



OUTDOOR Campus



2019 | The Outdoor Campus Fall Group Programs Guide

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GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from the programs in the GROUP PROGRAMS section of the brochure. Group programming can include scouts, church groups, clubs offices and other groups 10 or larger.

To Register for Group Programs:

> Call Derek at 605.362.2777 for open dates and staff availability. Please read the below requirements for group programming.

GROUP SIZE:

Minimum group size is 10; maximum is 20.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Groups of 9 or smaller should register for programs found in the community programs section of this brochure.

COST:

All programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

HOW MANY PROGRAMS CAN WE ATTEND?

Groups may schedule only one program per season to insure equal program availability to all groups.

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.

CONFIRMATION LETTER:

After scheduling with Derek, we will send the group leader a confirmation letter with instructions and a waiver if the program requires it. Please read this information thoroughly.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling.

HUNTING WITH DEREK



Who wants to learn to deer hunt ? This year I will once again be taking participants out deer hunting. We will be going to the gun range to get comfortable shooting then we go on a deer hunt.

The goal of this class is to introduce and/or make students/families more comfortable hunting in hopes of building a lifelong passion for hunting. I will be looking for families that are interested in participating and will set up a time to interview and answer any questions you may have.

Parents/guardians are required to attend. This is available to anyone 10 years and up. Adults are encouraged to sign up as well.



If you think this is something that may interest you, please contact me directly at 605.362.2732 or email me at derek.klawitter@state.sd.us.

Fishing Fun!

Kids get a fun introduction to fishing and safety. This program has games, basic fish ID, casting practice and hands-on fishing at our pond.

Hunting Basics

Pheasant, waterfowl or deer—join us to learn the basics from start to finish on being safe and successful in the field. We will go over equipment, gaining permission, safety and more.

Fall Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and plants along our trails. You'll often see frogs, beavers, ducks and toads.

Introduction to Archery

Experience archery at The Outdoor Campus. We will learn about safety, archery equipment and how to archery hunt ethically. Try your skills with our 3-D targets on our range.

BB Gun Basics

Join us on the BB gun range to learn safety, shooting positions and techniques used while shooting and hunting. Improve your accuracy with every shot and take home a target riddled with holes.

Paddling

Learn the basics of paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet.

Orienteering

Orienteering is a fun activity for all ages. Younger participants can hone map reading skills on the beginning map courses. Older participants can learn how to use the map and compass together to navigate the backcountry hiking, in orienteering meets, adventure races or hunting.

GPS and Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how to use them while in the outdoors or out hunting or fishing. Get outdoors and use a GPS receiver to navigate several GPS courses.

Outdoor Cooking

Tired of s'mores and hotdogs while camping? Learn some new recipes along with fire safety, new cooking techniques and eat delicious food. Everything tastes better when you eat it outside.

South Dakota Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Join us to discover what wild animals call this state home.

Hop, Slither, Crawl: Animal Movements

Hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake and crawl like an opossum. Learn about animal movements with a game, craft, hike and more.

Super Senses

Learn how animals have developed their super senses in nature through a game, craft and sensory hike. We will compare our senses of hearing, touching, tasting, seeing and smelling to our furred and feathered friends.

Living on the Edge: Endangered Species

Learn what it means for animals to be endangered, threatened, rare or extinct. We will play games, do a craft and find out what you can do to help some South Dakota animals.

Wet and Wild

Learn the importance of wetlands to wildlife and humans. We will stomp through the water, slash through the trees and get down and dirty with some of South Dakota's itty bitty wildlife. Be prepared to get wet and dirty.

Habitat 101

Learn what animals need to have for a home. Food, water, shelter and space are the main components for any animal's habitat. We will be hiking and exploring, looking for animal habitats.

HUNTING WITH DEREK



Want to learn to hunt? Our Hunting with Derek program is starting again soon. Participants will have one on one time at a shooting range, learn to scout game and go on a licensed hunt with Derek.

If interested, call him at 605.362.2732 or email Derek.Klawitter@state.sd.us and leave your contact information. He will send out a letter describing the details of the one-on-one instruction at the end of July.

This program is for adults and youth ages 10/up.



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 (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) Kyle, 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, Kyle 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!

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

We've always got something to say! Tweet with us. We tweet back!



Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus

We post a lot of photos. Want to see what's happening out here? This is the place to look!



Find us on Snapchat @outdoorcampus

Snapchat take-overs by interns? YES! Watch some of our activities as they happen here!



Find our blog! outdoorcampus.wordpress.com

Our blog is a great way to find the story behind the story. Meet people, animals, see behind the scenes photos of Game, Fish and Parks at work.



Find our website! outdoorcampus.org

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. You can also volunteer for us! Fill out our volunteer form online or call Kyle at 605.362.2777.

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.