



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



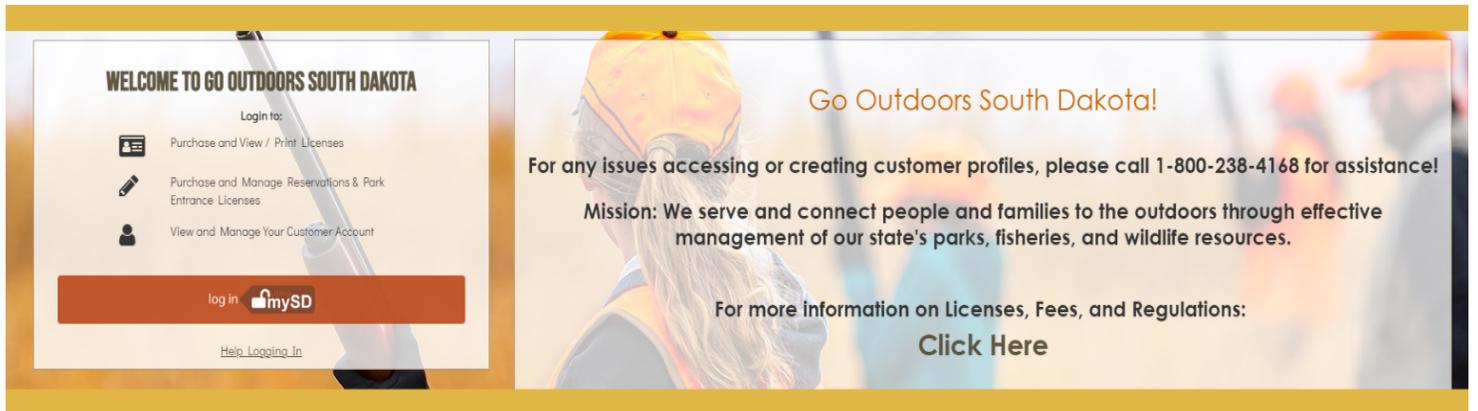
2025-26 | **WINTER**

Community Program Guide

4500 S Oxbow Ave | Sioux Falls, SD | 605.362.2777

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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.) ***If you are a parent or caregiver*** There is an additional step needed to register for programming for your student. Each student will need an account. There are two options for creating your student an account:

- If your student has an email address or you would like to get your student an email address, follow the same process you did for yourself to set up an account but do so for each of your students.
- If your child does not have an email address and you do not desire them to obtain one at this point, you will need to visit the Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls or give us a call at 605-362-2777 so we can create your child an account that does not have an email address connected to it. You can also call 1-800-238-4168 number and a Go Outdoors employee can help.



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TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

<https://gooutdoorsouthdakota.com/>

WINTER REGISTRATION:

NOVEMBER 12, 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

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@outdoorcampus_siouxfalls



Find our website

gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

Rabbit Hunting

Cottontail rabbit hunting season continues through the end of March giving hunters an opportunity to enjoy the briskness of winter. 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, December 13, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Event ID:** 234210

Introduction to Firearms

An introduction to firearms for youth and adult beginners, this class will familiarize participants with safe firearm use and handling skills. Led by Hunter Cole, HuntSafe instructor, former police officer and firearm enthusiast, this class will discuss the three main types of firearms: rifles, shotguns and handguns along with the different types of actions, ammunition, chokes and much more. This program will be informational, so bring your questions!

Age: 14 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Saturday, December 13, 1:00 to 3:00p.m. **Event ID:** 234211

Snug in the Snow with the Littles

What do you do in the winter to stay warm? The littles will learn about what different animals in South Dakota do in the winter to survive with fun hands-on activities.

Age: 3-5 with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Event ID:** 234212

Fly-Tying Club—Ladies Only

A beginner level class to introduce women into the fly tying world. This group will start by meeting once a month to learn 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, December 18, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. **Event ID:** 234213

Angling to Your Advantage

This class will teach you how to target various species of game fish in most waterbodies in South Dakota and how to use state resources to your angling advantage!

Age: 12 and up

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, December 18, 6:00 to 7:30p.m. **Event ID:** 234214

Winter Photography

Winter can provide beautiful scenery, sunsets and sunrise and wildlife shenanigans for photos. In this class we will cover camera basics and techniques for shooting in low light and snow. We will take a hike in a snow-covered landscape to capture active animals in the winter. Join us and discover the art of winter photography! Please bring your own camera or cellular device. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: family, 8 and up

Class size: 20

Dates: Saturday, December 20, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. **Event ID:** 234215

Winter Camping and Survival

Camping doesn't have to end when the temperatures drop! This class will teach you how to stay warm and enjoy camping when there is snow on the ground. We will also cover how to survive in cold weather, should a winter adventure go awry. We will be doing hands-on activities outside, so dress for the weather!

