



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2025 | **Spring Program**

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REGISTRATION & Information

Special Announcement - Registration

New Registration System

We have exciting news! Starting November 1st, the Game, Fish and Parks is transitioning its registration system over to Go Outdoors South Dakota. This system is the same one that already exists for purchasing hunting and fishing licenses, purchasing a state park pass, and for making camping reservations. This means that on November 15th, you will be able to do everything Game, Fish and Parks has to offer from one location. If you already have an account with Go Outdoors South Dakota, you do not need to do anything, unless you need to link kids or others to your account (see step 3). If you do need to create an account for yourself, start at step 1 below to prepare for the switch.

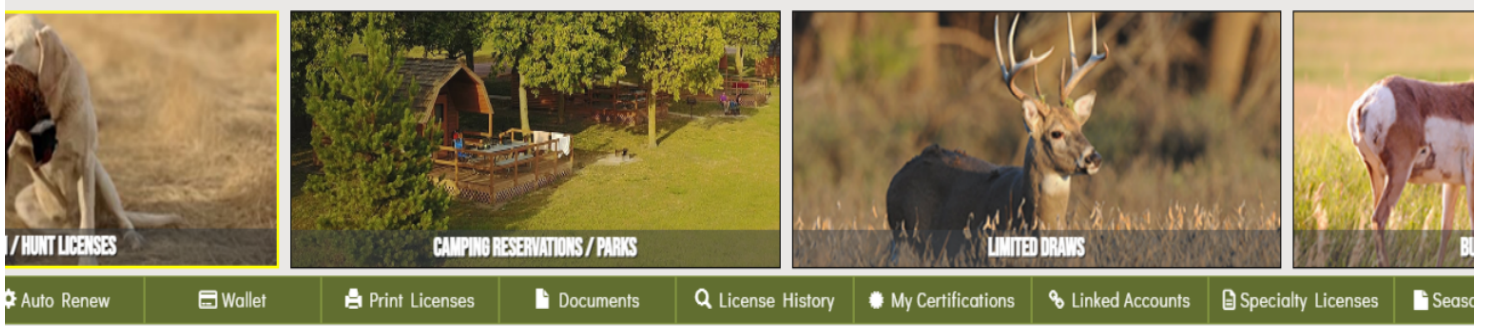


To Create an Account

- 1.) You can follow the directions in this short video on how to set up an account ([Click here to watch](#)) or log onto <https://gooutdoorsouthdakota.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:**
 - a. 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. This will allow you to link their accounts to yours (see step 4 for linking accounts).
 - b. 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 Create an Account (Cont.)



4.) To link a student or others to your account:

- a. Log into your Go Outdoors South Dakota account and click the linked account green tab. (see photo above).
- b. Next click add linked account. This will pull up a tab called “Link Customer” where you will search for the accounts you wish to add (see photo below).
- c. To search for an account to link you will need to know: Date of Birth, Last Name, and Last Four of their Social Security Number.
- d. If you have put in the correct information, you will be prompted with the first and last name of your student. If this is correct, click “Yes” to link them to your account.
- e. Repeat this process for each person you wish to add to your account. This will allow you to register these folks for classes or purchase items such as licenses on their behalf.

5.) Once you have added all your linked accounts, you are done and do not have to link them again. From this point on if you wish to register for a class, you will log in to your account on Go Outdoors South Dakota and register for programs for yourself and/or anyone you

LINK CUSTOMER

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
MM/DD/YYYY

Customer Last Name

Last Four of SSN

More Login Options ▾

Continue (Submit) Start Over

Close



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TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

<https://gooutdoorsouthdakota.com/>

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/

Spinning Rod Building

Build your own spinning rod for yourself or a friend! We will walk you through the process of building your medium action rod over a series of class times. The instruction is free but the participants will be responsible for the rod kit costs.

Age: 16 and up

Class size: 5

Dates: *Participants need to be able to attend all 3 dates—*

Saturday, March 1, 10:00 to Noon - *handle and reel seat placement*

Wednesday, March 5 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. -*build day*

Thursday March 6, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. -*build day*

Firearms Cleaning/Maintenance

Learn how to properly care for and maintain firearms in this 1.5 hour class. Class will include lecture and hands-on portions with explanations on cleaning rifles and smooth bored firearms.

