OUTDOOR CAMPUS

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA



2026-27 WINTER HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Nature awareness programs for all ages of homeschooled children. The goal of this program is to introduce children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening educational environment.

REGISTER FOR HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS:

· Registration opens Wednesday, November 18th, at 8:00 a.m. for homeschool programs.
· Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.
· All participants must sign a waiver prior to attending class.
· Parents should attend classes with their children, but please do not register for the class. Only students should be registered for homeschool classes to allow for the maximum amount of space for students.

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES:

· Go to our website at: gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/
· Sign up on our public computer at The Outdoor Campus. Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
· If you have any problems with creating an account or registration, please call Brandt at: 800.238.4168

CANCELLATIONS:

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

COST

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

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

DECEMBER

SD ANIMALS: WINTER ADAPTATIONS

Ever wonder how animals survive our cold South Dakota winters? Discover the amazing ways local wildlife survives and thrives in the snow!
Class Date: Wednesday, December 2, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

FISH DISSECTION

Join us to find out all about fish, their habits, habitats, and last but not least, their anatomy. Heart, liver, and spleen, oh my! We will be learning all about the parts of a fish.
Class Date: Tuesday, December 8, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

INTRO TO BB GUNS

Learn all about the parts of a BB gun, the basics of safely operating a firearm, and spend the rest of class time on our indoor range getting in some target practice.
Class Date: Thursday, December 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

WINTER ADVENTURE CAMP

Spend the afternoon at The Outdoor Campus as we introduce you to a multitude of activities that can be enjoyed during the South Dakota winters. We might try our luck on the pond searching for fish below the ice, cross country ski on our trails, or trek through the drifts on snowshoes among other activities. Activities subject to change due to adverse weather conditions.
Class Date: Wednesday, December 30, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

JANUARY

ICE FISHING BASICS

Come for an introduction to the equipment and bait used for ice fishing and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment but be sure to dress for the weather.
Class Date: Tuesday, January 5, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

SD ANIMALS: MIGRATION AND HIBERNATION

Some of our favorite South Dakota animals seem to disappear for these cold months. Join us as we learn about where these critters have gone and what they do to avoid the chilly winter.
Class Date: Wednesday, January 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

SNOWSHOE ORIENTEERING

Snowshoeing is a fun and easy way to explore the outdoors in winter – and get exercise too! After learning the basics of snowshoeing, put your new knowledge into practice while you navigate our orienteering course! Wear hiking or winter boots.
Class Date: Thursday, January 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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ARCHERY BASICS

Come learn about archery, its equipment, and the techniques necessary to hit that bullseye. Exercise your skills with target practice in our indoor archery range.
Class Date: Friday, January 29, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY

WINTER OUTDOOR SURVIVAL

How would you prepare for a winter hunting trip, an ice fishing excursion, or backcountry exploration? Discover the skills and supplies you'd need to prepare for a survival situation in a South Dakota winter. From shelter building to fire starting, to resourcefulness and catching food, we'll cover the basics of winter survival.
Class Date: Thursday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

RABBIT AND SQUIRREL HUNTING BASICS

Join us as we learn all about hunting rabbits and squirrels. We will go over everything you need to know and will go on a mock rabbit/squirrel hunt here at the campus.
Class Date: Tuesday, February 9, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails.
Class Date: Wednesday, February 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

WINTER TRACK HIKE

Come learn how to ID different animals by what they leave behind. Tracks, scat, and other signs are all helpful in learning about animal behavior and habits. We'll even hit the trails and see what animals have been frequenting the Outdoor Campus!
Class Date: Friday, February 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.