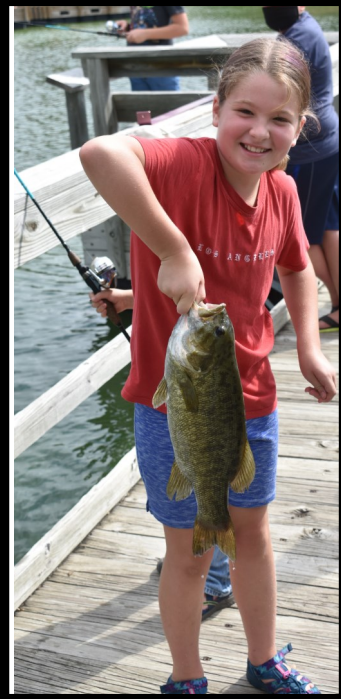




OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2021 | Fall Group Programs

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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 101



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.

Group Programs



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 — come 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 much 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. Stumble across frogs, beavers, ducks or toads. Who knows what you'll see on the trail!

Introduction to Archery

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

BB Gun Basics

Join us on the Outdoor Campus BB gun range as we learn basic 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.

Note: Have a specific program request that isn't listed? Call Derek at 362-2732 and he may be able to plan a custom program for your specific groups needs.

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
- Front Desk Duty

Our volunteers are the best!

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 is completed and a background check is 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.



Find Us Online



Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampusSF

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 @outdoorcampusSF

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



Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus_siouxfalls

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



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.