Age: 15 and up

Class size: 5

Date: Saturday, March 8, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. OR Thursday, March 13, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

Let's go exploring for animals and their tracks on the trails! Enjoy the briskness of spring as we move from winter into spring with a short hike perfect for you and your littles, learning where animals live, play and eat. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

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

Date: Tuesdays, March 11, April 8, and May 13 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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** 20

Date: Wednesday, March 12, April 16, May 14 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Trapping 101 with Taylor

The class will begin with a morning session discussing popular fur bearers in South Dakota, their habits and habitats. The conversation will include why people trap and what traps can be used. The afternoon session will get the participants outside applying their newly gained insight into trapping looking for animal signs, setting and caring for traps.

Age: All ages, recommended 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 15

Date: TBD

Hello, I am Conservation Officer Taylor Etherington. I cover Turner and Hutchinson County in Southeastern South Dakota. I have a Natural Resource Management and Law Enforcement Degree from SDSU. I have been trapping since I was a little girl and am very passionate about the sport. I have trapped coyotes, beaver, muskrat, badger, racoon, mink, opossum, and skunks!



Watch for Pop-up classes!

New classes added throughout the season.

**Featured on our Facebook page
and registration site.**

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, March 22 , 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Casting Rod Building

Build your own casting rod for yourself or a friend! We will walk you through the process of building your medium action rod over a series of class times. The instruction is free but the participants will be responsible for the rod kit costs.

Age: 16 and up

Class size: 5

Dates: *Participants need to be able to attend all 3 dates—*

Tuesday, March 25, 6:00 to 8:00p.m.—*handle & reel seat placement*

Thursday March 27, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.—*build day*

Saturday, March 29, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.—*build day*

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: Family, ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, April 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Turkey Hunting and Butchering for Beginners

Spring is the perfect time to start thinking about turkey hunting. This class will dive into the basics of turkey biology and effective tactics for hunting them. There will be many hands on demos involving gear, calls, and some shooting practice outside. Once confident in your skills, you will butcher some real birds and get a chance to cook and enjoy the bounty.

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

Date: Saturday, April 26, 10:00 to 12:00p.m.

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 26

**Stay tuned for more
information!!**



Fishing (Family)

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: 25

Date: Saturday, May 3, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

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: Friday, May 16, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Channel Catfish and Walleye Talks with Ted



Ted Ellenbecker, multi-species angler, multiple world record holder, nationally renowned speaker and developer of “The Theory Of Three,” will be presenting **THREE** individual seminars in person and streaming live on Catfish Weekly @ <https://www.catfishweekly.com/>

High % Bank Fishing 12:00 to 12:45p.m.

On shore or in a boat who really has the advantage may surprise you. From beginner to expert this seminar information will up your game!

Fishing Walleyes Simplified 1:00 to 1:45p.m.

Proven technique, rigs, baits, and common sense. Catching walleyes doesn't need to be complicated if you understand the basics.

Channel Catfish from A to Z 2:00 to 2:45p.m.

These fish are available, willing and fun. We will talk baits, rigs and how to find these great sport fish. Then ... hold on to your fishing rod!!!!

Date: Saturday, May 10, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20 (in person) or live stream

@ <https://www.catfishweekly.com/>



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



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

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JUNE 3, 5, 7

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JUNE 24, 26, 28

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JULY 8, 10, 12

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JULY 22, 24, 26

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AUGUST 5, 7, 9

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AUGUST 19, 21, 23

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SEPTEMBER 2, 4, 6

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SEPTEMBER 16, 18, 20

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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/>



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BIG SIOUX 2025 FLY FISHING CLUB

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**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**

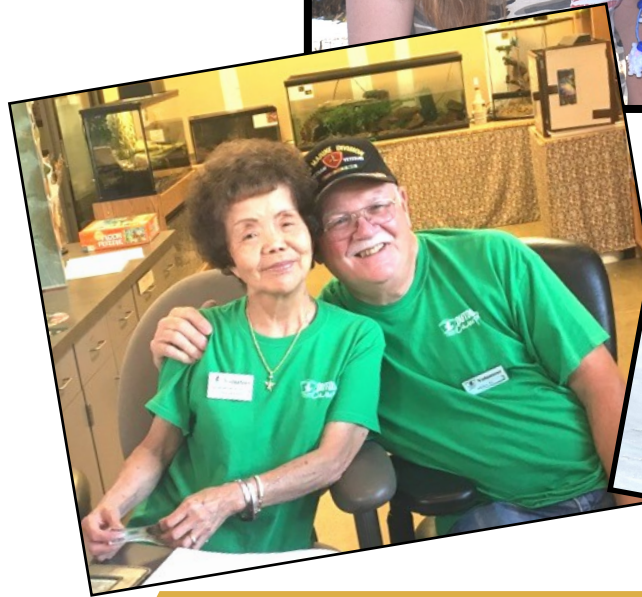
Be a Volunteer!

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.

Get Started!

Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/



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.