



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2025 | **FALL Community Program Guide**

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gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

REGISTRATION & Information



To Create an Account

1.) Go to our registration link

<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/> and click through the steps that the Go Outdoors System prompts you to complete to set up your account.

2.) Once you have created an account, you should be able to log on to Go Outdoors. If you are not planning to use your account to register anyone else up (such as your child), then you are now complete and ready to sign up for classes that are posted or future ones that will be posted.

3.) ***If you are a parent or caregiver*** - There is an additional step needed to register for programming for your student. Each student will need an account. There are two options for creating your student an account:

- If your student has an email address or you would like to get your student an email address, follow the same process you did for yourself to set up an account but do so for each of your students.
- If your child does not have an email address and you do not desire them to obtain one at this point, you will need to visit the Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls or give us a call at 605-362-2777 so we can create your child an account that does not have an email address connected to it. You can also call 1-800-238-4168 number and a Go Outdoors employee can help.



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TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/>

FALL REGISTRATION:

AUGUST 13, 8 A.M.

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.

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.

****WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY****

HOURS

Open: Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. &
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

Find Us Online



 **Facebook**
outdoorcampusSF

 **Instagram**
@outdoorcampus_siouxfalls

 **Find our website**
gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

September Programming



Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

September's hike will focus on the Monarch butterfly's habitat and migration while exploring the trails. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, September 4, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Event ID: 233489

Introduction to Reloading Firearm Ammunition

Explore the benefits of reloading your own ammunition including customizing your own loads for specific firearms and the satisfaction of being more involved in the shooting process! This class will provide an overview of hand loading, discuss safety, equipment needed, and provide a demonstration of the steps to create a hand loaded round.

Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size:** 10

Date: Thursday, September 4, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Event ID: 233490

Fly Fishing

Fly Fishing is not like regular fishing! We'll start with a basic introduction comparing casting / spinning rods to fly rods then learn the finesse of presenting a fly and how to land a fish.

Age: Adult only, 16 and up **Class size:** 10

Date: Saturday, September 6, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Event ID: 233491

Intro to Deer Hunting

Participants will learn the basics of deer hunting from our experienced staff focusing on safety, deer biology, ethical shots, blood trails and processing the meat.

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

Class size: 20

Class Date: Saturday, September 6, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233492

September Programming



Wild Game Cooking—Venison Ribs

Do you keep the ribs when breaking down your harvested deer? Most people don't or add the meat to their trim meat. The goal of this class is to help participants gain confidence through hands-on experience trimming, cleaning and prepping a rack of venison ribs. The class will commence by enjoying a tasty sample of prepared venison ribs.

Age: recommended age 8 and up **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2:30 to 3:30p.m.

Event ID: 233494

Orienteering 2.0

We are taking our orienteering class to the next level. After mastering orienting yourself to your landmarks and map, it's time to take orienteering to the next level. This class will teach you how to read a compass and record your bearings as well as how to measure your pace.

Age: 12 and up **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, September 13, 10:00 to Noon

Event ID: 233495

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 years old, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Tuesday, September 16 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Event ID: 233496

Keep your eyes open for pop-up classes!

New classes added throughout the fall.

featured on our Facebook page and registration site.

September Programming



Fly-Tying Club—Ladies Only

A beginner level of classes to introduce women into fly tying world. This group will start by meeting once a month learning about fly-tying equipment and techniques with a different fly featured each month. The hope is to create, encourage, connect and support women and fly fishing .

Age: adults, 16 and up

Class size: 5

Date: Thursday, September 18, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233497

Intro to Firearms

An introduction to firearms for youth and adult beginners, this class will familiarize participants with safe firearm use and handling skills. Led by Hunter Cole, HuntSafe instructor, former police officer and firearm enthusiast, this class will discuss the three main types of firearms: rifles, shotguns and handguns along with the different types of actions, ammunition, chokes and much more. This program will be informational, so bring your questions!

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size:10

Date: Saturday, September 20, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Event ID: 233498

Family Fishing

Fall time is fishing time. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need, practice knot tying and 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, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, September 20, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Event ID: 233499

Wild Game Cooking - Tastes of Fall

A little bit of everything fall will be offered in this hands-on wild game cooking class. We will try out wild game recipes combined with harvested fall fruits and vegetables. Weather dependent, this class will be an outdoor cooking class as well. Please dress for the weather.

Age: Adult only

Class size: 15

Date: Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

Event ID: 233500

Bird Banding @ Good Earth State Park

Monitoring the health and variety of songbird species is just one of the many important projects for our GFP biologists and volunteers. Throughout the spring and fall, biologists can be found at specific sites collecting this valuable data. Join us



at Good Earth State Park to observe and learn about the bird banding process and what that information is used for.

