



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2025-26 | Winter

Homeschool Programs

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Register for Homeschool Programs

- Registration opens Wednesday, November 12, at 8 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!

Waiting List

We highly recommend signing up on the waiting list if the class is full! If there is a high demand for a program we will try our best to add an additional class called a POPUP that will be posted on our registration website. Notifications of POPUP classes will appear on Facebook and Instagram.

Homeschool Only Programs

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

December

Owls and Owl Pellet Basics

Come learn all about this fascinating night creature and find out what it had for lunch while you dissect an owl pellet. We will also be discussing the importance of food chains and food webs.



Class Date: Thursday, December 4, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Winter Bird Watching

Who says birding ends when the snow begins? Join us to explore the world of South Dakota's winter birds! Learn how to use birding equipment, identify cold-weather species, and put your skills to the test on a guided nature hike. We'll even make pinecone bird feeders so you can keep spotting feathered friends right in your own backyard.

Class Date: Thursday, December 11, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Winter Animal Adaptations

Have you ever wondered how animals survive our cold South Dakota winters? Discover the amazing ways local wildlife survives and thrives in the snow.

Class Date: Wednesday, December 17, 1:00-2:00 p.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: Tuesday, December 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

January

Ice Fishing - Catch and Clean It

Get a short introduction to ice fishing, and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment, but please dress for the weather. We will also be going over how to clean our catch as well.

Class Date: Thursday, January 8, 1:00-2:30 p.m.



Snowshoeing Fun

Snowshoeing is a fun and easy way to explore the outdoors in winter, and get exercise too! Wear hiking or winter boots.

Class Date: Tuesday, January 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m.



Predator Hunting 101

Come learn all about hunting predators in SD. We will learn all the ins and outs of hunting South Dakota Predators, their habitats, how to call, how to disguise yourself, and more.

Class Date: Thursday, January 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Cross Country Skiing Basics

Get hands on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Class Date: Wednesday, January 28, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

February

Snowshoeing Fun

Snowshoeing is a fun and easy way to explore the outdoors in winter, and get exercise too! Wear hiking or winter boots.

Class Date: Thursday, February 5, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting Basics

Join us as we learn all about hunting rabbit 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 10, 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: Thursday, February 19, 1:00-2:30 p.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.

Class Date: Tuesday, February 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

