



# OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



## 2024-25 | **Winter 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.

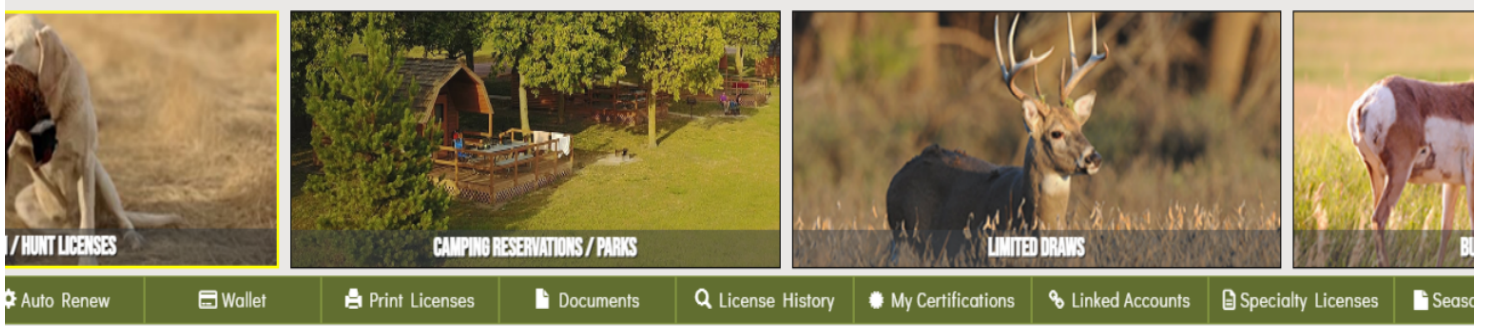


### To Create an Account

- 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:

- Log into your Go Outdoors South Dakota account and click the linked account green tab. (see photo above).
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 linked to your account.

## Sign Up Today

We do urge you to start the process of creating your and your students’ accounts now. November 6th our Program Booklet will be available and on [November 20 at 8am](#) Winter Registration will open.

## Winter Programming

To pick up the Winter Program Booklet, swing by the Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls (4500 S. Oxbow Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57106) for a physical copy or visit our website for a digital copy ([click here](#)).



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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/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)**

## **Owls of South Dakota**

One of our favorite birds, owls, have incredible adaptations that help them thrive in South Dakota. Incredible vision and hearing, silent flight along with being able to turn their heads 270°, these birds are amazing hunters. This program will include learning about their special traits as well as dissecting an owl pellet!

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

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

## **South Dakota Animals and Trail Hike**

Learn about a variety of South Dakota's fur-bearers and explore the trails looking for tracks and signs they left behind.

**Age:** all ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, December 7, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Understanding Ammo**

Are you curious about all the different types of ammo you see on the shelves? Do you find all of the choices and different numbers overwhelming? This class will break down the differences in many of the popular ammunition offerings and give you a good foundation for choosing the correct ammunition for your needs.

**Age:** 12 and up, youth adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## **Introduction to Firearms**

An introduction to firearms for youth and adult beginners, this class will familiarize participants with safe firearm use and handling skills. Led by Hunter Cole, HuntSafe instructor, former police officer and firearm enthusiast, this class will discuss the three main types of firearms: rifles, shotguns and handguns along with the different types of actions, ammunition, chokes and much more. This program will be informational, so bring your questions!

**Age:** 14 and up, youth with adult **Class size:** 15

**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 1:00 to 3:00p.m. or

Thursday, December 19, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## **Snug in the Snow with the Littles**

What do you do in the winter to stay warm? The littles will learn about what different animals in South Dakota do in the winter to survive with fun hands-on activities.

**Age:** 3-5 with adult      **Class size:** 15

**Date:** Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## **Ice Rod Building**

While waiting for the ice to thicken up on the lakes and ponds, start getting your tackle and gear ready for ice fishing and build your own ice rod! New this winter, we will guide you through building your own medium action ice fishing rod. Imagine catching your first fish through the ice this season with a rod you made! This class will only be making ice rods. Please be sure you can attend both build days.

Participants will be responsible for rod kit costs.

**Age:** 16 and up      **Class size:** 8

**Dates:** Wednesday, December 18, and  
Thursday, December 19, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## **Angling to Your Advantage**

This class will teach you how to target various species of game fish in most waterbodies in South Dakota and how to use state resources to your angling advantage!

**Age:** 12 and up      **Class size:** 20

**Date:** Thursday, December 26, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

## **Winter Photography**

Winter can provide beautiful scenery, sunsets and sunrise and wildlife shenanigans for photos. In this class we will cover camera basics and techniques for shooting in low light and snow. We will take a hike in a snow-covered landscape to capture active animals in the winter. Join us and discover the art of winter photography! Please bring your own camera or cellular device.

