



OUTDOOR Campus



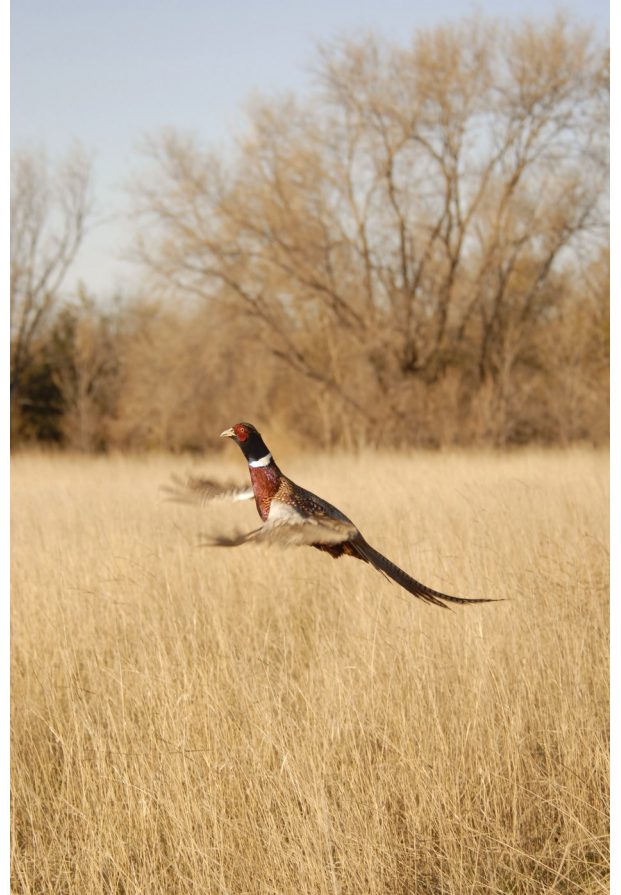
2019 | The Outdoor Campus Fall Program Guide

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SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS
PHEASANT HUNTING
100
YEARS



Upcoming Deadlines:

Fall Registration:
August 21, 7 a.m.

Winter booklets
available: November
13

Winter registration:
November 20

Spring booklets
available: Feb. 5

Spring registration:
Feb. 13

Save the Date:

- Pollinator Celebration and Monarch Tagging—Good Earth State Park, August 31
- Homesteader Day Celebration, Beaver Creek Nature Area, September 8
- 54th Annual Buffalo Roundup, Custer State Park, September 27
- Trick or Treat Trails, Big Sioux Recreation Area, October 26

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

We are NOT a peanut-free facility.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS
at 7 a.m. on August 21, 2019

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. and Sundays (April 1 to November 1) 1 to 4 p.m. We are closed on 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 PROGRAM



Dutch Oven Wild Game Cooking

This class will explore the world of cooking in a camp fire Dutch oven while enjoying some of our favorite wild game recipes.

Class Date:

Saturday, October 12, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Fly Fishing 2-Part Series

Fly fishing instruction from our friends from Trout Unlimited. This beginner series will make you comfortable with the equipment and casting technique you need for a great day in the outdoors. Class size is limited, so please, make sure you are able to commit to both days. All equipment will be provided.

Age: Adults; 16 and up **Class Dates:** Wednesday, October 2 & 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

Fly Tying

Fly-tying There is a certain satisfaction in catching a fish on a fly you made. This class will show you the ins and outs of fly-tying equipment, along with hands-on instruction making a few flies of your own! Thank you to Trout Unlimited for leading this session!

Age: Adults; 16 and up **Class Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 6 to 8 p.m.

FAMILY PROGRAMS



Family Fishing

We'll start with a basic introduction, including what equipment you need, and 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: Family program, Ages 3 and up

Class Date:

Saturday, September 14, 12:30 to 2 p.m. OR 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Archery Basics

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

Age: Family program, Ages 5 and up

Class Date:

Saturday, September 21, 12:30 to 2 p.m. OR 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Dog Food Nutrition 101

Tired of getting dizzy looking at the different dog food options in the store? Do you wonder what is the difference between the wide varieties of dog food brands? This class will help you decide what the best options are for your dog to keep them at their best in the field with you, or while relaxing at home. Bring your dog's dog food bag with you to this class and learn how to read the label. This class is taught by Lisha Fish, RVT at All City Pet Care East.

Age: Family program, Ages 12 and up

Class Date:

Saturday, October 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Owl Tell You 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. Pick ONE time.

Age: Family program, recommended age 5 and up

Class Date:

Saturday, October 19, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Fall Nature Haiku Hike

Explore our trails with our naturalists as they feature of their favorite places in our park. Learn how to write haiku, a type of Japanese poetry, to express your hiking experience. This class is for families, recommended for kids 8/up.

Class date (pick ONE)

Saturday, October 5, 9 to 10 a.m. OR Saturday, November 16, 9 to 10 a.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. This class is for families, recommended ages 12/up.

