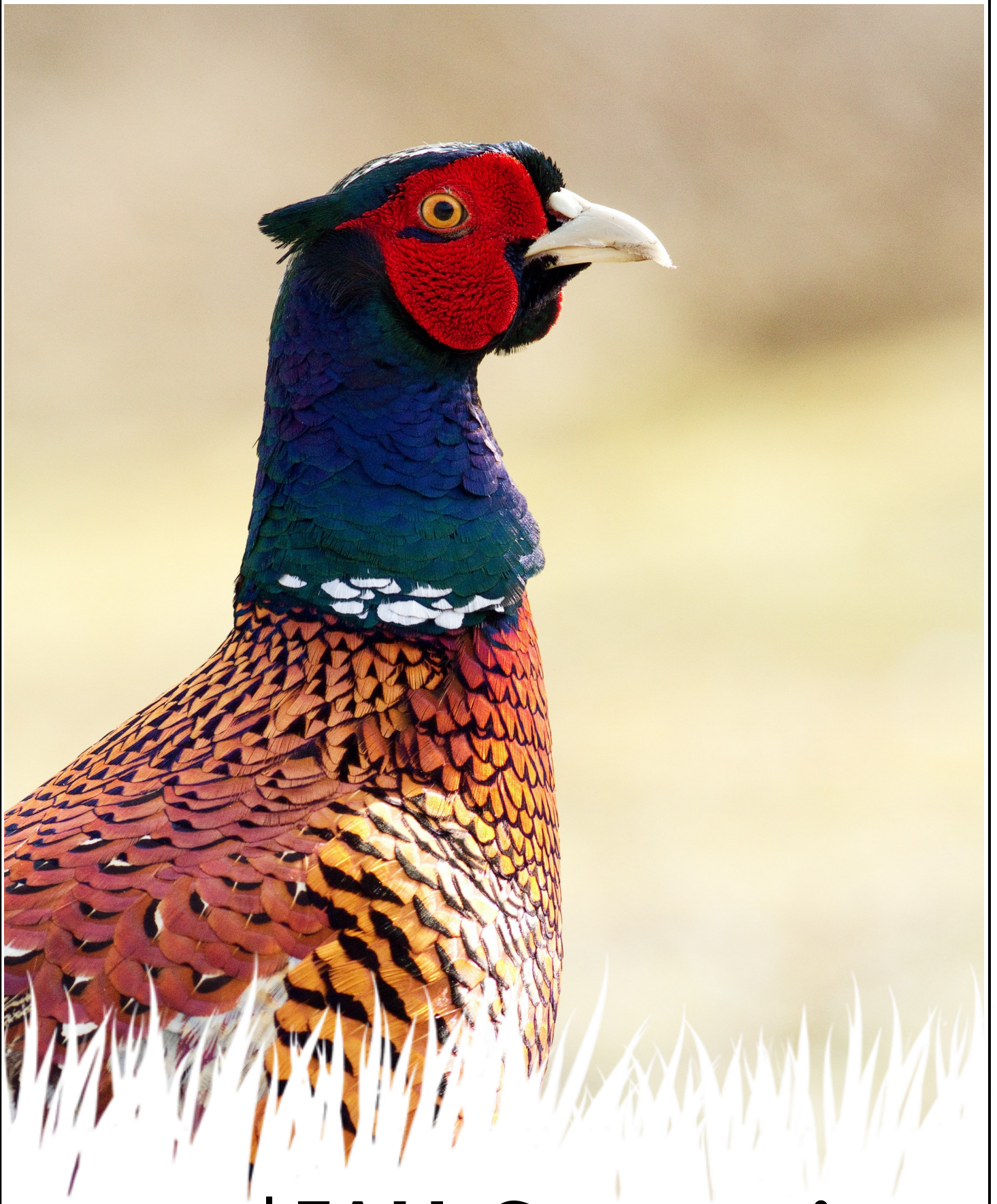




OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2026 | **FALL Community Program Guide**

