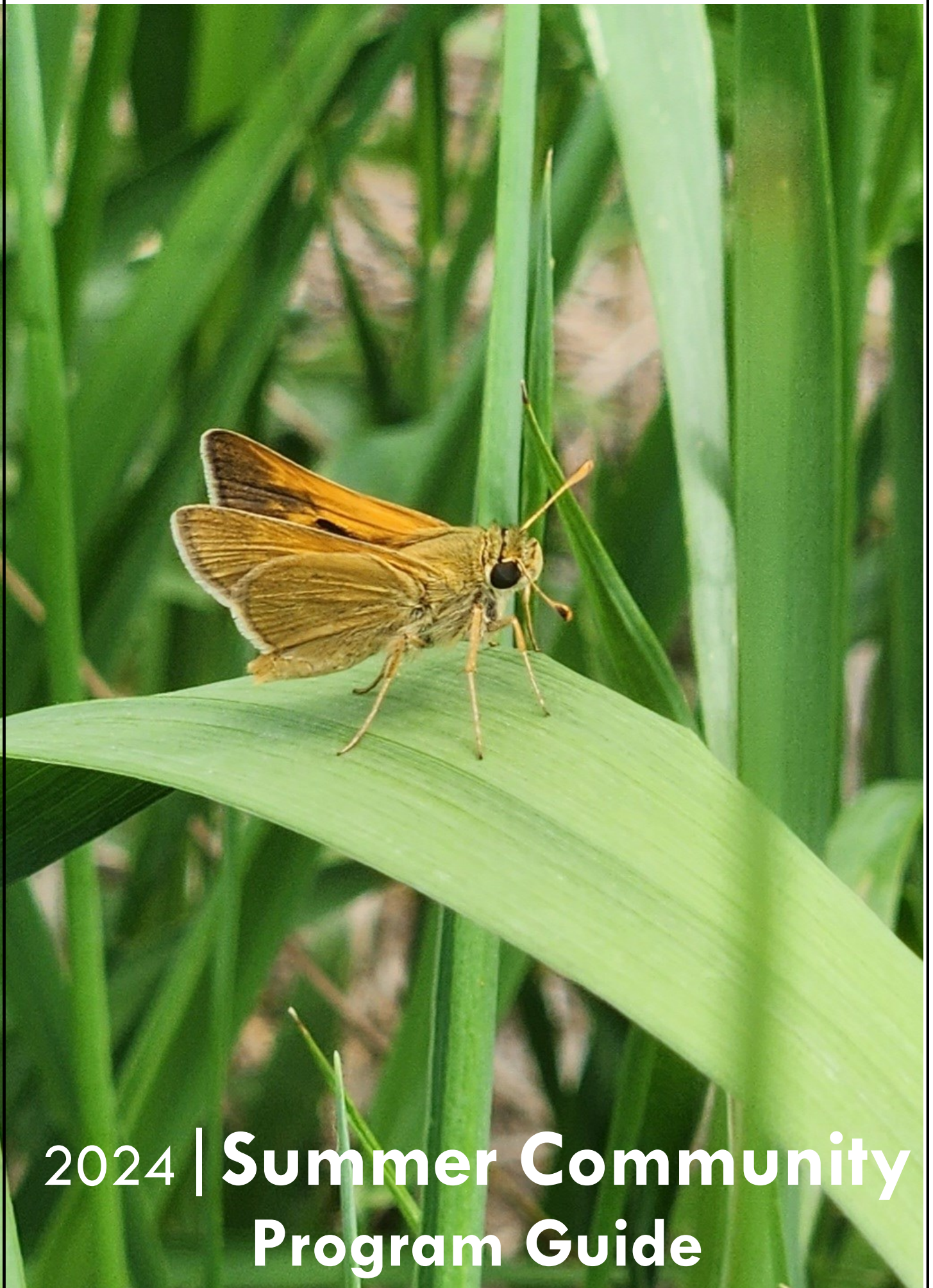




OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2024 | Summer Community Program Guide

4500 S Oxbow Ave | Sioux Falls, SD | 605.362.2777
gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

New Registration System!