Class date:

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Family Trapping 101

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

(Please pick one time)

Age: Family, recommended 5 and up

Date: Saturday, October 19, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

How To Build a Bat House

Learn how to build a simple bat house to take home with you! One bat can eat hundreds of insects a night! Help keep bats in your area with a place for them to roost! All materials will be provided. \$5 suggested donation to help cover the costs of supplies

Age: Family, ages 8 and up

Date: Saturday, September 21 1:30 to 3:30p.m.

SPROUTS - FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND ADULT PARTNERS



Sprouts are a program designed for preschoolers and their adult family partner. The goal of the program is to introduce families with 3 and 4 year olds to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.

Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

D is for Dragonflies—Dragonflies live part of their life in the water and part of their life on land. They can also fly up, down, backwards and forward! Learn more fun facts about these winged beauties.

Class date:

Wednesday, September 18, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

E is for Eagles—Bald Eagles are amazing birds with a great story to tell. This class will talk about what makes them so great.

Class date:

Saturday, October 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m.; OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, October 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

F is for Fox—Being a foxy fox is pretty fantastic. Learn about the different foxes that live in South Dakota.

Class date:

Saturday, November 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

YOUNG NATURALIST PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.

Age: 5-7 years. *Parents may stay or go during these programs. Dress for the weather.*

Spider Web Wonders

Spiders may not be everyone's favorite critter, but they are very beneficial. We will learn about some of our local spider friends.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, September 14, 1 to 1:45 p.m. OR 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Looking at Leaves

This class will work on mastering observation skills by comparing leaves not only from different trees, but also different plants using fun, interactive activities.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, October 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

What's Wild

Learn about the difference between wild and domestic animals that live in our state.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, November 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

JUNIOR NATURALISTS PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach

youth about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities as well as outdoor exploration. *Dress for the weather.*

Seed Travelers

Learn about how the shape and size of a seed can determine how it travels or is dispersed to new areas.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, September 21, 12:30 to 2 p.m. OR 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Autumn Fun

This class will explore the changes of the season from summer to fall and how it affects plants and animals in our area.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, October 5, 12:30 to 2 p.m. OR 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Outdoor Survival

Learn what you would need to survive a night in the woods. This class will go over basic outdoor skills and fire starting, along with fun tips and tricks to help you navigate your way home.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, November 16, 12:30 to 2 p.m. OR 2:30 to 4 p.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.

Class date: Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Fishing at Family Park

Let's do some fishing at Family Park! We'll still talk technique, safety and bring all the equipment you will need. Meet us at Family Park at S. Ellis Road, Sioux Falls, 57107. For Families.

Class date:

September 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Haiku Hike at Family Park

Explore Family Park with our naturalists. Learn to write a haiku, a type of Japanese poetry, to express your hiking experience. For families, ages 8/up

Class date:

Saturday, September 14, 9 to 10 a.m.

HARVEST SD



What is Harvest SD?

Harvest SD is an exciting new high quality experience developed by SD GFP. It is a free, comprehensive outdoor education course for novice hunters and anglers with an emphasis on ethics, stewardship, community and quality local food.

This class is 18+. Don't miss out on this worthwhile endeavor that lasts a lifetime!

To Register Contact | Jason Nelson 605.362.3524

Jason.Nelson@state.sd.us

Info and Ammo

This class covers topics like ethics, safety, laws, where to hunt and some popular tactics. The class culminates in live fire at a local shotgun range. Not only will you have a great beginning knowledge of hunting in South Dakota, but also, you will leave with confidence, knowing you can safely and accurately shoot a shotgun. **This class will meet at Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259th St. , Sioux Falls, SD 57107.**

Class dates: (pick one of the following)

Thursday, September 12, 6 to 8 p.m. OR Thursday, September 26, 6 to 8 p.m.

Hooray for Gourmet!

This class is designed to take the guess work out of what to do with your quarry once it is on the ground. We will discuss game care in the field as well as how to take care of it once you are home. We will clean a variety of wild game and process and preserve the meat in a number of new ways. The grand finale of this class is cooking and enjoying our hard work using some time-tested recipes. Leave the cream of mushroom soup at home. You will gain confidence in field-to-table preparation and fill your stomach. The class will meet at The Outdoor Campus.

Class dates: (pick one of the following)

Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon OR
Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon



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!

Give back to your community



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 is completed and a background check is 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.

Volunteer jobs include:

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



Our volunteers are the best!

ABOUT THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS



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.

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.

2018 Full Time Staff

Thea Miller Ryan, director

Derek Klawitter, group and home school program coordinator

Sandy Richter, community program coordinator

Shelly Pierson, school programs coordinator

Kyle Grogan, volunteer coordinator

Jason Nelson, outreach coordinator

Tonna Hartman, senior secretary

Lynn Purdy, night and weekend manager

Founded by GFP in 1997



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Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

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We've always got something to say! Tweet with us. We tweet back!



Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus

We post a lot of photos. Want to see what's happening out here? This is the place to look!



Find us on Snapchat @outdoorcampus

Snapchat take-overs by interns? YES! Watch some of our activities as they happen here!



Find our blog outdoorcampus.wordpress.com

Our blog is a great way to find the story behind the story. Meet people, animals, see behind the scenes photos of Game, Fish and Parks at work.



Find our website outdoorcampus.org



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.

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

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

<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx>