



# OUTDOOR Campus



The Outdoor Campus

## 2019-20 | **Winter Group**

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| [outdoorcampus.org](http://outdoorcampus.org)



# GROUP PRO-

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.



## Introduction to Ice Fishing

Get a short introduction to ice fishing, and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment, but please dress for the weather, including warm boots.



## Introduction to Cross-country Skiing

Learn the basics of the sport, then go outdoors to practice your skills on our trails. Skis, poles and ski boots are provided by The Outdoor Campus. Must have at least 4" of good snow to ski.

## 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.

## Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a fun way to explore the outdoors in winter! Learn about appropriate clothing and technique, then hit the trails to test your skills on a trek. Wear warm clothes and waterproof boots.

## Winter Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and plants along our trails. Who knows what you'll see on the trail!

## 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 in back country hunting, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.

## South Dakota Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Come join us while we discover what animals call this state home.

## Hop, Slither, Crawl: Animal Movements

Hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake and crawl like an opossum. Join us as we learn about animal movements with a game, craft, hike and much more!

## Super Senses

We will 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'll play games, do a craft and find out what you can do to help the populations of our critters.

## 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, exploring and looking for animal habitats.



# 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 others' awareness of South Dakota's great outdoors!

### Give back to your com-



### Examples include:

- Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Special Events (Outdoor University, Women's Try It Day, etc.)
- Front Desk Duty

## How To Get Started!

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

[www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org)

2) 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 done, we 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



### Our volunteers are the



# 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](http://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](http://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.

## Critter Crates

Critter crates are resource trunks filled with furs, skulls, activities and more! Please contact the Jean, TOC secretary at (605) 362-2777 or email [jean.olson@state.sd.us](mailto:jean.olson@state.sd.us) for information. A \$75 deposit is required on each crate. For use state-wide: Mammal Crate A, Mammal Crate B, Bat Crate, Coyote Crate, Endangered Species Crate, Grassland/Sod Box, Prairie Crate, Tree Trunk, GPS Crates 1 or 2. For local use only: In-Town Mammal Crate.

## Permanent Orienteering Course

The Outdoor Campus has several introductory and intermediate orienteering courses set up in our park. Your group may borrow orienteering maps and compasses from The Outdoor Campus for use on your own. You may borrow the maps Monday through Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Sundays between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. If you prefer some instruction beforehand, your group may schedule an orienteering class with one of our Naturalists, or you can sign up for one of our community classes. There is no cost. Two courses are handicap accessible. *Pre-registration is required for the Permanent Orienteering Course Maps. Call us at (605) 362-2777 to insure the maps and compasses will be available.*