



The Outdoor Campus

Sioux Falls



2020-21 | The Outdoor Campus

School Program Guide

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outdoorcampus.org

Schedule Process



*****ONLINE SIGNUP NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME*****

To Schedule:

Begins on Tuesday, September 1, at 8 a.m.

Scheduled on a first come, first serve basis with the limit of one program per school year.

Preschool, Elementary & Middle School (grades preK– 8)
contact Sandy at sandy.richter@state.sd.us or 605.362.2713

High School (grades 9 to 12)
contact Derek at derek.klawitter@state.sd.us or 605.362.2732

Class Size: The current maximum class size for most programs has been set at **30 students (split into 2 groups)** with a maximum of **20 total people per classroom**, following current CDC/GFP guidelines. The minimum number of students is 10.

Each teacher must apply for his/her own classroom. In the event that you are bringing two classrooms on the same bus, teachers will need to plan alternative activities for one of the classrooms for part of the time since Outdoor Campus staff can accommodate only one class at a time. Please indicate this information when you sign up.

Cost: There are no fees for these programs. Thank a hunter or angler for supporting these educational experiences.

Cancellations: Please notify us of all cancellations or adjustments that may be needed.

Chaperones: We encourage chaperones' participation to assist with supervision of students. We request a 1 to 10 ratio for all field trips.

Confirmation: Following scheduling of an Outdoor Campus Class, we will confirm with you the details and keep you updated on items to bring to the campus.

COVID & Changes



Notes about COVID and Changes:

1. Due to current circumstances we ask for flexibility in sign ups. Because COVID, there may be variance in our availability to do programming.
2. The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls reserves the right to cancel classes for any reason especially during this season of COVID.
3. Note—again that registration has changed.

Self Tours



At this time, the museum and classroom animal area are **CLOSED** to the public.

Please explore our 2 miles of walking trails, nature playscape area along with Sertoma Park's excellent multi-age playground, sound tubes, whisper dish and geodome.

* The bridge has just recently been opened. Check it out!

Public restrooms are open and accessible through the front doors of The Outdoor Campus.

Preschool, Elementary & Middle School Programs - VIRTUAL



**To schedule contact Sandy at
sandy.richter@state.sd.us or 605.362.2713**

Programming will be offered through Zoom

Sandy will customize virtual classes to the teacher's needs based on resources available. 45-60 minutes

Beaks, Feet and Feathers

Become a beginner bird expert learning about bird identification and adaptations.

Animals in the Winter

Learn about the different ways animals in South Dakota can survive the winter.

What's so Special about Owls?

Students will learn about the owls of South Dakota and their adaptations for survival. They will have hands-on exploration while dissecting an owl pellet and determine what was for lunch!

Mystery Tree Challenge

Students will be introduced to basic terms of tree identification and then be challenged to identify a sample using a classification system reviewing the terms.

Native American Games

The values held by many of the Native American cultures fostered through old tribal games are still very important today. Activities that encourage problem solving, estimation, eye-hand coordination and the like can teach respect, courage, humility and persistence, bringing out the best in your students and their abilities to work together.

Preschool, Elementary & Middle School Programs - In Person



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All Classes will be 1 hour

Archery

We will learn about safety, equipment, and how to hunt ethically with a bow. Try your skills with our 3-D targets.

Orienteering

Students will be challenged on the orienteering course to find control points while orienting themselves with the landmarks around them and a map.

Fishing/Ice Fishing

An overview of fishing equipment and safety, casting techniques, fish id, and how to bait your own hook will be covered before heading to the pond to test your skills.

Nature Hike

A naturalist will lead you on a hike of our trails to observe the seasonal changes. Look for signs of active wildlife by the tracks and traces they leave behind.

2020-2021 High School Programs



**ALL High School Programs are
1 Hour & In-Person at The Outdoor Campus.
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derek.klawitter@state.sd.us or 605.362.2732**

Fishing Basics

Get an introduction to fishing equipment, casting skills, fish species, knots, and more, then go fishing at our pond.

Fish Cleaning/Anatomy

Come learn about fish inside and out. We will go over a couple methods on how to prepare them for the frying pan, but also learn about some basic fish anatomy as well.

Fly Fishing

Practice fly fishing at the Outdoor Campus and soon you will master the art of fly casting. We will also discuss flies, equipment, clothing, knots, and fly-fishing strategies.

Archery/Bow hunting

Join us as we learn all about the fascinating sport of archery and bow hunting. We will learn all about the fundamentals including safety, equipment and ethics with archery equipment. We will try your skills with 3D targets on our range.

BB Guns Basics/Safety

Join us as we learn basic safety, shooting positions and techniques used while shooting and hunting. Improve your accuracy with tips and tricks on how to improve you aim in a safe environment.