South Dakota | EVENTS

Programs Locations

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks: Educational Event Management



Welcome to our program registration site!

We are excited to work with Kalkomey and want to help you navigate through! We also have help from Kalkomey's customer service department!

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

1.800.684.9541 - support@southdakota.kalkomey.com

New Vocabulary :

Kalkomey—the name of the company that has created our new registration page.

Program – the collective group name for specific types of events, for example – Learn to Hunt, Learn to Fish, Outdoor Skills, Conservation

Event – the name of individual classes offered at a location

Linked Account – the tab used to add additional family members to your account

Search for events in your area under these program titles

☀️ Learn to Hunt

☀️ Conservation

☀️ Shooting Sports

☀️ Learn to Trap

☀️ Learn to Fish

☀️ Outdoor Skills

REGISTRATION & Information

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS FOR

June Classes: Wednesday, May 8, 8 a.m.

July Classes: Wednesday, June 5, 8 a.m.

August Classes: Wednesday, July 3, 8 a.m.

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Go to our website at: gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

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.

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 & WAITING LISTS

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. 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****

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

Where Can I Hunt? Finding and Using Public Land

Curious about access to public land for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation? Learn how to use public atlases, online resources and apps to find your next hunting destination.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

Date: Thursday, June 13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. or Saturday, August 17, 10:00 to 12:00p.m.

Beginner 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: 25

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Date: Thursday, June 20, 9:00 to Noon

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.

Class size: 20

Age: All ages; youth with adult

Date: Thursday, July 11, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.



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

Intro to Turkey Hunting

Turkey hunting is challenging and fun! Along with learning about the gear and clothing you will need, you will get the chance to practice turkey calling, setting up a blind, scouting and much more!

Class size: 20

Age: 8 to 12 years old, youth with adult

Date: Thursday, June 13, 10 to Noon

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.

Class size: 20

Age: 8 to 12 years old, youth with adult

Date: Friday, July 12, 10:00 to Noon

Intro to Waterfowl Hunting

Quack, Quack, Quack! Honk, Honk, Honk!

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: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, July 18, 10:00 to Noon

Intro to Pheasant Hunting

Come to learn about upland game hunting, focusing on pheasants and including grouse hunting. We will discuss bird biology, safety, gear, walk a field and get hands on learning cleaning and preparing pheasants.

Class size: 20

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Date: Friday, July 26, 10 to Noon

Shooting Sports



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: 8 years old and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, June 6, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.,
Friday, July 5, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

BB Gun Basics

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 is provided.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Friday, June 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 25, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

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HUNTING & FISHING GEAR GIVEAWAY

Is the cost of gear a barrier to getting started in hunting or fishing? Stop by the Hunting & Fishing Gear Giveaway to pick out some gently used hunting and fishing gear for your closet and enter to win door prizes.

DATE: August 10, 2024
TIME: 10:00 - 12:00pm

We are collecting new and gently used clothing, hats, gloves, boots, hunting and fishing gear, and accessories year round. Items may be dropped off at the Outdoor Campus. 4500 S Oxbow Ave. Sioux Falls

The poster features a background of various hunting and fishing gear, including a hat, a fishing reel, and a fishing lure, arranged on a wooden surface. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark grey box.

Fishing

Summer time is fishing time. 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: Friday, June 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 11, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

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: Thursdays, June 13 OR August 1, 10:00 to 11:00 a.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 age 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 14, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Watch for Pop-up classes!

New classes added throughout the summer.

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

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 two individual seminars in person and streaming live on Catfish Weekly @ <https://www.catfishweekly.com/>



Catching a Channel Cat

Locating summer channel catfish, understanding baits and more!

Saturday, June 22, 1:00 to 2:00p.m.

Fishing for Walleye

Gain confidence with high percentage presentations without the fuss! Baits and location.