**Age:** family, 8 and up      **Class size:** 20

**Dates:** Friday, December 27, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

## **Wild Game Preservation—Canning Meat**

Pressure cooker canning meat is a shelf stable way of preserving your harvest. This class will discuss the safety, technique and equipment needed while giving participants hand-on experience. The class will also include an opportunity to taste recipes using canned meat.

**Age:** recommended ages 14 and up, youth with adults

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Saturday, December 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## **Winter Camping and Survival**

Camping doesn't have to end when the temperatures drop! This class will teach you how to stay warm and enjoy camping when there is snow on the ground. We will also cover how to survive in cold weather, should a winter adventure go awry. We will be doing hands-on activities outside, so dress for the weather!

**Age:** family, ages 8 and up

**Class size:** 25

**Date:** Saturday, December 28, 1:00 to 3:00p.m

## **Last Day Hike**

Explore our trails one more time in 2024. We will have fun games and activities along the hike to keep everyone busy! This program will be outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

**Age:** family, all ages

**Class size:** 30

**Date:** Tuesday, December 31, 1:00 to 3:00p.m

**Watch for Pop-up classes!**

**New classes added throughout the winter.**

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

# Winter Programming



## Rabbit Hunting

Cottontail rabbit hunting season continues through the end of March giving hunters an opportunity to enjoy the briskness of winter. This class will go over the basics of rabbit hunting, cleaning and preparing.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20      **Date:** Saturday, January 4, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

## Ice Fishing with a Jiggle Stick

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. Build your own ice fishing rod, cleverly called a “Jiggle Stick,” and try your luck at the pond with your new rod or use our equipment! **Age:** All ages, recommended 5 and up

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

**Class size:** 20      **Date:** Saturday, January 4, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## Shotgun and Rifle Cleaning

Join HuntSAFE instructors Hunter Cole and Steve Gaspher to learn about proper maintenance for firearms. Participant will learn proper cleaning and storage of shotguns and rifles through detailed instruction, demonstration and hands-on opportunities. All materials will be provided.

**Age:** Adults, 14 and up      **Class size:** 8

**Date:** Thursday, January 9, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## Darkhouse Spearfishing

Participants will learn the ins and outs of darkhouse spearfishing including the opportunity to spearfish! Equipment needed, target species, where to fish along with laws and regulations will also be covered. This program will meet at the Outdoor Campus promptly at 9 for an introduction before shuttling to the fishing location. Dress for the weather, layers and waterproof gear, all other equipment will be provided. (**Class is dependent on proper ice conditions**)

**Age:** 12 and up, youth with adult      **Class size:** 6

**Dates:** Saturday, January 11, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.



## **Snow Shoeing** (class is dependent on proper snow conditions)

Learn how to walk in snowshoes and explore the park!

Dress for the weather and bring on the snow!

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

**Class size** 20

**Date:** Saturday, January 11, 10:00a.m. to 11:30 or 1:00 to 2:30 p.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)**

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

**Class size** 20

**Date:** Saturday, January 11, 10:00a.m. to 11:30 or 1:00 to 2:30 p.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:** Wednesdays, January 15, February 12, March 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

## **Ice Fishing with the Littles**

Fishing time is family time, even on the ice!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents and baby sitters with younger kids with shorter attention spans. Sign up for one or all three! We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone! **Be sure to dress for the weather!**

**Age:** recommended 3 to 5, with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Wednesdays, January 22, and February 12, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Wild Game Cooking on a Budget—Adult only

Using the wild game we have in the freezer and groceries in the cabinets, we are challenging ourselves to use what we have without going to the store to get more ingredients. We need your help and creativity to decide what's for dinner!

**Age:** adults, 16 and up **Class size** 20

**Date:** Thursday, January 23, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

## Duck Camp—Jr. Duck Stamp

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 with 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:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, January 25, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.



## **Ice Fishing**

Let's go fishing! Yes, even in the winter, we love to go fishing, ice fishing that is! No, we aren't fishing for ice, we are fishing for fish through the ice! This class will begin inside discussing ice fishing tackle, gear, fish species and most importantly, ice safety. At the frozen pond, our staff and volunteers will be there to demonstrate and help bait hooks and cheer you on as you reel in your catch, while creating memorable ice fishing experiences. **Please remember to dress for the weather, including coats, hats, gloves and boots.**

All fishing equipment will be provided.