Trapping 101

Come learn all the basics of trapping. We will cover go over species to trap, trap location, types of traps, etc. Come learn a fun and potentially profitable hobby.

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Kayak and Canoeing

Learn basic safety and paddling strokes, and then practice your new skills on our pond in canoes and kayaks. Wear sandals or shoes that can get wet.

Orienteering/Map and Compass

Learn the basics on how to read a map and use a compass. We will learn about all of the parts and tips and tricks to be able to navigate in the backcountry hunting, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.

GPS

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how to use them while in the outdoors or out hunting or fishing. Get outdoors and use a GPS receiver to navigate several GPS courses!

Ice Fishing

Learn the basics of what it takes to ice fish in SD and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety, and ethics before heading out to the pond and dropping a line. **Bring warm winter clothes.**

Snow Shoeing

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.

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. Must have at least 4" of good snow to ski.

Critter Crates



THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS CRITTER CRATE USE POLICY

“Teacher Resources & Critter Crates.”

CRITTER CRATES AND ACTIVITY CRATES

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| ___ Bat Crate | ___ Fishing Crate |
| ___ Binocular Crate | ___ GPS Crate (2 available) |
| ___ Camera Crate | ___ Snowshoe Crate (5 available) |
| ___ Mammal Crate (3 available) | ___ Track Sack |
| ___ Ice Fishing Crate | ___ Tree Trunk |

Requires a \$75 check or money order reservation deposit to
The Outdoor Campus

Deposit check will be shredded, or returned upon request, when
crate is returned with all contents in good condition.

Reserve early. Spring and fall months are heavily booked.

Any GFP employee can use a crate without paying the deposit.

SNOWSHOE CRATES*

(*Must have 3 inches of snow on the ground before release)

2 Group Crates of 17 pairs each

3 Family Crates of 8 pairs each

Must be picked up, not mailed

Reserved by any adult for a period of one week

\$75 deposit before the crate will be released

If you would like to see the inventory sheet for any of the crates
listed above, call 362-2777 or email toc@state.sd.us. We will be
glad to send what you need or to answer any questions about Critter
Crate contents or use.

Project Wild

This workshop will train participants to use Project Wild and Growing Up Wild curriculums. This class qualifies participants to receive resource guides and materials. These are nature-based programs that relate to South Dakota Content Standards requirements. The workshop includes classroom instruction, an opportunity to practice activities, and engage in outdoor field experience. South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks will provide the resources for Project Wild and are funded through hunting and fishing license fees. For more information contact: Sandy Richter at Sandy.Richter@state.sd.us



HuntSafe Instructor

This workshop will train participants in how to run a HuntSafe class at their school. HuntSafe is the only firearms safety course recognized in the State of South Dakota to fulfill the requirement in law for young hunters (ages 12 and up) to obtain a hunting license. For more information contact Pat Klotzbach at Patrick.Klotzbach@state.sd.us



NASP

This work shop will train participants to run their own NASP program at their school. NASP stands for National Archery in the Schools Program and is the largest youth archery program in history. If you are interested in this workshop contact Pat Klotzbach at Patrick.Klotzbach@state.sd.us



**These workshops can be eligible for Continuing Ed Credits,
Undergraduate Credit, or Graduate Credit**

Be a Volunteer!



Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and other's awareness of South Dakota's great outdoors!

Examples include:

- Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, archery, etc.)
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Special Events
- Front Desk Duty



How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.
www.outdoorcampus.org
- 2) The volunteer coordinator will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.
- 3) Once your interview is completed and a background check is completed, the volunteer coordinator will schedule an orientation to get you more familiar with The Outdoor Campus and what you'll be doing here!
- 4) Finally, after the orientation, you'll be ready to start volunteering! You will be able to sign up online for whatever available programs you choose.

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Find our website outdoorcampus.org

About The Outdoor Campus



MISSION STATEMENT

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks provides sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship and safely connecting people with the outdoors.

Founded by GFP in 1997



How are these classes FREE?

Our funding comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in South Dakota. If you like our classes thank a hunter or an angler.

How can we support The Outdoor Campus?

Buy a hunting and fishing license in South Dakota. Nationwide the sale of licenses are declining rapidly as we lose the Baby Boomer Generation. They were the last large group of hunters and anglers. We need to replace the funds they put toward habitat, wildlife management, conservation, recreation and education. Every single license you buy in your family helps fisheries, pheasant habitat and so much more—including The Outdoor Campus.

Do you get any other funds?

We do receive some funding from a Federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment sales. A small portion of each fishing pole or shotgun you buy can go toward hunting and fishing programs here.