



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2026 SPRING 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, February 11th, at 8:00 a.m. for home school 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

MARCH SNOWSHOEING ORIENTEERING

Come navigate our orienteering trails on snowshoes! Be sure to wear boots and dress warm as we will be outside for the majority of this class.

Class Date: Thursday, March 5, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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. If ice is questionable, we will fish off of the dock.

Class Date: Friday, March 13, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

BATS AND BAT BOX BUILDING

Learn about South Dakota's native bat species and their unique features and habits. Participate in a hands-on activity constructing bat boxes!

Class Date: Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

WATERFOWL ADAPTATIONS

Come and discover what sets waterfowl like ducks and geese apart from other birds and helps them survive in the wild. Join us to learn all about these adaptations.

Class Date: Friday, March 27, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

APRIL

SD ANIMALS

Discover what helps South Dakota's critters survive out in the wild. What features and adaptations stand out? Come and see!

Class Date: Thursday, April 2, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

TURKEY HUNTING

Come join us as we learn all about turkeys. Habitats, diet, and turkey hunting tactics will be covered in this class.

Class Date: Wednesday, April 8, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

SPRING NATURE HIKE

Come join us on an age-appropriate tour and learn about the wildlife and plants along our trails. Stumble across rabbits, beavers, ducks, or deer. Who knows what you'll see on the trail!

Class Date: Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



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SEEDS AND PLANTS

Spring is growing season. Come join us as we look into the process of a seed turning into a plant. We will also be planting some seeds as well.

Class Date: Thursday, April 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

FISHING FUN

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in South Dakota and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety, and ethics before heading out to the pond and dropping in a line.

Class Date: Wednesday, April 29, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

MAY

HABITAT HIKE

Learn about and explore the different habitats around the Outdoor Campus and what animals need to survive in their own habitat.

Class Date: Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

CATCH IT AND CLEAN IT - FISHING 101

We will spend the afternoon fishing and with some luck, we will end the afternoon learning how to clean our catch and also how to prepare it for the dinner table.

Class Date: Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

ARCHERY BASICS

Come join us and learn how to safely handle and shoot a youth-sized bow and arrow. We will practice our aim on our 3-D animal targets and learn how to take an ethical shot. (Younger children may attend with parent/guardian assistance).

Class Date: Thursday, May 21, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.