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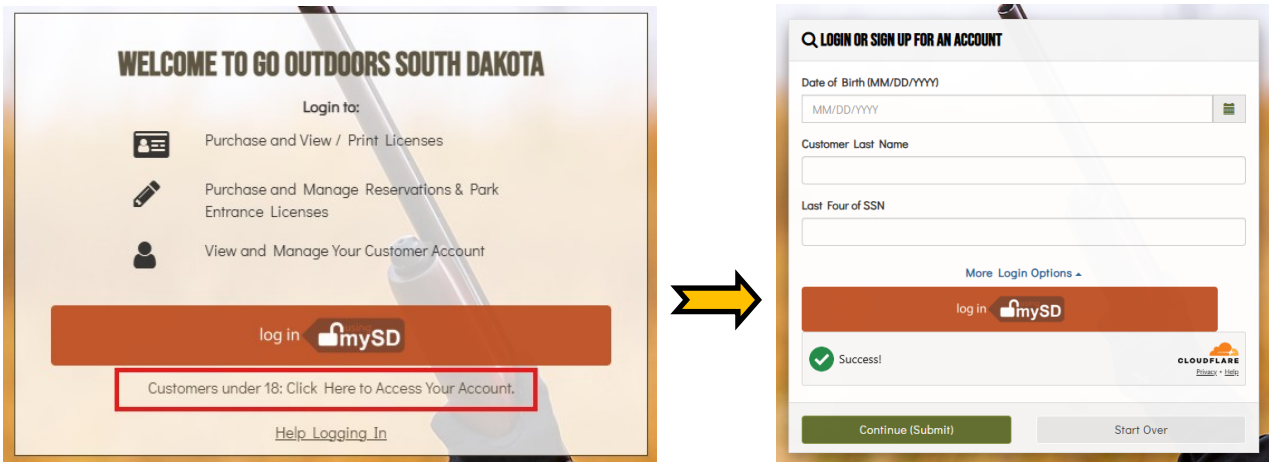
REGISTRATION & Information



To Create an Account

- 1.) Go to our registration link <https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/> and click through the steps that the Go Outdoors System prompts you to complete to set up your account.
- 2.) Once you have created an account, you should be able to log on to Go Outdoors. If you are not planning to use your account to register anyone else up (such as your child), then you are now complete and ready to sign up for classes that are posted or future ones that will be posted.
- 3.) For new customers under the age of 18, please use the **Youth SSO Bypass** by clicking on the link labeled

"Customers under 18: Click Here to Access Your Account."



Reminder:

- This feature is only available for customers under the age of 18.
- Youth customers can use this feature to access an existing profile or create a new profile if one does not already exist.
- Once a customer turns 18, they will be prompted to create a state SSO account to continue accessing their profile.
- Linked Accounts functionality is disabled within youth profiles; however, adults can still link to youth accounts from their own profiles.

REGISTRATION & Information

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/>

FALL REGISTRATION:

AUGUST 19, 8 A.M.

COST

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

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required of all events (classes) unless noted.

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.

****WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY****

HOURS

Open: Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. &
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

Find Us Online



 **Facebook**
outdoorcampusSF

 **Instagram**
@outdoorcampus_siouxfalls



Find our website
gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

September Programming



Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

September's hike will focus on the Monarch butterfly's habitat and migration while exploring the trails. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, September 3, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Family Fishing

Fall time is fishing time. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need, 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: All ages, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Thursday, September 3, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

Introduction to Reloading Firearm Ammunition

Explore the benefits of reloading your own ammunition including customizing your own loads for specific firearms and the satisfaction of being more involved in the shooting process! This class will provide an overview of hand loading, discuss safety, equipment needed, and provide a demonstration of the steps to create a hand loaded round.

Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size:** 10

Date: Thursday, September 10, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Intro to Walleye Fishing (2-Part series)

Day 1 If you are looking to start walleye fishing this is the class for you! We will go over the types and techniques for walleye fishing including the equipment you need for success.

Day 2 The class will meet at Twin Lakes to test out new skills under the careful guidance of your instructor. Directions provided at class. All equipment will be provided. Must be able to attend both days.

Age: ages 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 12

Dates: Thursday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 &
Friday, September 11, 6:30 to 8:30p.m.

OR Thursday, September 26, 6:00-7:30 &
Friday, September 25, 6:30 to 8:30p.m.

September Programming



Intro to Deer Hunting

Participants will learn the basics of deer hunting from our experienced staff focusing on safety, deer biology, ethical shots, blood trails and processing the meat.

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

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, September 12, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Paddling—Canoes and Kayaks

Learn the difference between canoes and kayaks and the paddles that go with them. We will discuss and practice water safety, paddling strokes, how to get in and out and team building. Wear shoes that can get wet.