Age: family, ages 8 and up

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, December 20, 1:00 to 2:30p.m. **Event ID:** 234216

Last Day Hike

Explore our trails one more time in 2025. We will have fun games and activities along the hike to keep everyone busy! This program will be outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: family, all ages

Class size: 30

Date: Wednesday, December 31, 10:00 to 12:00p.m.

Event ID: 234217

January Programming



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Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size** 5

Date: Thursday, January 8, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. **Event ID:** 234218

Ice Fishing

Let's go fishing! Yes, even in the winter, we love to go fishing, ice fishing that is! No, we aren't fishing for ice, we are fishing for fish through the ice! This class will begin inside discussing ice fishing tackle, gear, fish species and most importantly, ice safety. At the frozen pond, our staff and volunteers will be there to demonstrate and help bait hooks and cheer you on as you reel in your catch, while creating memorable ice fishing experiences. **Please remember to dress for the weather, including coats, hats, gloves and boots.**

All fishing equipment will be provided.

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

Date: Saturday, January 10, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234221 or 234222



Ice Fishing with the Littles

Fishing time is family time, even on the ice!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents and babysitters of younger kids with shorter attention spans. Sign up for one or all three! We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone! **Be sure to dress for the weather!**

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

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Event ID:**234227

Snow Shoeing

Class is dependent on proper snow conditions

Learn how to walk in snowshoes and explore the park!

Dress for the weather and be sure to wear snow boots or waterproof boots. Bring on the snow!

Age: recommended 5 and up, youth with adult **Class size** 20

Date: Saturday, January 17, 10:00a.m. to 11:30 or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234230 or 234231

Cross Country Skiing

Class is dependent on proper snow conditions

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails. All equipment is provided, but please dress for the weather.

Age: recommended 5 and up, youth with adult **Class size** 20

Date: Saturday, January 17, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234228 or 234229

Darkhouse Spearfishing

Class is dependent on proper ice conditions

Participants will learn the ins and outs of Darkhouse spearfishing including the opportunity to spearfish! Equipment needed, target species, where to fish along with laws and regulations will also be covered. Dress for the weather, layers and waterproof gear, all other equipment will be provided.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 6

Date: Saturday, January 24, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. **Event ID:** 234233

Predator Calling and Hunting—Virtual Online Program

This program will be available online only.

Please see Zoom link below.

The coyote diet is adaptable to the food that is available throughout the year and can consist of small game, fawns and livestock. Coyote hunting can help control the population, but can also be challenging. Learn some tips and techniques from the professional wildlife damage management specialists at Game, Fish and Parks!

