is a good attitude and a basic camera; any cell phone or basic consumer grade camera will work for this class, since we will be working more on photo concepts and less on the individual camera details.

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

**Class size:** : 15

**Class Date:** Saturday, May 2, 9 to 10:30 a.m.





## Intro to Fishing

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:** Families

**Class size:** 25

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, May 9, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30, Tuesday, May 19, 4 to 5:30p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m

## Wetland Ecology

A search for the little things that swim and crawl in the water, along with finding a name for them, why they are so important and the best part... wearing puddle boots! This class will include learning about the common macroinvertebrates (things without backbones) in our pond and oxbow and making your own sifter, a tool to help discover our aquatic life.

**Age:** Family/ recommended ages 5 and up

**Class size:** 20

**Class Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

## Outdoor Cooking

Open fire, foil and pie irons — Come hungry to learn about cooking over an open fire. We will begin our class with fire starters, followed by belly busting tips and tricks and wrap it all up with a tasty dessert.

**Age:** Families

**Class size:** 25

**Class Date(s):** Saturday, May 16, 10 to Noon or 1 to 3:00p.m



# Special Event!



## National Bat Appreciation Day

Join us in celebrating and learning more about an invaluable natural insect controller during National Bat Appreciation Day.

This event will include speakers and activities about bats that call South Dakota home, building your own bat home and how to get and keep bats out of your home!

Spring is here, summer is on the way and so are all those mosquitos!

Be sure to Save this DATE!

Friday, April 17, 6 to 9 p.m.

## Sprouts Program



Sprouts is a program designed for preschoolers and their adult family partner. The goal of the program is to introduce families with 3 and 4 year olds to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.

### Sprouts - J is for Jumpers

Lots of animals in South Dakota move around with a hop in their step. This class will feature these animal friends and lots of movement!

**Age:** 3-4year olds with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Class Dates:** Wednesday, March 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.  
Saturday, March 21, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.

### Sprouts - K is for Kits

Learn about baby animals and why "If you care, leave it there," is so important.

**Age:** 3-4year olds with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Class Dates:** Wednesday, April 8, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.  
Saturday, April 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.



### Sprouts - L is for Ladybugs

These spotted bugs are fierce eaters and so good to have around! Learn about all the ways they are so helpful.

**Age:** 3-4 year olds with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Class Dates:** Saturday, May 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.

# Young Naturalist Programs



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.  
*Parents may stay or go during these programs. Dress for the weather.*

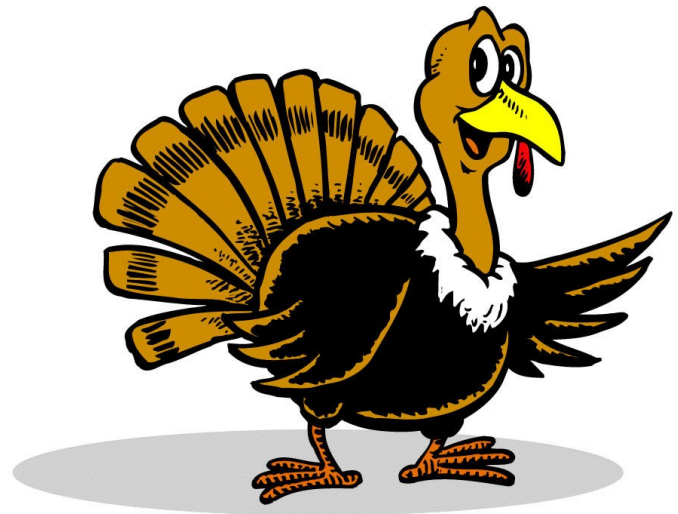
## YN-Terrific Turkey

Turkeys are not just important at Thanksgiving! Learn about the turkey life cycle, adaptations and hunting seasons.

**Age:** 5-7 year olds

**Class size:** 18

**Class Date:** Saturday, March 21, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.



## YN- Who lives in a Tree?

Take a closer look at any tree and you will appreciate all they have to offer to so many animals.

**Age:** 5-7 year olds

**Class size:** 18

**Class Date:** Saturday, April 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.

## YN- Fishing Fun

Start the spring off right, trying out fishing at our pond. We will start off with some practice casting, learn how to bait our own hook and how to catch a fish.

**Age:** 5-7 year olds

**Class size:** 18

**Class Date:** Saturday, May 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Kid's Fishing License

Your Name:

Age:

# Junior Naturalist Program



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities as well as outdoor exploration.

*Dress for the weather.*



## JN-Turkey Hunting

Learn the basics of spring turkey hunting, practice your turkey calls and your aim, using our bb guns.

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class size: 24

Class Date: Saturday, March 21, 1 to 2:30p.m.

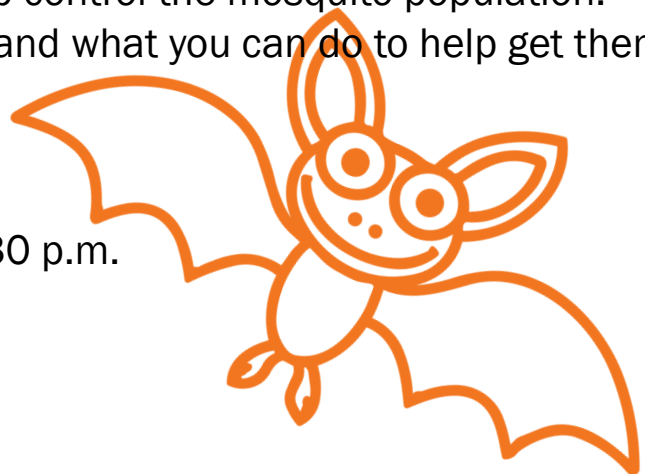
## JN-The Truth about Bats

National Bat Appreciation Day is April 17. There are 11 different species of bats that live in South Dakota that help control the mosquito population. Learn about their unique adaptations and what you can do to help get them in your area!

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class size: 24

Class Date: Saturday, April 18, 1 to 2:30 p.m.



## JN-Beginner Fishing

Get ready for summer time fishing with this beginner fishing class. Learn how to cast your pole, tie a knot, bait your hook and catch a fish!

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class size: 24

Class Date: Saturday, May 9, 1 to 2:30p.m.

# 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.

### Examples include:

Program Assistance  
(fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)

Gardening | Animal Care | Special Events | 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) Alex, 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, Alex 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 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.

## 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.

## 2020 Full Time Staff

David Parker, director

Jean Olson, senior secretary | Lynn Purdy, night and weekend manager

Alex Osborne, volunteer coordinator

Shelly Pierson, school programs coordinator

Jason Nelson, outreach coordinator

Sandy Richter, community program coordinator

Derek Klawitter, group and home school program coordinator



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Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus



Find our website [outdoorcampus.org](http://outdoorcampus.org)



*SD Department of Game, Fish & Parks*

## What ages can attend the 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 also welcome and invited to attend.

## Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?

<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx>