



The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls



The Outdoor Campus 2020 | Fall Program Guide

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Hello, Fall!



Dear Friends—

The Fall of 2020 looks very different from the start of last fall for many of us. For others, not much has changed. We are learning to adapt to what seems to be constant change in the ways we go to school, shop, socialize and work. The Outdoor Campus has not been exempt from this but we are diligently working on a Plan A, B and C, like so many of you.

The safety and well-being of our guests, participants and staff are our top priority. That being said, you will notice that class sizes will be smaller and classroom space larger, temperature checks and routine equipment sanitation will be done for every program. Masks will not be required but will be encouraged and will be worn by staff if it is not possible for us to social distance. We will be offering and experimenting with a variety of programming styles including Facebook videos, Zoom and self-led options. Be sure to check our social media outlets to stay up to date on how fall will develop.

Please remember to be kind and patient with everyone you meet, we are all handling change differently.

Kindest regards,

Sandy,

Community Program Coordinator

Special Considerations because of COVID-19:

Due to the variability caused by COVID-19, Outdoor Campus participants should be aware that the Campus reserves the right to cancel classes for any reason as related to COVID-19. The Outdoor Campus strives to offer quality programming that is safe, so we will take precautions as needed based on SD GFP and CDC direction.

REGISTRATION & Information

FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Online at outdoorcampus.org
2. In person at The Outdoor Campus.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

COST

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

PRE-REGISTRATION

Preregistration is required of all classes and programs unless noted.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver is available on our registration site or in person at The Outdoor Campus.

CANCELLATIONS

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Our waiting list automatically fills from your cancellation.

WAITING LISTS

Do not be afraid to sign up on our waiting lists. People often cancel and if you're on the list your name will automatically move into the class and you will be notified by email.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling. ****WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY****

OUR HOURS

The Outdoor Campus is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are closed on Sundays, State and Federal holidays. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds for the most updated information.

NOTE TO PARENTS

When dropping off your children for our programs, please remember that you must come into the building to retrieve them at the end of class. Please know that your child's safety is our greatest priority. Thank you!

Adult Only Programs



Shotgunning Basics

This class will give you hands-on learning in a safe environment with skilled instructors. This will be an excellent class for beginners for those who need a refresher or a little extra help. All equipment will be provided. Shot Gunning Basics will be held at the Crooks Gun Club.

Location: Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Age: Adults, 18 and up

Class size: 5

Class Date: Tuesday, October 27, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All Ages/Family Programs



Archery Basics

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction and proper stance will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range.

Age: Family, ages 5 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Thursday, September 10, 6 to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Paddling

Learn the difference between canoes and kayaks and the paddles that go with them. We will discuss and practice water safety, paddling strokes, how to get in and out and enjoy the great outdoors. Wear shoes that can get wet!

Age: All ages, recommended 5 and up for canoes and 8 and up for kayaks

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, September 12, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 6 to 7 p.m.

Family Fishing

We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment and do some practice casting. Down at the pond, we will put our new skills to use and, with a little luck, bring in a big one!

Age: Family program, ages 3 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, September 19, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 6 to 7 p.m.

Family Trapping 101

Come and learn about trapping in this comprehensive and hands on learning adventure. We will discuss popular fur bearers in South Dakota, their habits and habitats, and how to be successful at trapping them. We will take our new knowledge outside to look at sign and make some real sets. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Age: Family, recommended 5 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, September 19, 10 to 11 a.m.

Wetland Ecology

Interested in Fly Fishing? Curious about the tiny creatures that live in the water? This class will help you collect and identify the macro-invertebrates (critter without backbones) that call our pond home, helping you pick the perfect fly for fishing and judge the health of the water!

Age: all ages, youth 5 and up with adult

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, September 26, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Family Programs



Pheasant Hunting Basics

A South Dakota hunting tradition, pheasant hunting is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the fall! Learn about pheasants and hunting safety with hands on activities.

Age: all ages, recommended ages 8 and up

Class size: 15

Class Date: Saturday, September 26, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Outdoor Survival

Learn what basic supplies you should have with you and how to use them in case of an emergency in the outdoors. This class will provide crucial information with lots of hands on activities.

