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2019 Summer Program Guide

## **HELLO, SUMMER!**

Welcome to all our summer friends!

We're glad you're back. If you're new, you're going to have a great time with us! Be prepared to wear sunscreen and get a little dirty. We love to play outside!

This summer you'll see less registration, more classes for family units, classes for adults from 18 to 102, fishing clubs, a chance for your family to help real scientists gather data and a passionate staff who wants to share their outdoor knowledge like never before!

You are going to love perusing our summer program brochure. Grab a big glass of water and page through our catalog of classes!

See you soon!

Thea Miller Ryan **Director, The Outdoor Campus** 

#### **Upcoming Deadlines:**

June Registration, May 15, 7 a.m. July Registration, June 12, 7 a.m. August Registration, July 10, 7 a.m.

Fall booklets available August 14

#### Save the Date:

- Women's Try-It Day, TOC, June 22 •
- Pollination Celebration, TOC, July 13
- Pollinator Celebration and Monarch Tagging at Good Earth State Park, August 31
- Outdoor University, TOC, August 3 ٠
- Becoming an Outdoors Woman camp, Custer, • September 6-9
- Buffalo Round Up, Custer State Park, September 27

Watch for this symbol—It means DATE NIGHT!

#### What's New In This Brochure?

- A fly fishing series!
- Citizen Science–Your Family Helps Real **Scientists**
- Campus Grad program—earn a t-shirt!
- No registration required Saturdays
- Extended hours and activities for Women's Try-It Day

#### Happy Mother's Day! Happy Father's Day!

SD Game, Fish and Parks is celebrating parents by hosting free fishing days on these two holidays! Take your mom or dad fishing at one of South Dakota's lakes on their special day! No fishing license required these two days!

#### **BONUS SURPRISE!**

The Outdoor Campus will give away free fishing poles to the 20 first moms on Mother's Day and the 20 first dads on Father's Day!



# REGISTRATION

#### PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

For June programs: 7 a.m. on May 15 For July programs: 7 a.m. on June 12 For August programs: 7 a.m. on July 10

#### THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

- 1. Online at outdoorcampus.org
- 2. 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 enrolls 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 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 OR GLUTEN FREE FACILITY\*\*



## Adult Programs

## **Fly Fishing Series**

An incredible opportunity to learn everything you need to know about fly fishing ... well almost! Special thanks to Trout Unlimited Volunteers for helping coordinate this special series class! **Age:** Adults 16/up–6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dates: You must be able to attend all 4 classes in order to register

Wednesday, May 15 – Fly fishing equipment / casting instruction

Wednesday, May 22 – Where to fish/ What to fish for/ Fishing on the pond

Wednesday, May 29 – Entomology and flies/ Fish Behavior/ Fishing on the pond Wednesday, June 5 – Fishing on the pond

## Fly Tying

Learn how to tie your own flies to make your next fly fishing experiecne even more satisfiying. Learn what flies to tie for you next trip! Age: Adults,16 /up

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## Date Night – Fly fishing and Outdoor Cooking

A night of beginner fly fishing led by fly fisherman expert and local author, Dan Frasier, and outdoor cooking led by one of our experienced naturalists will leave

you with a new skill and a full tummy. Please register all participants. Come hungry! **Age:** Adults,16 /up

Date: PICK ONE: Thursday, June 13, 6:30 to 9p.m. OR Friday, July 12, 6:30 to 9p.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:** Adults,16 / up **Date: PICK ONE:** Thursday, June 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. OR Thurs, July 25, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

## Hook'em & Cook'em

We'll start with an introduction to fishing and equipment you will need before testing the waters at our pond. With any luck, the fish will be biting and we will learn how to cook and prepare them! It doesn't get any fresher than that! Bring a friend or date for a fun night out. **Age:** Adults,16 /up

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## **Beginning Fly Fishing**

Special guest Dan Frasier, local author and fly fisherman extraordinaire, will be leading this beginner class, showing you the ins and outs of fly fishing including equipment, technique and practice. All equipment will be provided. **Age:** Adults,16 /up **Date:** Tuesday, July 30 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## **Date Night - Bow Fishing and Archery**

This combo class will include instruction for archery target shooting and bow fishing! Grab that special someone or a friend and join us for some target shooting. **Age:** Adults,16 /up



Date: Thursday, August 8, 6:30 to 8:30p.m.