Age: all ages, must be 8 years or older for kayaking **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, September 12, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

(Off-site) Lake Lorraine

Kayak Fishing at Lake Lorraine (Off-site)

A unique fishing opportunity with our friends at Lake Lorraine, fishing from a kayak! This class will test your paddling and fishing skills as you keep your kayak balanced while reeling in the big fish that is trying to drag you across the lake! All equipment will be provided, including kayaks, life jackets, and fishing rods. Previous kayaking and fishing experience are preferred for this class, allowing the instructors to build confidence combining the two skills. Fishing will be held on the shore in front of the **Cars For Sale** building on the west side of the lake.

Age: adults, 16 and up

Class size: 10

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Please note:

Fishing is not open to the public at Lake Lorraine

Bathrooms are not available

Fishing with the Littles

Fishing time is family time!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents and baby sitters with younger kids with shorter attention spans. We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone!

Age: recommended 3 to 5 years old, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, September 17, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Orienteering 1.0

Join us for one of our classic orienteering classes. Learn basic map reading skills while you explore our permanent course. Exercise both your body and your mind in this fun activity!

Age: All ages, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, September 19, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Archery Basics

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction, proper stance and ethical shot placement will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range using 3-D targets.

Age: recommended 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, September 19, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Birdwatching at The Outdoor Campus

Fall is the perfect time to enjoy birdwatching on the trails at The Outdoor Campus. Join our naturalists as we seek out the feathered friends that call our park home and the visitors that are migrating through.

Age: recommended 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, September 26, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Orienteering 2.0

We are taking our orienteering class to the next level. After mastering orienting yourself to your landmarks and map, it's time to take orienteering to the next level. This class will teach you how to read a compass and record your bearings as well as how to measure your pace.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, September 26, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Family Fishing

We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need, 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: All ages, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, September 26, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Keep your eyes open for pop-up classes!

**New classes added throughout the fall.
featured on our Facebook page and registration site.**



What to Expect During your First Season with Your Dog . . . featuring Sodak Sami!

A dog's first hunting season is about much more than filling a game bag - it's about building confidence, creating positive experiences, and developing the partnership that will last for years to come. This session covers what to realistically expect from a young hunting dog, common challenges encountered during the first season, and practical tips to help both dog and handler enjoy a successful start. Whether you're preparing for your first hunt or looking to make the most of a young dog's introduction to the field, participants will leave with realistic expectations and valuable tools for future success.



Age: All ages
(youth with adult)

Class size: 50

Date: Tuesday,
September 22,
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sami Jo Strutz is a professional dog trainer, avid hunter, and outdoor educator with a passion for helping people and their dogs succeed in the field. Combining years of dog training experience with a love for hunting, she enjoys teaching handlers how to build confident, reliable hunting partners while fostering an appreciation for the outdoors and the traditions that come with it in both upland and waterfowl hunting. Her current pack consists of Black Labs and an English Setter.



Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

Fall is a perfect time to explore the Outdoor Campus's trails watching the plants and animals get ready for winter. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, October 1, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Fly-Tying Club—Ladies Only

A beginner level of classes to introduce women into fly tying world. This group will start by meeting once a month learning about fly-tying equipment and techniques with a different fly featured each month. The hope is to create, encourage, connect and support women and fly fishing .

Age: adults, 16 and up

Class size: 5

Date: Thursday, October 8, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Fishing with the Littles

Fishing time is family time!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents, and babysitters with younger kids with shorter attention spans. We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone!

Age: recommended 3 to 5 years old, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, October 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Intro to Pheasant Hunting

A South Dakota hunting tradition, pheasant hunting is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the fall! Learn about pheasants and hunting safety with hands on activities.

Age: All ages, recommended ages 8 and up **Class size:** 20

Class Date: Saturday, October 17, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Archery Basics

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction, proper stance and ethical shot placement will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range using 3-D targets.

Age: recommended 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, October 17, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Bat Appreciation—Bats of South Dakota

While we won't see many bats in South Dakota this time of year, they do get quite a bit of attention around October 31! Learn about the 13 different species of bats that call South Dakota home. These flying mammals are ferocious mosquito eaters, each eating 1000's every night! We will learn what we can do to support our bat population and in turn keeping our insect pest populations low including building a bat house! One bat house per household.

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, October 31, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

BB Gun Basics

Firearm safety, eye dominance, stance style and other great tips and tricks for successful shot placement for target shooting and ethical hunting are the goal of this program. All equipment is provided.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, October 31, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Keep your eyes open for pop-up classes!

New classes added throughout the fall..

