



The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls



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The Outdoor Campus 2021 | **Spring Program Guide**

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REGISTRATION & Information

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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.

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.



Check it Out!

Located at the Outdoor Campus FRONT door

Bathrooms

Hunting and Fishing Guides & application info

Outdoor Campus Program Booklets

Located at the Outdoor Campus BACK door

Orienteering Maps

Scavenger Hunt

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Find Us Online



Facebook @outdoorcampusSF



Twitter @outdoorcampusSF



Instagram @outdoorcampus_siouxfalls



Find our website outdoorcampus.org

All Ages/Family Programs Virtual—Zoom Programming



A virtual opportunity for youth and families to learn about South Dakota Wildlife along with hunting and fishing traditions.

Register like you have always done, online or call us at 362.2777.

A week before the class we will email you the class code and password along with any other important information you will need.

North American Flyfisher

Dan Frasier is a well-known fly-fisherman and author from Sioux Falls. Having fly-fished all over North America for everything from Sailfish to Tarpon to Carp and Gar, Dan's experience with many species of fish on the flyrod is extensive. Join Dan for a presentation about his adventures in fly-fishing and information about fly-fishing locally.

Age: Recommended 12 and up, youth with an adult

Class Date: Thursday, March 18, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Spring Turkey Hunting—Let's get Started!

The East Dakota Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be presenting this virtual event to help get you started turkey hunting. With over 35 years of experience, they will be sharing their tips, tricks and techniques along with suggestions for equipment and gear you may need.

Age: recommended 12 and up, youth with an adult

Class Date: Thursday, March 4, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Fly Tying Series

Now is the time to be getting those flies tied for summer! This series class being presented by Dakota Trout Unlimited's finest will talk you through the equipment and techniques you need to complete a variety of flies. Equipment and fly supplies will be provided and available for pick-up from The Outdoor Campus before the class begins. Fly tiers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate and join in the fun! Registering for one class means you have committed to all three dates.

Age: recommended 12 and up, youth with an adult

Class Date: Wednesday, April 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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National Bat Appreciation Day

Wildlife Biologist Silka Kempema will talk to us about the 11 different types of insect eating bats that call South Dakota home. These flying mammals take on a crucial role in providing a natural way of controlling the mosquito population. Learn about safe bat removal options. Stop by Saturday, April 17 to pick up and/or build your own bat house! Thanks to the Summit High School shop class for putting the bat house kits together for us!

Age: all ages, youth 5 and up with adult

Zoom Date: Thursday, April 15, 7p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Build Date: April 17, 10 to 2p.m.

Turkey, Turkey, Turkey

Turkeys are not just important at Thanksgiving! Learn about the turkey life cycle, adaptations and hunting seasons.

Age: 3 to 12 years old with adult

Class Date: Saturday, March 13, 10 to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 10 to 11 a.m.

Jumping into spring

Lots of animals in South Dakota move around with a hop in their step. This class will feature these animal friends and lots of movement!

Age: 3 to 12 years with adult

Class Dates: Saturday, April 10, 10 to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 10 to 11 a.m.

It must be a Fish!

This class will teach you about the characteristics of a fish, where they live along with south Dakota fish identification; helping you get ready for summer of fishing fun!

Age: 3 to 12 years old with adult

Class dates: Saturday, May 8, 10 to 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 19, 10 to 11 a.m.

All Ages / Family Programs In—Person Classes



In person classes will be held outside, please dress for the weather.

Ice Fishing

Learn about the difference between ice fishing compared to open water fishing, the equipment you need, how to drill a hole in the ice and how to dress properly for the cold. We stocked the pond! Let's try our luck!

Age: All ages, recommended 5 and up

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, March 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Animal Track Nature Hike

Enjoy the fresh spring air while exploring the trails looking for animal tracks and sign!

Age: All ages; youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, March 6, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Spring Turkey Hunting

This family program will go over the basics of getting ready for spring turkey season. We will discuss hunting tactics, set up decoys and practice your turkey calls so that you are ready for a successful hunt.

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

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, March 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Outdoor Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. Many topics will be covered including fire preparation, shelter building, first aid, and most importantly, being prepared. This class is incredibly hands-on and is performed mostly outside. Dress accordingly.

Age: all ages; recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, March 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

BB Gun Basics

Learn how to use our Red Rider BB guns practicing gun safety, and proper shooting positions .

Age: all ages recommended 8 and up, youth with adults

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, March 27, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 24, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

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Exploring 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.

Class size: 10

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

Date: Saturday, March 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Archery Target Shooting

Learn proper technique for successful arrow placement using our compound and long bows. We will discuss safety and other equipment you may need.

Age: all ages, recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Thursday, April 29, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 8, 10 to 11 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.

Orienteering and American Sign Language

Join us for one of our classic orienteering classes with the bonus of learning some American Sign Language vocabulary. Exercise both your body and your mind in this fun activity!

Date: Saturday, April 10, 10 to 11 or 1 to 2,

Tuesday, April 13, 4 to 5 and 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 1, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 4 to 5 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m.

Intro to Fishing

Get your spring started off right with a little 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: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Thursday, April 22, 4:30 to 5:30 or 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 24, 10 to 11 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30

Saturday, May 1, 10 to 11 a.m., 1 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 3:30

Thursday, May 13, 4:30 to 5:30 or 6 to 7 p.m.

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.

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!