Saturday, June 22, 2:10 to 3:10p.m.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20 (in person) or live stream

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

Date: Saturday June 22, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

AND 2:10 to 3:10p.m.



Kayak and Canoe Fishing

Learn tips and tricks for paddling and fishing at the same time on our pond. Instruction for both fishing and boating will be provided with an emphasis on safety.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Friday, July 5, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

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: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Friday, July 12, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Intro to fishing for Catfish

Hone in your fishing skill set by learning what it takes to catch catfish in South Dakota. This class will discuss bait and rigging options, where to fish and what you need for equipment to be successful.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Friday, July 19, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Bow Fishing

Learn the basics of bow fishing including the equipment you will need, safety and regulations. Participants will get hands on learning as they aim and shoot at a variety of targets in and out of the water.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 8

Date: Friday, July 28, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Fish (off site)



SpearFishing @ Lake Lorraine

Exclusive spearfishing opportunity at Lake Lorraine. Fishing will be held on the shore in front of the **Cars For Sale** building on the west side of the lake. Parking is also available in the **Cars For Sale** lot. Bathrooms may not be available so plan accordingly. All equipment will be provided.

Registration **IS** required.

Please note that fishing is not open to the public at Lake Lorraine.

Age: 18 and up, adults only

class size: 6

Dates: Friday, July 19 OR Saturday, July 20, 10:00 to Noon.

Outdoor Skills—Special Event



Women's Try It Night

A fun ladies night is planned for you! Open house from 5:30 to 6:30, a short presentation and then participants will be divided into groups, rotating through four outdoor skill stations such as fire starting, fishing, archery and paddling.

Registration is required for this event.

Age: 8 and up,
youth with adult

Class size: 60

Date: Thursday, June 20,
5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Watch for more details on the event!



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, June 6, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 18, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Outdoor Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. Many topics will be covered including fire starting, 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: 25

Date: Friday, June 14, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Outdoor cooking at its finest! The class will include the equipment and safety instruction you will need to cook in a Dutch oven along with some hands-on cooking practice with some of our favorite Dutch oven recipes.

Age: All ages, youth with adults

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, June 13, 9:30 to 11:30a.m. OR 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Backpacking for Beginners

Backpacking for beginners is a class for people of all ages who are interested in learning more about the activity. Led by SD Master Naturalist Tristan Tupy, this class will cover how to research a trip, what gear is needed, backcountry safety, and places in South Dakota to start backpacking.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

Date: Saturday, July 13, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Backpacking for Beginners (Adults only)

Backpacking for beginners is a class for people of all ages who are interested in learning more about the activity. Led by SD Master Naturalist Tristan Tupy, this class will cover how to research a trip, what gear is needed, backcountry safety, and places in South Dakota to start backpacking.

Age: 16 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

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

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: Thursday, July 18, 10:00 to Noon

Conservation



Intro to Stream Ecology and Aquatic Invertebrates

Is fly fishing your game but you want to learn more? Learn about the real life invertebrates that we mimic with our fly fishing flies with Dennis Skadsen, retired aquatic biologist and Outdoor Campus volunteer. This two night class will have an indoor and outdoor portion helping participants gain confidence in their invertebrate identification as well as understanding water health. Please be able to attend both nights

Age: age 12 and up

Class size: 20

Date: Wednesday, June 12 **AND** Thursday, June 13, 6:00 to 8:00p.m.





DUCK CAMP

The Outdoor Campus is thrilled to partner with USFWS to create DUCK CAMP! The camp will include a rotation of activities including learning duck identification and markers for classification, a nature hike, duck calling and time to create your entry for the 2025 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

Kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to participate and all supplies will be provided.

Age: all school age students from kindergarten to 12th grade

Class size: 48

Date: Friday, June 28, 9:00 a.m. to Noon **OR** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Introduction to Bird Watching

Let's start with birding basics that will include observation of bird colors and shape as well as observing their habitat. While exploring our trails we will seek out the common feathered friends of TOC. This class will be both indoors and outdoors.

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 21, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Bat Appreciation—Bats of South Dakota

Learn about the 13 different species of bats that call South Dakota home. These flying mammals are ferocious mosquito eaters, each eating 1000's every night! We will learn what we can do to support our bat population and in turn keeping our pest insect populations low.

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 21, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Conservation



Wet and Wild!

Come to inspect the pond, oxbow and river edges land look for small aquatic invertebrates. These creepy crawlies are adult and larva forms of insects and crustaceans that determine water quality. The more diversity, the healthier the habitat. Let's grab the nets and puddle boots and go explore!

(nets and puddle boots are provided)

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

Class size: 20

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

Learn to Trap



Trapping Education

Have you always been interested in trapping but didn't know where to start?

This Trapping Education Course is for beginners and novice trappers. The class will be presented by volunteer instructors Matt and Nancy Bennett from the South Dakota Trappers Association. Matt started trapping in 1978. Both Matt and Nancy have been members of the South Dakota Trappers Association since 1998 and are both currently directors of the SDTA.

They have trapped raccoons, mink, muskrat, weasel, coyote, fox, badger and otter.

- **Trap and Snare Identification along with Rules and Regulations**
- **Trap preparation and Modification**
- **Reading the Sign, Landowner Permission and Trapping Ethics**
- **Fur handling and Marketing Furs**

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, August 24, 8:00 to 4:00p.m.

More information to come!

Open House (at Outdoor Campus)



Super Summer Saturdays

Learn the basics of canoeing and kayaking, archery and fishing on Saturdays this summer. These open house style programs are easy for participants with limited time. All equipment is provided. Open to all ages, youth must be with an adult. Paddling—age 5 and up to canoe, 8 and up to kayak.

June 1, Fishing June 15, Paddling
June 29, Archery July 13, Fishing
July 27, Paddling August 12, Archery
10 to Noon & 1 to 3p.m.

Open House (off-site)



Fishing @ Lake Lorraine

Exclusive open house fishing opportunity at Lake Lorraine during the Thursday, Farmer's Market. First come, first serve. Fishing will held on the shore in front of the **Cars For Sale** building on the west side of the lake. Parking is also available in the **Cars For Sale** lot.

Bathrooms may not be available so plan accordingly. All equipment will be provided. Registration not required.

Please note that fishing is not open to the public at Lake Lorraine.

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Dates: Thursdays, June 13, July 18, and August 15, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Fishing @ Family Park

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 9 Saturdays this summer. All equipment will be provided.

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Dates: Saturdays, **only**,
June 1 to July 27,
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration not required.



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 be eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year.



Adults are welcome and invited to attend.

In-Person Outdoor Campus 2024 HuntSAFE Schedule

Each HuntSAFE class will include a Tuesday and Thursday evening at The Outdoor Campus from 6:15 to 9:15p.m. and field day on Saturday at Crooks Gun Club from 8:00 to 2:00p.m. Please note that students must be able to attend all 3 dates for the week of their class in order to participate.

April 9, 11, 13

May 14, 16, 18

June 11, 13, 15

June 25, 27, 29

July 16, 18, 20

July 23, 25, 27

August 6, 8, 10

August 20, 22, 24

September 10, 12, 14

September 24, 26, 28

October 1, 3, 5

Online Field Day Schedule

For students who take the online HuntSAFE course, their Field Day will be at Crooks Gun Club on Saturday from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. Participants must pre-register for one Field Day date.

April 13 * May 18 * June 15 * June 29 * July 20 *

July 27 * August 10 * August 24 * September 14 *

September 28 * October 5

For more information or to register / search for HuntSAFE classes in your area go to: <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/>

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



CONTACT JASON NELSON
FOR MORE DETAILS

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BIG SIOUX 2024 FLY FISHING CLUB

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



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SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA



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.

How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. Ages 12 and up can apply!
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.