## **Family Programs**

## Catch It, Clean it, Cook it

We'll start with an introduction to fishing and equipment you will need before testing the waters at our pond. With any luck, the fish will be biting and we will learn how to cook and prepare them! It doesn't get any fresher than that! **Age**: Family 5/up **Date: PICK ONE:** Thursday, June 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. OR Thursday, July 11, 6:30 to

8:30p.m.

## Going on a Bug Hunt

We are going on a bug hunt to see what we can see. Join us as we explore butterfly garden and park in search of the smaller critters that call it home. We will also learn about important projects like The Lost Ladybug Project and Monarch Watch. Age: All ages, 3 and 4 year olds must be with adult

#### Date: PICK ONE:

Tuesday, June 11, 1 to 2p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 1 to 2 p.m.

## Beginner Backpacking and Back Country Hiking

Backpacking can be an amazing, rewarding experience for everyone from single folks to families with children and everyone in between. Practice mapping and planning a route from start to finish, expand on concepts introduced in the introduction class, and gain confidence in your ability to enjoy wilderness areas fully and responsibly. Adult singles and partner groups welcome; Children 6 and up are welcome to attend with their parents; any participant under 14 needs to be accompanied by an adult. **Age:** Family, 6/up **Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## Part 2 - Family Backpacking and Back Country Hiking

If you liked Beginner Backpacking and Back Country Hiking you are going to love Part 2. This class will take you a little deeper into the plotting and planning of your next adventure. **Age:** Family, 6/up **Date:** Thursday, June 20, 6 to 9p.m.

## **Biathlon – Orienteering and BB gun target shooting**

Combining two of our favorite activities here at The Outdoor Campus, this program will include safety instruction and practice with our BB guns and orienteering course. Then, putting what you learned to use, we will have a biathlon race! **Age:** Family 5/up **Date: PICK ONE:** Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. OR Thursday, June 25 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## **Family Programs**



#### **Tastes Like Dog Food!**

Tired of getting dizzy looking at the different dog food options in the store? Do you wonder what really is the difference between the wide varieties of dog food brands? This class will help you decide what are the best options for your dog to keep him/her at their best in the field with you while hunting or relaxing at home. **Age:** Families, Kids 8/up



Date: Thursday, July 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

#### **Outdoor Cooking**

Learn fun recipes and techniques for cooking outdoors, including foil cooking, Dutch oven cooking and ice cream! Come hungry to learn! Age: Family, 5/up **Date: PICK ONE:** July 23, 6:30 to 8:30p.m. OR Saturday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

#### **Monarch Watch**

Learn about the monarch butterfly life cycle, the great migration and what you can do to help with conservation! Age: Family 5/up

Date: PICK ONE: Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m. OR Tuesday, August 13, 4 to 5:30 p.m.





#### Programs for 3 and 4 year olds and Adult Partners

These programs are designed for preschoolers and their adult 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. Class size 15 Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

## A is for Ants

We will learn about what makes ants act the way they do and why they want to join your picnic! Age: 3 to 4 year olds with adult

Dates: PICK ONE: Wednesday, June, 12, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

## B is for Bison

Bison rule the prairie. Learn about these giant creatures and where they roam. Age: 3 to 4 year olds with adult

Dates: PICK ONE: Wednesday, July 17, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m. Tuesday, July 23, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m.

## C is for Camouflage

Animals use camouflage to hide from predators and find food. Learn how animals in South Dakota use camouflage to help them. **Age:** 3 to 4 year olds with adult **Dates: PICK ONE:** Wednesday, August 7, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m. Tuesday, August 13, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m.

#### Lil' Hunters: Archery Basics

Using a beginner's bow, your lil' hunter will practice their aim at our 3-d targets **Age:** 3 to 4 year olds with adult

Dates: PICK ONE: Tuesday, June 11, 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, June 21, 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, July 25, 9 to 10a.m. Thursday, July 25, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, August 8, 9 to 10 a.m.

## Lil' Anglers : Fishing Basics

Lil' anglers will learn how to hold the fishing pole, what kind of bait to use and how to reel in a big fish. We could even get to touch a real, live worm! Age: 3 to 4 year olds with adult

#### Dates: PICK ONE:

Thursday, June 6, 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, June 7, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 9 to 10a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 9 to 10a.m. Tuesday, July 16, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, July 26, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, August 15, 9 to 10 a.m.

## Young Naturalist Programs



Age: 5-7 years. Parents may stay or go during these programs. Dress for the weather. Class size: 20

#### **Bird Feed Needs**

This class will have your young naturalist exploring the special jobs of a bird's beak. Age: 5 to 7 year olds

Dates: PICK ONE: Wednesday, June 12, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m. Tuesday, June 25, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m.

