



The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls



The Outdoor Campus 2021 | Summer Program Guide

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REGISTRATION & Information

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. June on Wednesday, May 12

July on Wednesday, June 9

August on Wednesday, July 7

TO REGISTER, GO TO:

gfp.sd.gov/toc-east

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 our website gfp.sd.gov/toc-east

JUNE
COMMUNITY CLASS
REGISTRATION
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 12, 8A.M.

JUNE COMMUNITY CLASSES

Pre-register—family programs



Paddling—Kayaks and Canoes

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, recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, June 17, 10 to 11:30a.m., 1 to 2:30p.m, or 6:30 to 8p.m.

Fishing

We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need and practice knot tying and casting. We will try our luck down at the pond with hopes of catching a fish!

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 18, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Duck Hunting

This beginner class will include identification, calling and decoy placement along with hunting safety and other equipment you may need.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 18, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Bow Fishing

Learn safe and proper technique and handling for successful arrow placement while bow fishing through a variety of activities and challenges.

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

Class size: 12

Date: Thursday, June 24, 10 to 11:30a.m., 1 to 2:30p.m, or 6:30 to 8p.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.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, June 24, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Raising Monarchs

Learn about the lifecycle of the Monarch butterfly and how to raise the caterpillars and what you can do to help increase their population. .

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 25, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

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 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 25, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

JULY
COMMUNITY CLASS
REGISTRATION
WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 6, 8A.M.

JULY COMMUNITY CLASSES

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Kayak and Canoe Fishing

Learn tips and tricks for paddling and fishing at the same time on our pond.

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

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, July 1, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Bird Watching

Join us for a walk through the park observing the birds and while learning identification techniques.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 1, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Hatchet Throwing

Join the hatchet throwing craze. Learn about technique and safety.

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

Class size: 20

Date: Friday, July 2, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

BB Guns & Air Rifles

Learn proper gun handling and safety while practicing your shooting skills.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 2, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Outdoor Cooking

This program will have a variety of outdoor cooking techniques that are fun to try while camping.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 8, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 6:30p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fly Fishing

Fly fishing is a challenging and engaging way to fish while enjoying some time on or near the water.

Age: all ages, recommended ages 10 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 15

Date: Friday, July 9, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Rabbit Hunting

Learn the basics of rabbit hunting to help prepare you for the upcoming season.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 9, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

JULY COMMUNITY CLASSES

Pre-register—family programs



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, recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 15, 1 to 2:30p.m, or 6:30 to 8p.m.

Thursday, July 29, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Orienteering

Orienteering is a great family activity that includes map reading while navigating our trails seeking out control points to complete the course.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 15, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Fishing

We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need and practice knot tying and casting. We will try our luck down at the pond with hopes of catching a fish!

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 16, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Deer Hunting

This class will discuss deer hunting basics including what to do before, during and after the hunt!

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

Class size: 12

Date: Friday, July 16, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Catch it, Clean it, Cook it

The complete package of catching a fish, cleaning it and proper preparation so you can enjoy all that you have learned.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 22, 1 to 2:30p.m. or 6:30 to 8p.m.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Dutch Oven cooking is one of many outdoor cooking skills. Learn about cast iron vs aluminum Dutch ovens along with trying out some of our recipes.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 22, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

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Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 23, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Turkey Hunting

This class will include discussion of the different turkey hunting seasons in South Dakota along with different gear you will need and practicing your turkey calls.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 23, 10 to 11:30a.m., 1 to 2:30p.m.

Wetland Ecology

Grab puddle boots and a net! This class will collect and identify the small macroinvertebrates in our pond. This information helps us understand the health of our pond ecosystem while also letting us know what flies or bait we should use when fishing!

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, July 29, 10 to 11:30a.m., 1 to 2:30p.m. or 6:30 to 8p.m.

Haiku Hike

A long walk in the woods observing nature around you will help you paint a picture with words in the form of a Japanese poem called a Haiku.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 30, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Trapping 101

Learn the basics of trapping including gear, techniques and tips and tricks.

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

Class size: 12

Date: Friday, July 30, 10 to 11:30a.m., 1 to 2:30p.m.

AUGUST
COMMUNITY CLASS
REGISTRATION
WEDNESDAY,
JULY 7, 8A.M.

AUGUST COMMUNITY CLASSES

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Nature Track and Scat Hike

A hike with a purpose! We will be looking for and trying to identify the tracks and scat of the animals that live in our park.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, August 5, 10 to 11:30a.m. 1 to 2:30p.m. or 6:30 to 8p.m.

BB guns and Air Rifles

Learn proper gun handling and safety while practicing your shooting skills.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday August 5, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Goose Hunting

Learn about goose calling, decoy setups and preparing for a success season.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, August 6, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Archery

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: 12

Date: Thursday, August 12, 10 to 11:30a.m., 1 to 2:30p.m, or 6:30 to 8p.m.

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Date: Friday, August 13, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m

Guest Speaker

COMMUNITY CLASSES

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Nature Walk with Plant Identification

A hike with a purpose! Homegrown Sioux Empire will be leading this nature walk and help with plant identification.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 6:30 to 8p.m.

Plant Pressing and Identification

More plant identification this week with Homegrown Sioux Empire along with plant pressing to be used for preserving examples and other projects

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

Class size: 25

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 6:30 to 8p.m.

Outdoor Cooking/ Campfire Cooking

Outside time and food. A perfect combination! Join Homegrown Sioux Empire and Outdoor Campus for a tasty evening.

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

Class size: 25

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 to 8p.m.



SUPER SATURDAY—OPEN HOUSE

—all ages; youth with Adult



Super Saturday Fishing & Archery

Learn the basics and give it a try. No need to register, just stop by and check out the fishing at our pond or your luck on the range.

All equipment will be provided. Please do not bring your own.

Fishing

Saturday, June 5 and July 17,
10 to Noon & 1 to 3p.m.



Archery

Saturday, June 19, July 31 and
August 7,
10 to Noon & 1 to 3p.m.

FAMILY PARK FISHING

OFF-SITE



Family Park Fishing

Sioux Falls Park and Rec and The Outdoor Campus have partnered again this year to offer a free, open house style fishing opportunity at Family Park located at 300 North Ellis Road, a half mile north of West 12th Street for 7 Saturdays this summer.

All equipment will be provided.

Location: Family Park

300 North Ellis Road
Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Date: Saturdays only

June 19 to July 31,
9 to 11 a.m.



Be a Volunteer!



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 application form gfp.sd.gov/toc-east
- 2) Interview
- 3) Orientation
- 4) Sign up for classes/activities



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.