



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2025-26 | Winter 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.

WHEN: Year round– Group program times fill quickly, and are filled on a first come, first-serve basis.

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.

HOW MANY PROGRAMS CAN WE ATTEND?
Groups may schedule only one program per season to insure equal program availability to all groups.



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

WAIVER
All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver is available 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.

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



GROUP PROGRAMS



Introduction to Ice Fishing

Get a short introduction to ice fishing, and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment, but please dress for the weather, including warm boots.

Introduction to Cross Country Skiing

Learn the basics of the sport, then go outdoors to practice your skills on our trails. Skis, poles and ski boots are provided by The Outdoor Campus. We must have at least 4" of good snow to ski.

Hunting Basics

Pheasant, Waterfowl or Deer – come 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 much more.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a fun way to explore the outdoors in winter! Learn about appropriate clothing and technique, then hit the trails to test your skills on a trek. Wear warm clothes and waterproof boots.

Winter Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and plants along our trails. Who knows what you'll see on the trail!

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 in back country hunting, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.

South Dakota Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Come join us while we discover what animals call this state home.

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Permanent Orienteering Course

The Outdoor Campus has several introductory and intermediate orienteering courses set up in our park. Your group may pickup orienteering maps and compasses from The Outdoor Campus for use on your own. You may borrow the compasses Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you prefer some instruction beforehand, your group may schedule an orienteering class with one of our naturalists, or you can sign up for one of our community classes. There is no cost. Two courses are ADA handicap accessible. If you have a large group please call 362-2777 to insure we have enough maps and compasses available for your group.



Critter Crates

Critter crates are resource trunks filled with furs, skulls, activities and more! Please contact The Outdoor Campus at 605.362.2777 or email toc@state.sd.us for information. The crates can be checked out for free with a signed Crate Use Agreement waiver, for up to two weeks and the snow shoe crate can be checked out for up to one week. You can find a list and description of the crates on our website at gfp.sd.gov/education/