**Program is weather dependent.*

**Participants will meet at the park and will need to have a park entrance sticker.*

** There will be short walk to the banding location site, please wear appropriate foot ware.*

** Seating will not be provided, feel free to bring a lawn chair.*

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 10

Date: Thursday, September 25, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR Tuesday, September 30, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

Event ID: 233501 or 233502

Firearms Cleaning/Maintenance

Learning how to properly care for and maintain firearms will be the focus in this class. Class will include lecture and hands-on portions with explanations on cleaning rifles and smooth bored firearms.

Age: 12 and up **Class size:** 5

Date: Thursday, September 25, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233503

September Programming



Rabbit Hunting

Cottontail rabbit hunting is a great way to enjoy a brisk fall day. This class will go over the basics of rabbit hunting, cleaning and preparing.

Age: All ages, recommended 8 and up **Class size:** 20

Date: Saturday, September 27, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

Event ID: 233504

Paddling—Canoes and Kayaks

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 team building. Wear shoes that can get wet.

Age: all ages, must be 8 years or older for kayaking **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, September 27, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233505

October Programming



Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

October's hike will focus on South Dakota's frogs and toads! Learning about their habitat and plans for the winter while exploring the trails, This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, October 2, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Event ID: 233506

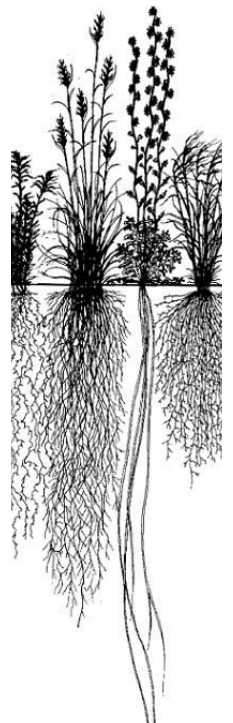
Our Living Prairie with Jeff Zimprich

The prairie is alive!!! We are thrilled to host Jeff Zimprich, from Pasque Hill on Beaver Creek. Mr. Zimprich will have participants of all ages engulfed in fascination as they learn about how the soil is alive, the importance of grasslands, and prairie plant root systems through a variety of hands-on activities to keep everyone engaged. The class will wrap up with a hike exploring the Outdoor Campus prairie while learning about the animal diversity that call the prairie habitat home.

Age: 12 and up **Class size:** 20

Date: Friday, October 3, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

Event ID: 233507



Wild Game Cooking—Tastes of India

In this Wild Game Cooking Class where we dive into bold and authentic flavors of India with a wild twist! We will create rich curries, explore aromatic spice profiles, and get hands-on experience preparing a delicious appetizer, all while using wild game meats. Perfect for all food lovers and especially those looking to expand their wild game cooking into Indian cuisine.

Age: recommended 12 and up

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, October 4, 10:30 to 12:00p.m.

Event ID: 233508

Intro to Pheasant Hunting

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: 20

Class Date: Saturday, October 4, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233509

Family Fishing

We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need, practice knot tying and 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, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, October 4, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Event ID: 233510



Introduction to Bow Hunting

If you have taken The Outdoor Campus's Intro to Archery class and are curious and ready to take your archery skills to the next level, you won't want to miss this program!

Led by the South Dakota Bowhunter's Association, this class will just be the beginning of a series of programs to introduce you to the world of bow hunting in South Dakota discussing equipment, gear, safety, where to hunt, licensing, along with the entry level hunting knowledge to create a solid foundation to build a skilled archery hunter.

Age: 12 and up

Class size: 50

Date: Thursday, October 9, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Event ID: 233511



Meet the Instructors:

Philip Lentz

Philip is the current Secretary/board member of The South Dakota Bow Hunters Association. He grew up hunting in Minnesota, moving to South Dakota after college 26 years ago. He has been a hunter his whole life but only bow hunting for 6 years. His family has a passion for anything outdoors, and considers himself fortunate to share this passion with his teenage son. He says, "We have an addiction to the chase, and the adventure it creates." Blessed to be married to my wife for 22 years.

Justin Broughton

Justin is blessed to be a lifelong bowhunter of nearly 40 years. He's had the privilege of bowhunting all across North America harvesting multiple species of big game with my compound bow and traditional longbow. He is originally from Corsica, South Dakota and has lived in Sioux Falls for the past 25 years with his better half, Bonnie. Together they have 5 adult children, 2 of whom are also bowhunters. Justin is the former National Youth Coordinator for the Pope and Young Club and has been proud to serve as the President of the South Dakota Bowhunters Association for the past 3 years.