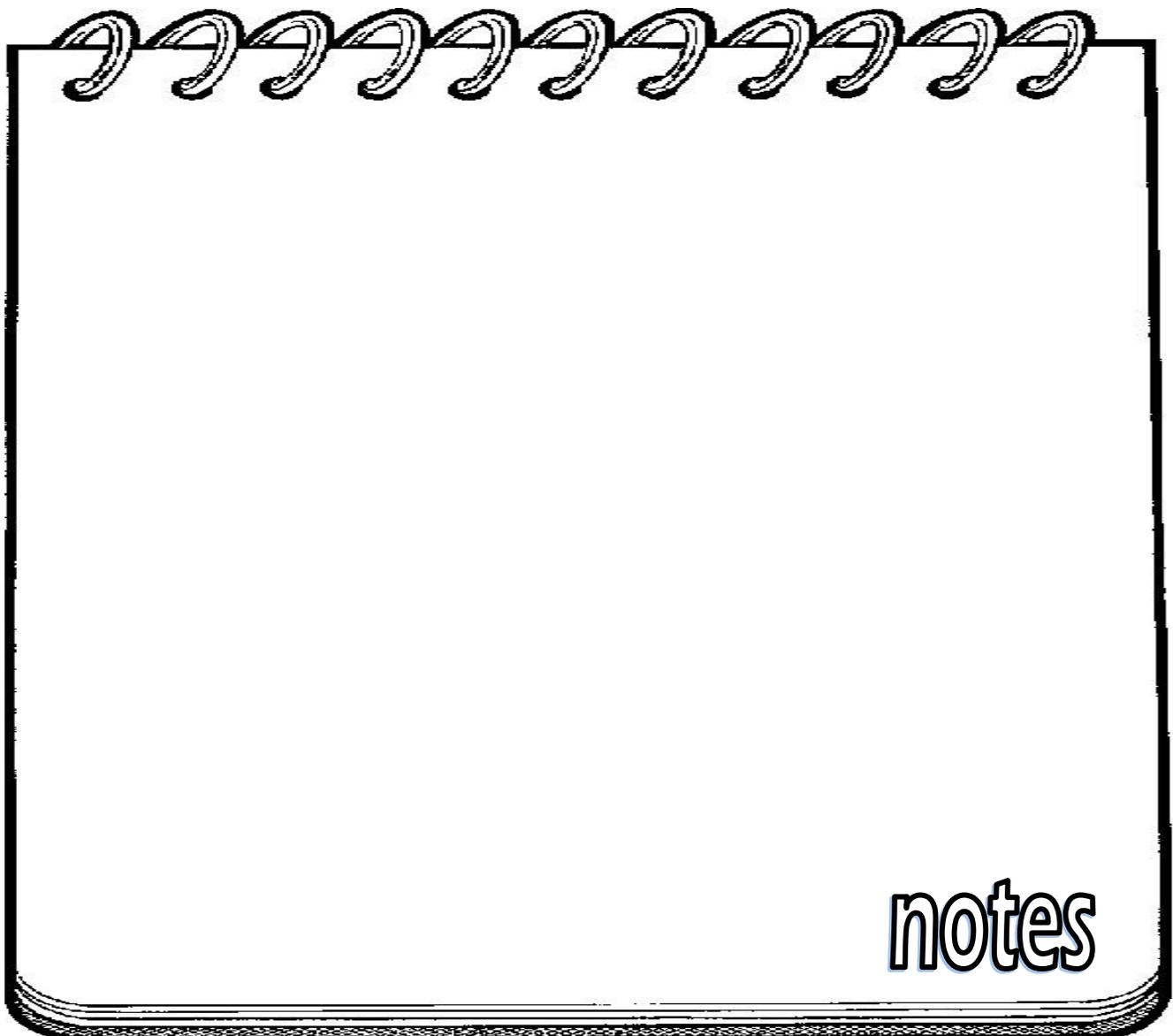


Age: All ages; recommended 12 and up, youth must be with adult

Date: Thursday, January 22, 7:00 to 8:30p.m. (Central time)

Event ID 234261

Zoom link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/94924536582>



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All fishing equipment will be provided.

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

Date:

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234224 or 234225

Keep your eyes open for Pop-Up classes!

**We are under construction with limited
classroom space.**

**New classes will be added throughout the
winter as space becomes available and will be featured
on our Facebook page and registration site.**



Snow Shoeing

Class is dependent on proper snow conditions

Learn how to walk in snowshoes and explore the park!

Dress for the weather and be sure to wear snow boots or waterproof boots. Bring on the snow!

Age: recommended 5 and up, youth with adult **Class size** 20

Date: Saturday, February 7, 10:00a.m. to 11:30 or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234234 or 234235

Ice Fishing with the Littles

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

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Event ID: 234236

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Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size:** 5

Date: Thursday, February 12, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. **Event ID:** 234237

