



The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls



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The Outdoor Campus 2020-21 | **Winter Program Guide**

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REGISTRATION & Information

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2020

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:

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All Ages/Family Programs



South Dakota Animals in Sign Language

Learn about some of the special animals that call South Dakota home, while learning the signs for them in American Sign Language. **Program will be done completely outside.**

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

Class Size 10

Date: Saturday, December 5, 1 to 2p.m.

Snowshoe-Orienteering

Learn how to walk in snowshoes and how to read a map to find selected points using our permanent orienteering course with a few challenges to keep things fun! Dress for weather and bring on the snow! (class will not cancel because of lack of snow –we just won't be snowshoeing) **Program will be done completely outside.**

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

Class Size: 10

Date: Saturdays, January 2 & 23, February 20 and Tuesday, February 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

Cross Country Skiing

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails. All equipment is provided, but please dress for the weather. (class is dependent on proper snow conditions) **Program will be done completely outside**

Age: All ages; recommended ages 5 and up, youth must be with an adult

Class size: 10

Dates: Saturdays, January 9 & February 13, Friday, January 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30p.m.

Outdoor Winter Survival

Picture this—Your car breaks down on the open road in the middle of winter and you don't have any bars on your cell phone. What do you? Learn what basics you should have with you to get to survive the night. **Program will be done completely outside.**

Age: All ages, youth with an adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, January 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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! **Program will be done completely outside**

Age: All ages, recommended 5 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Saturdays, January 16, February 6 and 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.



All Ages / Family Programs



Family Trapping 101 – Just the Basics

Come and learn about trapping in this comprehensive and hands on learning adventure. We will discuss popular fur bearers in South Dakota, their habits and habitats, and how to be successful at trapping them. We will take our new knowledge outside to look at sign and make some real sets.

Program will be done completely outside.

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

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, January 30, 10 to 11:30a.m.

Family Trapping 102 – How to properly skin a mammal

Participants will get hands on experience in this next level of trapping program by detaching the animal's hide. Discussions will include hide preservation for personal use or to sell. **Program will be done completely outside.**

Age: all ages, youth with an adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, January 30, 1 to 2:30p.m.

SNOW & GO



The weather is so unpredictable in the winter at The Outdoor Campus!

We will host as many snow shoeing, cross country skiing and ice fishing programs as staff and space allow when the conditions are right.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page or call us at 605.362.2777 to find out about new classes added or cancelled because of weather conditions!

Bring on the SNOW!

Virtual—Zoom Programming



A week or so before the program we will send out the Zoom class code and any other information you need to have including when and where you can pick up class supplies for the craft and or activity.

Predator Calling

Learn some tips and techniques from the professional wildlife damage management specialists at Game, Fish and Parks! Everyone will receive a free predator call!

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

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, January 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Owls Can Do What?

This family program will be done virtually learning about the many adaptations of owls along with some dissection of an owl pellet!

Age: All ages, youth with an adult

Class size: 25

All Ages / Family Programs



River Reading

Canoeing or Kayaking on the river will be different than a leisurely paddle on the lake. This class, led by members of the SDCKA, will lead you through the strainers and eddies along with other potential water hazards with ease ensuring your upcoming river adventures won't have too many unexpected surprises.

Age: All ages; youth must be with an adult

Date: Saturday, January 16, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Adventures in a Kayak

Are you planning your summer kayak adventures yet?

Members of the South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association (SDCKA) will teach us the similarities and differences between preparing for a kayak TRIP and a kayak RACE as well as discussing the right kayak for your adventure and how to outfit it to meet our needs.



Age: All ages; youth must be with an adult

Date: Saturday, January 16, 10:00 to Noon

Planning Your Boundary Water Trip

A trip to the Boundary Waters can be an amazing vacation with memories to last a lifetime. This class will get you ready, help you prepare your meal plans, sleeping arrangements, exploring and much more!

Age: All ages; youth must be with an adult

Date: Saturday, January 30, 10:00 to Noon

Elderberry Syrup for Winter Health

Elderberries have long been used to help people stay healthy in the winter. Led by Katie Zurauff from Home Grown Sioux Empire, we will learn about these benefits and how to make elderberry syrup.

Age: All ages; youth must be with an adult

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Topic coming ...

This class will be led by Homegrown Sioux Empire.

Age: all ages; youth must be with an adult

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Topic coming ...

This class will be led by Homegrown Sioux Empire.

Age: All ages; youth must be with an adult

Date: Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Virtual—Zoom Programming

Jr. Naturalist, 8-12 years old



We miss you! Because we know social distancing and wearing a mask are hard to do, let's have a Zoom class! Register like you have always done.

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Wild Cats

Learn about the wild cats of South Dakota. Students will learn about habit and life cycles with information about hunting/trapping seasons.

Date: Saturday, December 12, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

Wild Dogs

Coyotes and foxes and maybe a wolf or two call South Dakota home. Learn about all these wild dogs and what makes South Dakota their home.

Date: Saturday, January 23, 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.

Birds of Prey

Raptors or birds of prey include eagles, hawks and falcons and even vultures! Raptor adaptations will be compared to other birds in our area.

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

Sprouts, 3-4 years old & Young Naturalists, 5-7 years old

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Animals in the Winter

Every animal weathers the winter months in a special way. This program will teach youth the differences between staying active, hibernation and migration with fun activities.

Date: Saturday, December 5, 10 to 11 a.m. or Wednesday, December 16, 10 to 11 a.m.

Squirrels are Squirrely!

We will be celebrating those squirrely squirrels all month in honor of Squirrel Appreciation Day on January 21!

Date: Saturday, January 9, 10 to 11 a.m. or Wednesday, January 20, 10 to 11 a.m.

Feeding the Birds

Long, cold winter months take a lot of energy and food to survive for birds. We will make a bird feeder and learn about different types of bird and bird feed.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 10 to 11 a.m. or Wednesday, February 17, 10 to 11 a.m.



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

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!

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.