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November Programming



Notes:

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10:00 TO 2:00P.M.**

**JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE
OUTDOOR CAMPUS EXPANSION!**

**TOUR THE INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE,
PROCESSING ROOM AND NEW CLASSROOMS**

PARTICIPATE IN FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!

WATCH FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS!!!

Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

November's hike will focus on South Dakota's ducks and geese. Learning about their habitat and migration while exploring the trails, This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, November 12, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Rabbit Hunting

Cottontail rabbit hunting is a great way to enjoy a brisk fall day. This class will go over the basics of rabbit hunting, cleaning and preparing.

Age: All ages, recommended 8 and up **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, November 14, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

Outdoor Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. Many topics will be covered including fire starting, shelter building, first aid, and most importantly, being prepared. This class is incredibly hands-on and is performed mostly outside. Dress accordingly.

Age: recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, November 14, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Fly-Tying Club—Ladies Only

A beginner level of classes to introduce women into fly tying world. This group will start by meeting once a month learning about fly-tying equipment and techniques with a different fly featured each month. The hope is to create, encourage, connect and support women and fly fishing .

Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size:** 10

Date: Thursday, November 19, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The Return of the River Otter A Big Sioux River Success Story

Join us at The Outdoor Campus on November 21st for an afternoon focused on river otters in the Big Sioux River! Friends of the Big Sioux River, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, and a member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe are partnering to bring you an afternoon of education and fun.

When you think of the Big Sioux River, river otters may not be the first critter that comes to mind, but they are an active and important part of the watershed. Learn about the reintroduction of otters to the Big Sioux River, their diet, habitat needs, population trends, and more!

We will provide activities for kids while parents attend the speaker presentations and discussion. If you have ever been curious about our local river otters, this is the event for you!

This event is free to attend, and no pre-registration is required. A full event schedule will be coming soon!

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Date: Saturday, November 21, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



FRIENDS OF THE
BIG SIOUX RIVER



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.

OUTDOOR CAMPUS – SIOUX FALLS
TRADITIONAL CLASSES AND FIELD DAY

APRIL	21, 23, 25
MAY	12, 14, 16
MAY	26, 28, 30
JUNE	9, 11, 13
JUNE	23, 25, 27
JULY	7, 9, 11
JULY	21, 23, 25
AUGUST	4, 6, 8
AUGUST	18, 20, 22
SEPTEMBER	15, 17, 19
SEPTEMBER	22, 24, 26
SEPTEMBER 29 & OCTOBER 1, 3	

HUNTSAFE



HUNTER SAFETY AND FIREARM EDUCATION

FIELD DAY FOR ONLINE CLASS

APRIL	25
MAY	16
MAY	30
JUNE	13
JUNE	27
JULY	11
JULY	25
AUGUST	8
AUGUST	22
SEPTEMBER	19
SEPTEMBER	26
OCTOBER	3

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

<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/>

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



CONTACT JASON NELSON
FOR MORE DETAILS

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605-940-8486

BIG SIOUX 2026 FLY FISHING CLUB

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



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CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



THIS CLUB IS FOR ANYONE WHO
WANTS TO LEARN ABOUT OR SHARE
THEIR PASSION FOR FLY FISHING

WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE FLY FISHING
FUN AND APPROACHABLE

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ALL ARE WELCOME



LOCAL
FISHING
TRIPS
EACH
MONTH



ADULT PHEASANT HUNT

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – 27, 2026
DAKOTA HOTSPOT LODGE | KENNEBEC, SD



APPLY BY SEPT 1
Contact: Travis March
Wildlife Conservation Officer
Office: 605.730.1573
travis.march@state.sd.us

This is a free event open to individuals at least 18 years of age who are interested in hunting and the outdoors. Preference is given to those with little-to-no hunting experience. Small game licenses will NOT be provided.

MANDATORY HUNT ORIENTATION

Dakota Hotspot Lodge | Kennebec, SD
Saturday, September 26, 9 a.m.

All participants selected to attend this hunt will be required to attend a "pre-hunt" orientation meeting and clinic. All meals, shotguns/ammo, hunter orange, and lodging are provided.

PHEASANT HUNT

Dakota Hotspot Lodge | Kennebec, SD
Saturday and Sunday, September 26 - 27

Hunters can expect to learn firearm safety, hunting ethics, how to improve shooting skills, basic first aid, how to properly field dress birds, and basic cooking skills.

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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.

How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/
- 2) 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, Paige 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!

About The Outdoor Campus



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.

Founded by GFP in 1997



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.