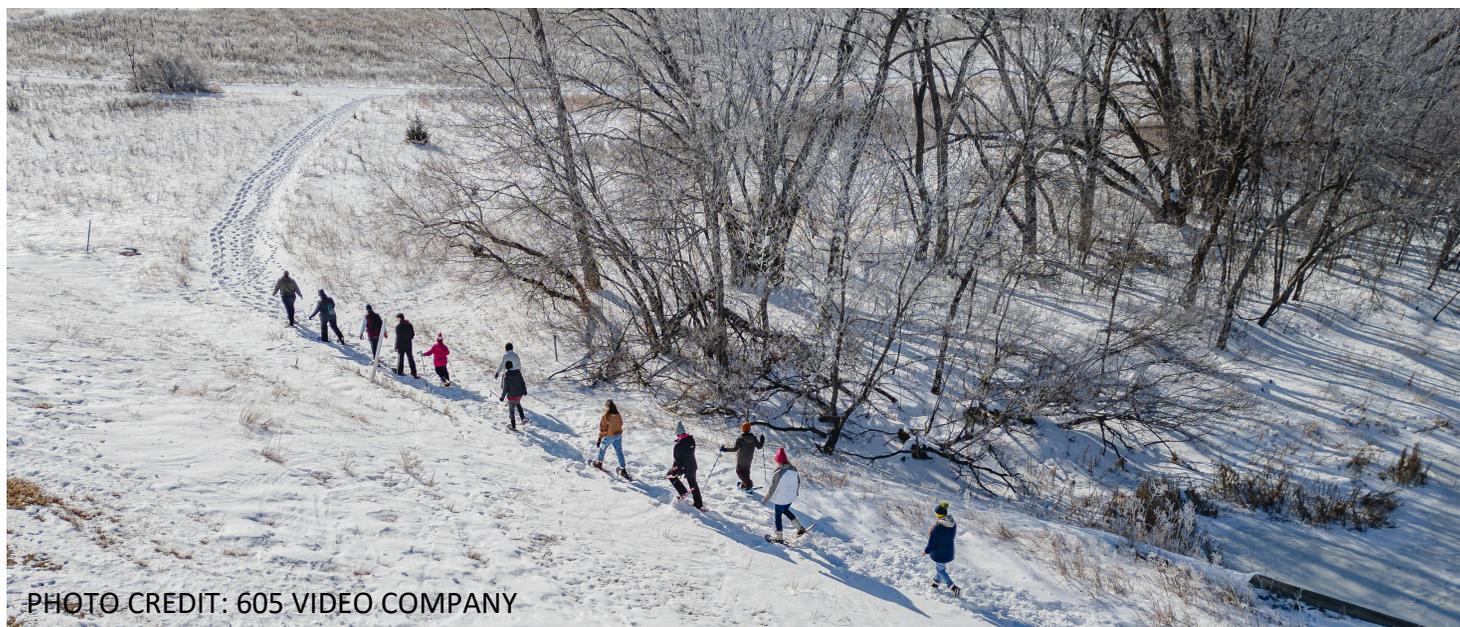


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Winter Sowing

It may be cold and wintery outside still, but it's the perfect time to try winter sowing! Winter sowing is a seed-starting method that uses everyday containers and natural freeze thaw cycles to get a head-start on gardening. Winter sowing can be used for cold hardy vegetables, flowers, and herbs, but in this hands-on workshop we will focus on winter sowing seeds for native plants. Bring a clear container or two and try this easy, low-cost way to grow native plants for your garden! (Supplies will be provided, but you can also bring additional clear containers, such as plastic salad containers or gallon jugs.)

Age: 8 and up **Class size:** 15

Date: Tuesday, February 10, 4:00 to 5:30p.m. or 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Event ID: 234238 or 234239



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About the instructor-

Robin Buterbaugh works for SDSU Extension as a Horticulture Field Specialist based in Brookings and Sioux Falls. She received her master's degree in Natural Resources Management from SDSU in 2023, where her project focus was on integrating native plants in community and residential landscaping. She also obtained a permaculture design certificate in 2017. In her Extension role, she works across South Dakota to provide resources and assistance to individuals and organizations related to ecological design, permaculture, native plants, pollinator gardens, and community and school gardens. Robin loves vegetables, flowers, native plants, and all things plant related, and she loves to bring all those things together to help people create landscapes that are beautiful and beneficial!



Wild Game Cooking – Odd Bits & Pieces

In an effort to use as much of a harvested animal as possible, we will have several other dishes as well using these less commonly used parts. Please come with an open mind and a hungry belly.

Susan Luschas, volunteer instructor, has spent over a decade figuring out how to get her husband and kids to eat ALL the odd bits!

Age: all ages, recommended 5 and up, youth with adults

Class size: 20

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. **Event ID:** 234240

Cross Country Skiing

Class is dependent on proper snow conditions

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails. All equipment is provided, but please dress for the weather.

Age: recommended 5 and up, youth with adult **Class size** 20

Date: Saturday, February 21, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234241 or 234242

Ice Fishing

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All fishing equipment will be provided.

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

Date: Saturday, February 21, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 234243 or 234244

Archery Turkey Hunting – What You Need to Know

For those who know, know archery turkey hunting is not for the faint of heart. However, once you start, you want more and more, and you look forward to it every year! Just ask Justin Broughton, volunteer instructor, president of the SD Bow Hunter's Association with over 35 years of archery turkey hunting experience. Justin will share his passion about archery turkey hunting while giving you valuable guidance, tips, and tricks from gear to location for a successful hunt.

Age: 12 and up

Class size: 50

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Event ID: 234245

Meet the instructor:

Justin Broughton

Justin is blessed to be a lifelong bowhunter of nearly 40

years. He's had the privilege of bowhunting all across North America harvesting multiple

species of big game with my compound bow and traditional longbow. He is originally from Corsica, South Dakota and has lived in Sioux Falls for the past 25 years with his better half, Bonnie. Together they have 5 adult children, 2 of whom are also bowhunters. Justin is the former National Youth Coordinator for the Pope and Young Club and has been proud to serve as the President of the South Dakota Bowhunters Association for the past 3 years.



HuntSAFE Classes

SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

HUNTSAFE



HUNTER SAFETY AND FIREARM EDUCATION

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, however they 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.

When are HuntSAFE classes offered?

2026 HuntSafe classes and field days will be offered beginning in March.

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

<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/>

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

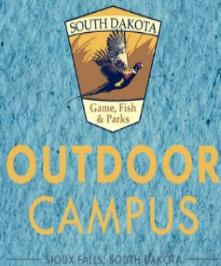


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BIG SIOUX 2026 FLY FISHING CLUB

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**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**

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.