October Programming



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Age: recommended 3 to 5 years old, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Event ID: 233512

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Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size:** 5

Date: Thursday, October 30, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233513

November Programming



How to Become a Citizen Scientist

Learn the value of Citizen Science! Learn what citizen scientists do, how you can get involved and the technology resources available. We will feature a few of our favorite mobile apps that help with identification and documentation of the pollinators but also wildlife and plants. You are encouraged to bring your own mobile device. The class will have both inside and outdoor features, prepare for the weather accordingly.

Age: all ages, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, November 1, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Event ID: 233515

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 using 3-D targets.

Age: recommended 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 25

Date: Saturday, November 1, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233516

Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

November's hike will focus on South Dakota's ducks and geese. Learning about their habitat and migration while exploring the trails, This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult **Class size:** 15

Date: Thursday, November 6, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Event ID: 233517

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 259th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Age: Adults, 18 and up **Class size:** 10

Class Date: Saturday, November 8, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Event ID: 233518

Intro to Waterfowl Hunting

Learn the first steps to getting acquainted with duck and goose hunting in this hands-on camp. Proper calling, decoy and blind set up along with bird identification will be just a few of the topics participants will grasp.

Age: recommended ages 8 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 20

Class Date: Saturday, November 8, 1:00 to 2:00p.m.

Event ID: 233519

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Age: adults, 16 and up **Class size:** 5

Date: Thursday, November 13, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Event ID: 233514

HuntSAFE Classes

SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

HUNTSAFE



HUNTER SAFETY AND FIREARM EDUCATION

HUNTSAFE FIELD DAYS

April 19

May 17

June 7

June 28

July 12

July 26

August 9

August 23

September 6

September 20

October 4



Field Days require that participants have completed and passed the Huntsafe online course

SIGN UP



What ages can attend the HuntSAFE classes?

South Dakota's HuntSAFE (*Safety And Firearms Education*) courses are designed for persons age 12 through 15.

Persons who are 11 may participate, but will not be issued a Hunter Safety certification card until they turn 12, unless the card is clearly marked that the card is not valid in South Dakota until their 12th birthday.

HUNTSAFE TRADITIONAL COURSES TRADITIONAL HUNT SAFE WITH A LIVE FIRE DAY

APRIL 15, 17, 19

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

MAY 13, 15, 17

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

JUNE 3, 5, 7

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

JUNE 24, 26, 28

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

JULY 8, 10, 12

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

JULY 22, 24, 26

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

AUGUST 5, 7, 9

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

AUGUST 19, 21, 23

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

SEPTEMBER 2, 4, 6

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

SEPTEMBER 16, 18, 20

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 2, 4

Outdoor Campus and Crooks Gun Club

If a student's 12th birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, they may be issued a card and be eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year.

Adults are welcome and invited to attend.

Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?

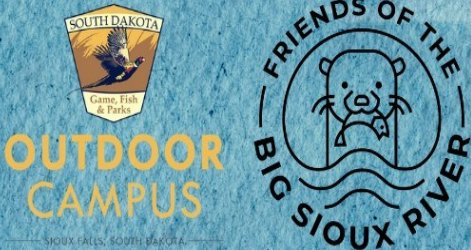
<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/>

CONTACT JASON NELSON
FOR MORE DETAILS

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605-940-8486

BIG SIOUX 2025 FLY FISHING CLUB

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



THIS CLUB IS FOR ANYONE WHO
WANTS TO LEARN ABOUT OR SHARE
THEIR PASSION FOR FLY FISHING

WE ALSO WANT TO MAKE FLY FISHING
FUN AND APPROACHABLE

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ALL ARE WELCOME



LOCAL
FISHING
TRIPS
EACH
MONTH





ADULT PHEASANT HUNT

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 – 5, 2025
DAKOTA HOTSPOT LODGE | KENNEBEC, SD



APPLY BY SEPT 1
Contact: Travis March
Wildlife Conservation Officer
Office: 605.730.1573
travis.march@state.sd.us

This is a free event open to individuals at least 18 years of age who are interested in hunting and the outdoors. Preference is given to those with little-to-no hunting experience. Small game licenses will NOT be provided.

MANDATORY HUNT ORIENTATION

Dakota Hotspot Lodge | Kennebec, SD
Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m.

All participants selected to attend this hunt will be required to attend a “pre-hunt” orientation meeting and clinic. All meals, shotguns/ammo, hunter orange, and lodging are provided.

PHEASANT HUNT

Dakota Hotspot Lodge | Kennebec, SD
Saturday and Sunday, October 4 - 5

Hunters can expect to learn firearm safety, hunting ethics, how to improve shooting skills, basic first aid, how to properly field dress birds, and basic cooking skills.

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Keep your eyes open for pop-up classes!
New classes added throughout the fall..
featured on our Facebook page and registration site.

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/
- 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!

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.