## The Life of a Grasshopper

Hop to it while learning about grasshoppers and their habitat. Age: 5 to 7 year olds Dates: PICK ONE: Wednesday, July 17, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m.

Tuesday, July 23, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m.

## When I Grow Up

We will explore the life cycles of butterflies and frogs. Leave in awe of how these creatures change as they grow up. Age: 5 to 7 year olds Dates: PICK ONE: Wednesday, August 7, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m. Tuesday, August 13, 10 to 10:45a.m. or 11 to 11:45a.m.

## Young Explorer: Going on a **Bug Hunt**



We are going on a bug hunt to see what we can see. Join us as we explore butterfly garden and park in search of the smaller critters that call it home. We will also learn about important projects like The Lost Ladybug Project and Monarch Watch. Age: All ages, 3-4 year olds must be with adult

#### Date: PICK ONE:

Tuesday, June 11, 1 to 2p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 1 to 2 p.m.

## **Outdoor Adventure Camp (OAC)**

A combination of outdoor activities to encourage your young explorer to explore more! Come dressed for the weather. Age: 5 to 7 year olds Date: PICK ONE: Friday, June 28, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, July 19, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, August 9, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



#### **Young Hunter: Archery Basics**

Young hunters will learn how to safely handle and shoot a youth bow and arrow. We will practice our aim at 3-D animal targets and learn about ethical shooting. **Age:** 5 to 7 year olds

#### Dates: PICK ONE:

Tuesday, June 11, 10:30 to 12p.m. Tuesday, June 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 1, 10 to 11:30a.m. Thursday, August 8, 10:30 to 12p.m.



## Young Hunter: Turkey Hunting

Young hunters will learn how to talk like a turkey and other turkey hunting tricks. **Age:** 5 to 7 year olds **Dates: PICK ONE:** Thursday, June 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 to 12p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

#### Young Angler: Freshmen Fishermen

Learning how to fish on your own without grown-up help! You will learn how to hold the pole correctly for casting and reeling. You'll get to learn about different types of bait and how to use them while fishing. You may even get to take a fish off a hook.

Age 5 to 7 year olds Dates: PICK ONE: Thursday, June 6, 10 to 11:30a.m. Friday, June 7, 10 to 11:30a.m. Friday, June 14, 1 to 2:30p.m. Thursday, July 18, 10:30 to 12p.m. Friday, July 26, 10:30 to 12p.m. Friday, July 26, 1 to 2:30p.m. Tuesday, August 6, 10:30 to 12 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 10:30 to 12 p.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.* (class size 24) Age: 8-12 years.

#### Decomposers

Decomposers and scavengers break down dead material and put important nutrients back into the soil, allowing new things to grow. Let's learn more about the important life of the common and often frowned upon, decomposer. Age 8 to 12 year olds

#### Class Dates: PICK ONE:

Wednesday, June 12, 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25, 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m.

#### Animals of the Prairie

Learn about the big and small, short and tall animals that call the prairie home and what they do to survive. **Age** 8 to 12 year olds

#### Class Dates: PICK ONE:

Wednesday, July 17, 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m.

## A Day in the Life of a Monarch

The Monarch butterfly is getting ready for its migration to Mexico! We will learn about the monarch life cycle, super generation, migration, habitat loss and what YOU can do to help! **Age** 8 to 12 year olds

#### Class Dates: PICK ONE:

Wednesday, August 7, 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m.

#### **Junior Explorer: Paddling**

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 8** to 12 year olds

#### Class dates: PICK ONE:

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

Friday, June 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Wednesday, July 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

## Going on a Bug Hunt

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#### Class dates: PICK ONE:

Tuesday, June 11, 1 to 2p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 1 to 2 p.m.

## **Junior Naturalists Programs**

#### **Outdoor Adventure Camp**

A fun combination of outdoor activities to encourage your junior explorer to explore more! Age 8 to 12 year olds. Dates: PICK ONE: Friday, June 28, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, July 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, August 9, 1 to 4 p.m.

#### **Junior Hunter: Archery 3-D Target Shooting**

Experience the thrill of archery! Students will learn archery safety with the equipment and on the range. We will discuss hunting ethics and while mastering our firing skills and techniques. Age: 8 to 12 year olds **Dates: PICK ONE:** Thursday, June 6, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m. Friday, June 14, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m. Friday, July 12, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 10 to 11:30a.m. Thursday, August 1, 1 to 2:30 p.m.



