



# OUTDOOR CAMPUS

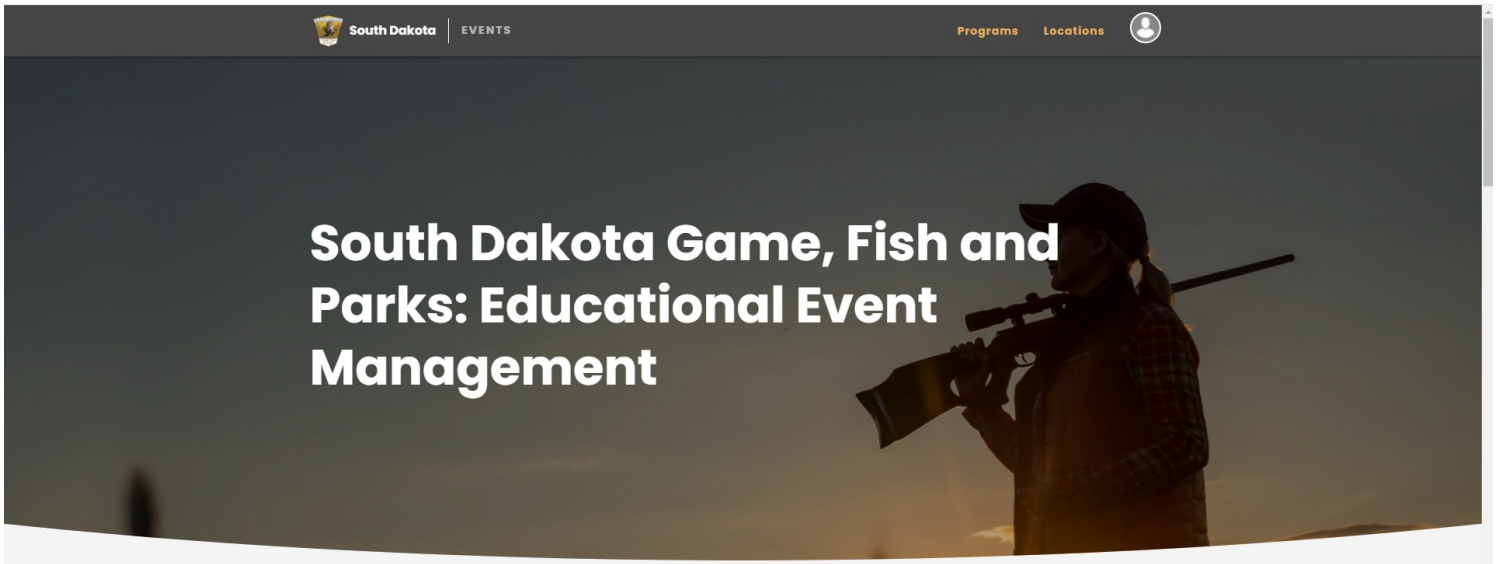
— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



## 2021 | Fall Program Guide

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[gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)

# New Registration System!



## Welcome to our new program registration site!

We are excited to work with this new system, Kalkomey, and want to help you navigate through! We also have help from Kalkomey's customer service department!

Monday through Friday, 9a.m. to 12 a.m.

1.800.684.9541 - [support@southdakota.kalkomey.com](mailto:support@southdakota.kalkomey.com)

### New Vocabulary :

**Kalkomey**—the name of the company that has created our new registration page.

**Program** – the collective group name for specific types of events, for example – Learn to Hunt, Learn to Fish, Outdoor Skills

**Event** – the name of individual classes offered at a location

**Linked Account** – the tab used to add additional family members to your account

### Search for events in your area under these program titles

☀ Learn to Hunt

☀ Shooting Sports

☀ Learn to Fish

☀ Outdoor Skills

☀ Conservation

☀ National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

☀ Learn to Trap

☀ Fish SD

☀ Project Wild

☀ Project Learning Tree



# REGISTRATION & Information

## **FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS**

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021

## **TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES**

Go to our website at: [gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)

## **COST**

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

## **PRE-REGISTRATION**

Pre-registration is required of all events (classes) 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**

Open: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

# Learn to Hunt



## 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, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Class Date:** Saturday, September 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## The Art of Falconry

Learn about birds of prey (hawks, eagles, falcons, etc.) and the art of using them as hunting partners presented by Gabrielle Olson, Falconer and Outdoor Campus Volunteer.

**\* Please do not wear anything that is or resembles animal fur.**

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 25

**Date:** Saturday, September 25, 1 to 3 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, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Class Date:** Saturday, October 16, 1 to 2:30p.m.

## Cooking with Wild Game

### Home Grown Sioux Empire & Outdoor Campus Series

The October Home Grown Sioux Empire and Outdoor Campus Series program will be Cooking with Wild Game. This hands-on program will give participants the opportunity to try a variety of wild game prepared using different cooking techniques and other tips and tricks.