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

**Class size:** 25

**Date:** Saturday, January 25, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.,  
Saturday, February 8, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

## **Game Day Recipes with Wild Game—Adult only**

The Super Bowl is February 9th. While we don't know what teams will be playing yet, we do know that the real winner is the FOOD. This class will include a variety of appetizer like recipes using wild game that will be sure to win everyone over@

**Age:** adults, 16 and up    **Class size** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

## **Wild Game Cooking – Odd Bits & Pieces**

We are Burger Battling Deer as our feature this year! Will the burgers have liver, heart, kidney or tongue? Or will you not be able to tell? In an effort to use as much of a harvested animal as possible, we will have several other dishes as well using these less commonly used parts. Please come with an open mind and a hungry belly.

*Susan Luschas, volunteer instructor, has spent over a decade figuring out how to get her husband and kids to eat ALL the odd bits!*

**Age:** all ages, recommended 5 and up, youth with adults

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

## RAPTOR RENDEZVOUS

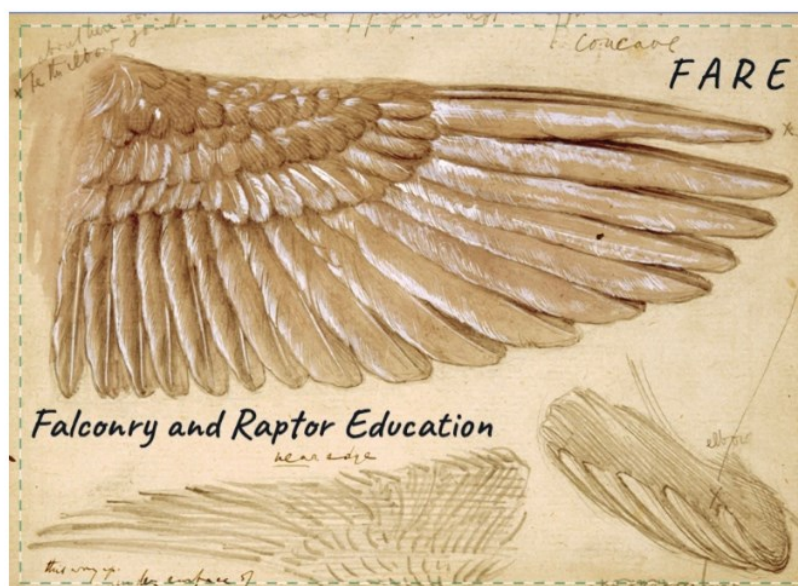
Raptor Rendezvous is back in 2025! This year's event will feature two opportunities to watch a presentation by Tanya McCarlson, a South Dakota licensed Falconer and leader of the F.A.R.E. Group. Each presentation will feature live birds! In between the presentations, participants can enjoy various raptor-themed open-house activities. We encourage people attending the first presentation to stay after for the open-house activities. Those attending the second presentation are encouraged to come early to participate in open-house activities. Registration is required for this event.



**DATE:** Friday, February 7

**AGES:** All ages, youth must be accompanied by adult

**TIME:** Presentations:      Open-house activities  
5:00-6:00 PM                  6:00-7:00 PM  
OR  
7:00-8:00 PM





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# BIG SIOUX 2025 FLY FISHING CLUB

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



**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**



## **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.

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 also welcome and invited to attend.

## **When are HuntSAFE classes offered?**

2025 HuntSafe classes and field days will be offered beginning in March.

## **Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?**

<https://gooutdoorssouthdakota.com/>

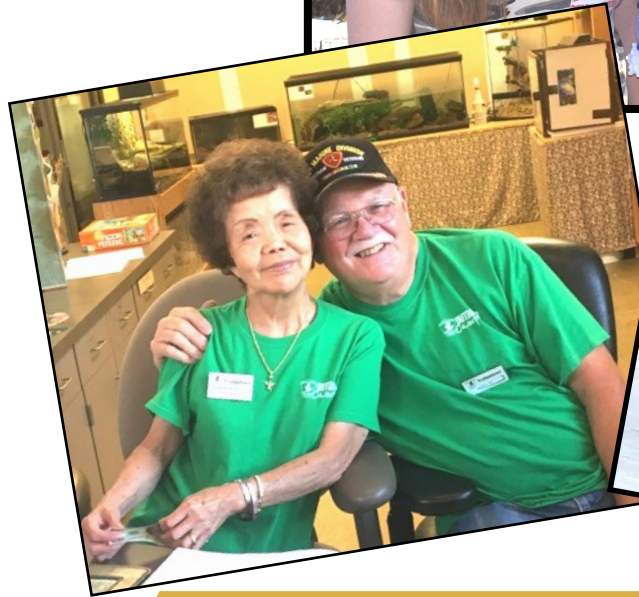
# Be a Volunteer!

## 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/](http://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.