## **Junior Hunter: BB Gun and Air Rifle Target Shooting**

Junior hunters will learn gun safety, shooting positions and techniques used while hunting. They will improve their shooting accuracy under the guidance of our trained staff. Age: 8 to 12 year olds Dates: PICK ONE:

Thursday, June 13, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m. Monday, July 8, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m. Monday, July 22, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m.

# NWTF

#### **JAKES Turkey Hunting**

Members of our local National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) will be leading this introduction to turkey hunting class for our junior hunters. This fast-paced class will include learning how to use a variety of turkey calls, BB gun target shooting and tips for hunting wild turkey.

Age: 8 to 12 year olds Date: Thursday, July 11, 10 to 12 p.m.

## **Junior Naturalists Programs**

## **Junior Angler: Fishing 101**

Beginner fishing skills include knot tying, casting, baiting your own hook and holding fish. Junior anglers will get to do it all! This hands-on class will also discuss fish identification, fishing with lures and finding your own bait. **Age:** 8 to 12 year olds

#### Dates: PICK ONE:

Friday, June 7, 1 to 2:30p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 10:30 to 12p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 to 12p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 to 12 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 1 to 2:30p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 6, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 1 to 2:30p.m.



#### **Advanced Junior Angler**

These classes are designed to give confident junior anglers a different fishing experience.

## AJA: Fly fishing

Experience how the similarities and differences between fly fishing and conventional fishing. **Age:** 8 to 12 year olds **Date:** Thursday, June 27, 10:30 to 12 p.m.

#### AJA: Fishing from a Canoe and Kayak

Test out your balance and fishing skills while multi-tasking - paddling and fishing. See if you have what it takes! **Age:** 8 to 12 year olds **Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 to 12p.m.

## AJA: Bow Fishing

If you love archery and fishing then this is the class for you! Learn about the equipment you will need when bow fishing and practice shooting at targets. **Age:** 8 to 12 year olds **Date:** Tuesday, July 16, 1 to 2:30p.m.

## AJA: Fish Cleaning

Everyone will get the chance to clean their own fish. We will go over safety and different techniques for cleaning our most common fish. **Age:** 8 to 12 year olds **Date:** Tuesday, August 6, 3 to 4:30p.m.



Our summer Campus Grad program was created to encourage learning, independent exploration and encourage community involvement for kids and their families.

Complete the following requirements this summer to become a Campus Grad, earn a T-shirt and a chance to win great prizes at the end of summer. Summer programs include any program during the months of June, July and August.

#### Who Can Participate?



#### Sprouts (children ages 3 and 4)

- Must complete any **3** Outdoor Campus summer classes and an \*outdoor skill on their own.

#### Young Naturalists (children ages 5 to 7)

 Must complete any 4 Outdoor Campus summer classes and an \*outdoor skill on their own.

#### Junior Naturalist (children ages 8 to 12)

- Must complete any **5** Outdoor Campus summer classes and an \*outdoor skill on their own.

\*Outdoor skills can include fishing, hiking, bug collecting, gardening, outdoor photography, geocaching, orienteering, hiking and other outdoor fun with the family.

## More Details Coming!



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## **Super Saturdays!**

No plans for Saturday? Last minute guests arrived? Just need to get outside? We're starting SUPER SATURDAYS this summer. Join us for FREE activities. We supply all the equipment and no registration is required. All ages are welcome, but adults must accompany kids.

# Two sessions, each Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 to 3 p.m.

June 1	Morning session only, Paddling
June 8	Archery
June 15	Fishing
June 22	Women's Try-It Day (see schedule)
June 29	Fishing, afternoon session only.
July 6	Archery
July 13	Paddling
July 20	Archery
July 20 July 27	Archery Fishing

## **Special Events**



#### **Fishing at Family Park**

FREE fishing at Family Park on Saturdays this summer (June 2 through July 28 from 9 a.m. to noon). Fishing is first-come, first-served. We supply everything, including poles, bait, tackle, etc. This is a joint project of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Family Park is located on west 12th Street and Tea-Ellis Road.



#### Women's Try-It Day

Try out new outdoor skills in this open house style event. A variety of outdoor skills will be offered throughout the day. Check the schedule for details.

Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon: fly fishing, paddling, bear bagging, archery, turkey/duck/goose calling, hatchet throwing, Girl Scouts and Home Grown Sioux Falls

AND 1 to 3 p.m.: Fishing, bb guns/Nerf guns, Dutch oven/

outdoor cooking, hatchet throwing, Home Grown Sioux Falls, survival bracelets, slack lining and hammock placement

#### **Pollination Celebration**

Let's celebrate pollinators with free seed giveaways, booths on creating pollinator gardens or plots, apiary keepers, honey businesses, bee art and more!

Saturday, July 13, 1 to 4 p.m.



#### **Outdoor University**

Bring the family to our largest event of the year. Try paddling,

shooting, archery, games, fishing, and fly fishing. Meet conservation officers and outdoor organizations. We've got a touch pond filled with frogs, toads and fish, and activities for the smallest children. We have food trucks, so you plan to spend the whole day playing outdoors here.

Saturday, August 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.







Join our new team of Citizen Scientists this summer. We're committed to teaching your family how to gather data for real, current and important science projects. We'll be gathering data for meteorologists, herpetologists, entomologists and naturalists!

How? You come to our training sessions and learn how to collect and report the data.

What projects?

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garden and park in search of the smaller critters that call it home. We will also learn about important projects like The Lost Ladybug Project and Monarch Watch.

Age: All ages, 3-4 year olds must be with adult

Date: PICK ONE:

Tuesday, June 11, 1 to 2p.m.

Tuesday, June 25, 1 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 1 to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16, 1 to 2 p.m.

#### **Monarch Watch**

Learn about the monarch butterfly life cycle, the great migration and what you can do to help with conservation! **Age:** Family 5/up **Date: PICK ONE:** Tuesday, August 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, 4 to 5 p.m.

## **Off-Site Events**



#### **Fishing at Family Park**

FREE fishing at Family Park on Saturdays this summer (June 1 through July 27 from 9 a.m. to noon). Fishing is first-come, first-served. We supply everything, including poles, bait, tackle, etc. This is a joint project of the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the City of Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Family Park is located on west 12th Street and Tea-Ellis Road.

#### **Turner County Fair**

#### August 14, Turner County Fairgrounds, South Dakota

Join us for some fun family outdoor activities at the Turner County Fair! Our program runs 10 to 11 a.m. in the Heritage Park!





#### Becoming an Outdoors Woman Camp

Friday, September 6 to Sunday, September 9, Outlaw Ranch, Custer, SD

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, or BOW, is a national education program that strives to make women more comfortable in and more aware of the outdoor world around them. The BOW

workshop, hosted annually each fall, focuses on the learning of outdoor skills. Designed primarily for women, it is an opportunity for anyone 18 years of age or older, and is for you if: You have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn; You are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills: You know how to do some of these activities, but would like to try your hand at some new ones; You are just looking for the camaraderie of like-minded individuals. **Watch Facebook for registration date.** 

## Family Outdoor Days in Southeast South Dakota

We take our outdoor skills activities on the road! Watch for more information in the following Southeast South Dakota towns. Formerly known as Step Outside Events. **Age:** Family 5/up

June 15 – Huron June 29 – Yankton July 13 – Garretson

## **Family Fishing Club**



#### Family Fishing Club

Family fishing club is a great activity to get out and enjoy some of the neat waters around Sioux Falls. Children must have an adult with them to participate. Feel free to bring your own gear to each session. Rods and bait will be provided, too.

April 30 – The Outdoor Campus – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

May 7 – Wall Lake – 6 to 7:30 p.m.

May 14 – Lake Alvin – 6 to 7:30 p.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!



#### **Examples include:**

• Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)

- Gardening
- Animal Care

• Special Events (Outdoor University, Women's Try-It Day, Halloween Hike, etc.)

Front Desk Duty

## **How To Get Started!**

1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.

#### www.outdoorcampus.org

2) Brynn, 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, Brynn 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.





## **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

#### **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.

#### 2019 Full Time Staff

Thea Miller Ryan, directorDerek Klawitter, group and homeschool program coordinatorSandy Richter, community programcoordinatorShelly Pierson, school programscoordinatorBrynn Muir, volunteer coordinatorJason Nelson, outreach coordinatorJean Olson, senior secretaryLynn Purdy, night and weekend manager

Founded by GFR in 1997

Meet the Interns! Stop by and meet our summer interns!

Nolan, Cole, Bella, Emily, James, Emily, Laramie, Alex, Kirk, Rachel, Katie and Camrin!

## **Find Us Online**





#### Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

Our Facebook page is updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.



#### Find us on Twitter @outdoorcampus

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#### 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

SD Department of Game, Fish & Parks 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