Age: Family, recommended ages 12 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Thursday, September 29, 6 to 7p.m.

Waterfowl Hunting Basics

Waterfowl hunting is scouting, waking up early, setting up decoys, learning the right calls for the right birds, laying in a blind, standing in the reeds or sitting in a boat, cold ... or hot ... and wet. In short, it's hard work! But it is also a ton of FUN and a successful hunt or even unsuccessful hunt will leave you with lots of memories and satisfaction. This class will touch upon the basics and help get you started in the right direction.

Age: All Ages, recommended 8 and up

Class size: 15

Class Date: Saturday, October 3, 10 to 11 a.m.

BB Gun Target Shooting

Firearm safety, eye dominance, stance style and other great tips and tricks for successful shot placement are the goal of this program. All equipment will be provided.

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Saturdays October 10 and 17, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Explore Bow Hunting

Learn the skills to become a successful bow hunter through a variety of hands on activities that will teach you about hunter ethics, shot placement and technique.

Age: All Ages, recommended 8 and up

Class size: 15

Class Date: Tuesday October 13, 6 to 7 p.m.

Owl tell you all about it

Meet Ace and Mr. Lincoln. These two special feathered guests will help us have a fun, hands-on learning experience about owls and their adaptations.

Age: Family, recommended 5 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, October 17 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Fall Nature Haiku Hike

Explore our trails with our naturalists as they feature some of their favorite places in our park. Learn how to write a haiku, a type of Japanese poetry, to express your hiking experience!

Age: Family, ages 8 and up

Class size: 10

Dates: Saturday, November 14, 10 to 11 a.m.

Citizen Science



Project Feeder Watch

The Outdoor Campus has participated in Project Feeder Watch for over 10 years. Project Feeder Watch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas and other locales in North America. Anyone can do it! Learn about backyard bird identification and how to get started with the University of Cornell project. Family program. Each family will leave with a bird feeder and bag of bird seed.

Age: All ages, recommended 5 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Saturdays, October 3 OR 17, 3 to 4 p.m.

ZOOM Programs



In an effort to stay connected with our participants we will be offering some ZOOM programming. Details are still in the works but we are excited and are looking forward to the Bats program on September 24!

ZOOM - Bats in South Dakota

Bats are so much more than a Fall decoration. In fact, did you know South Dakota has 13 different species of bats that eat 1000s of insects each night? Wildlife Biologist, Silka Kempema, will tell us about South Dakota bat biology and habitat needs. We will discuss and showcase different activities and resources about bats.

***We also will have a bat house giveaway – recipients must be able to come to The Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls to pick up the bat house within a week of being notified.

Age: All ages, recommended for ages 5 and up

Date: Thursday, September 24, 4 to 5 p.m.

Email Sandy Richter at sandy.richter@state.sd.us to receive the Member ID and Passcode.

Watch our Facebook page for more upcoming
ZOOM Programs!

Self-Led & Information Stations



Be sure to check the front and back door areas of The Outdoor Campus building. There are brochure racks with GFP hunting and fishing information and handbooks in the front, scavenger hunt sheets and orienteering maps at the back door to guide you on the trails. We will rotate the activities throughout the fall.



FIELD DAY ONLY

After completing your online HuntSAFE course you may want or need some hands-on experience. That's what this Field Day will do for you or your child. Participants will gain hands on experience and knowledge of handling fire arms when getting in and out of a vehicle, crossing fences and walking in the field. They will learn how to safely load and unload a shotgun. Participants will also be given the opportunity to shoot at clay pigeons and hone in on their aiming skills. This class will meet at The Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Participants **MUST** complete the online HuntSAFE course at

hunter-ed.com/southdakota

and be registered for the field day at

<https://gfpga.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/ClassList.aspx>

in order to attend.

Class Date:

Tuesday, September 22, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Location: Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

For more information on Hunter Education in South Dakota go to gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/

Find Us Online



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Twitter @outdoorcampusSF



Instagram @outdoorcampus_siouxfalls



Find our website outdoorcampus.org

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, 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) Alex, our volunteer coordinator, will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.

3) Once your interview and background check are completed, Alex 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.



Our volunteers are the best!

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.