**Age:** All ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 25

**Date:** Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## Deer Hunting—Mentor and Apprentice Hunting

Learn about deer biology and management, along with equipment and advice to have a successful hunt. In addition, we will have a focus on the mentor and apprentice hunting rules and opportunities for youth and new hunters.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Saturday, October 8, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m.

## Immunity through Food—Bone Broth

### Home Grown Sioux Empire & Outdoor Campus Series

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**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## Shooting Sports



### BB Guns

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

**Age:** All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, September 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

### Shot Gun Basics (off site program)

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 Gun Basics will be held at the Crooks Gun Club.

**Location:** Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

**Age:** Adults, 18 and up

**Class size:** 5

**Class Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### Archery Basics

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

**Age:** Family, ages 5 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, October 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Fishing with the Littles**

Fishing time is family time!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents and baby sitters with younger kids with shorter attention spans. We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone!

**Age:** recommended 3 to 5, with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Thursday, September 2, 16, or 30, 10 to 11 a.m.

## **Fishing**

We'll start with a basic introduction, including what equipment you will need, along with 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:** All ages, recommended 5 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, September 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Catch it, Clean it, Cook it!**

We'll start with a basic introduction, along with equipment needed, 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:** All ages, recommended 5 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Thursday, September 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

## **Could you help us out?**

**When you take a fishing class with us this fall, please complete this survey.**

**Thank you!**

**SURVEY LINK  
FISHING CLASSES**



**<https://bit.ly/3wjRn6l>**



## Fly Fishing Series (3 nights)

Our friends from Dakota Trout Unlimited will be leading us through the art and finesse of fly fishing in this 3 night series.

We hope to get you hooked on fly fishing!

**Age:** All Ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Wednesdays, October 13, 20 and 27, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## Fly Tying Series (2 nights)

Discover the art of fly tying with two nights of tying led by Dakota Trout Unlimited.

This series will introduce you to the tools and materials needed, while walking you step by step through the process of creating your own flies!

All materials will be supplied.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Wednesday, November 10 and 17, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



## Locating Fish! Any Fish...on Any Water

Guest Speaker, Ted Ellenbecker, multi species angler and multiple world record holder, will guide you through *Fish Structure*, helping you understand what works and why other structure don't.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 70

**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 1 to 2 p.m.

# Outdoor Skills



## 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 & 8 and up for kayaks, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Thursday, September 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m.,

Saturday, September 25, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 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, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, October 30, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

## Listening to the Birds

Birds communicate through sound and song. Along with bird shape, size and color; birdwatchers can identify birds by sound! This class will focus on local bird song / sound identity using field guides and phone applications to help you enjoy and understand the sounds around you.

**Age:** All ages, recommended ages 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size** 20

**Date:** Saturday, October 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## Bird Watching with 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.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 4 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, October 2, 1 to 2:30 p.m.,  
Thursdays, October 7 OR 21, 10 to 11:30p.m.



## Raptor Rhapsody

Raptors, AKA birds of prey, are fascinating birds! Meet live raptors, Ace the Kestrel and Ollie the Eastern Screech Owl, while learning about some of their special adaptations, including casting pellets and silent flight.

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**Class size:** 20

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# Learn to Trap



## 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.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 12

**Date:** Saturday, October 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m.



# Locating Fish! Any Fish/Any Water!

## Guest Speaker: Ted Ellenbecker



## “WHERE ARE THE FISH?!?”

...Heard that one before?

The Outdoor Campus is thrilled to have special guest speaker,

**Ted Ellenbecker,**

multi-species angler, multiple world record holder, nationally renowned speaker and developer of “The Theory Of Three,”



will guide you through *Fish Structure*, helping you understand what works and why other structure don't. Ted will tell you where the best spots to look for fish are throughout the year— even when ice fishing!

**Age:** All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 70

**Date:** Saturday, November 13, 1 to 2 p.m.



# Home Grown Sioux Empire & Outdoor Campus Monthly Series



## September—Seed Saving

Fall is the time for harvest, not only fruits and veggies but also seeds!

This hands-on program will give participants the opportunity to collect a variety of seeds from our butterfly garden.

**Age:** All ages, youth with an adult

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**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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# 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 (not required)

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 259<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

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

[hunter-ed.com/southdakota](https://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:

Thursday, August 19, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, August 26, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 16, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 23, 6 to 8 p.m.



**Location:** Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

For more information on Hunter Education in South Dakota go to

[gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/](https://gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/)

## Find Us Online



**Facebook @outdoorcampusSF**



**Twitter @outdoorcampusSF**



**Instagram @outdoorcampus\_siouxfalls**



**Find our website [gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](https://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)**



# 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.

## How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. [gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)
- 2) 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, Paige 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!**



## 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.