



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2026 FALL 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, August 19th, 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

SEPTEMBER

WATERFOWL HUNTING BASICS

Join us as we discuss all the basics of hunting ducks and geese. We will go over everything from how to use a duck call, how to ID waterfowl, and lastly, spend some time on the BB gun range.

Class Date: Tuesday, September 1, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

KAYAK AND CANOE BASICS

Come learn basic safety and paddling strokes, then practice your new skills on our pond in canoes and kayaks.

Class Date: Thursday, September 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

INSECT WONDERS

Head, thorax, and abdomen, oh my! Take a close look at what sets insects apart from other crawly critters and learn about their importance and impact in our area.

Class Date: Tuesday, September 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

CATCH IT AND CLEAN IT

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in SD and how to do it safely. We will go over the basics of catching fish from our pond, cleaning them, and even give a few pointers for how to cook them at home.

Class Date: Friday, September 25, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

PHEASANT HUNTING BASICS

Come learn about our state bird and why it is so popular. We will talk about all the ins and outs of hunting pheasants in South Dakota.

Class Date: Thursday, October 1, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

TRAPPING BASICS

Come join us as we will go over the basics of trapping. We will go over various traps but also scouting for trapping locations and signs of animal activity.

Class Date: Tuesday, October 6, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

FISHING FUN

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in SD. We will discuss the importance of safety, handling equipment responsibly, and test your fish identification skills before heading to our pond for some catch and release fishing.

Class Date: Wednesday, October 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m.



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TREES AND LEAVES

Autumn is here! The change of seasons means the leaves are changing colors. Join us in learning about how trees grow and how their leaves change with the season.

Class Date: Friday, October 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

SPOOKY SEASON EXTRAVAGANZA

Discover South Dakota's animals of the night and their special adaptations – maybe they aren't so spooky after all! Finish off the afternoon with a lesson in campfire building and even a sweet treat.

Class Date: Tuesday, October 27, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER

BB GUN BASICS

Learn all about the basics of safely operating BB guns and air rifles and spend the rest of the time on our range getting in some target practice.

Class Date: Thursday, November 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

GPS BASICS AND GEOCACHES

Join us as we learn about using a GPS and Geocaches. We will learn how to mark objects such as caches, and then how to find them again at a later date. These are basic skills sportsmen use while hunting and fishing. We will go over the basics and then place a "hide and seek" activity using GPS receivers.

Class Date: Friday, November 13, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

OWLS AND OWL PELLET DISSECTION

Discover the fascinating features and habits of some of South Dakota's most iconic night-time creatures. Step into the role of a scientist and find out what it had for lunch while you dissect an owl pellet.

Class Date: Wednesday, November 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

DEER HUNTING

Come and see what it takes to hunt deer in South Dakota. We will be going over the habits and habitats of our native deer, hunting strategies and ethical shots, as well as some taste testing.

Class Date: Tuesday, November 24, 10:00-11:00 a.m.