



The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls



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The Outdoor Campus 2021 | Spring Homeschool Programs Guide

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HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Nature awareness programs for all ages of homeschooled children. The goal of this program is to introduce children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening educational environment.

Register for Homeschool Programs:

- Registration opens Wednesday, February 17th, at 8:00 a.m. for home school programs.
- Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.
- All participants must sign a waiver prior to attending class.

There are three ways to register for classes

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
2. Sign up in person at The Outdoor Campus. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

Cancellations

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class.

Thank you!



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MARCH

Snowshoeing Orienteering

Come navigate our orienteering trails on Snowshoes. We will also be learning how to set up a temporary orienteering course as well. Be sure to wear boots and dress warm as we will be outside for the majority of this class. (If no snow, we will just be orienteering)

Class Date: Tuesday, March 2, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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. If ice is questionable we will fish off the dock.

Class Date: Thursday, March 11, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Animal Adaptations

How do animals survive in the wild? Come join us to learn all about these life saving adaptations that animals have.

Class Date: Wednesday, March 17, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wildlife ID

How do you tell the difference between a fox and a coyote or a whitetail deer and a mule deer? Come join us as we learn ways to ID various types of animals. Tracks, color, and even scat will be discussed.

Class Date: Friday March 26, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

APRIL

Spring Nature Hike

Come join us on an age-appropriate tour, and learn about the wildlife and plants along our trails. Stumble across rabbits, beavers, ducks, or bears. Who knows what you'll see on the trail! (Please come dressed for the weather)

Class Date: Thursday, April 1, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Turkey Hunting

Come join us as we learn all about turkeys. Habitats, diet and turkey hunting tactics will be covered in this class.

Class Date: Thursday, April 8, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Trapping Basics

Come join us as we will go over a couple easy and basic sets on how to trap animals. We will be scouting for animal signs and discussing where and how to set traps. We will be setting a variety of traps in this class.

Class Date: Friday, April 16, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Fishing Fun

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in SD and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety, and ethics before heading out to the pond and dropping in a line.

Class Date: Tuesday April 27, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

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MAY

BB Guns Basics

Learn all about the basics of safely operating a BB gun and spend the rest of the time on our range practicing. (Younger children may attend with parent/guardian assistance.)

Class Date: Thursday, May 6, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Archery Basics

Come join us and learn how to safely handle and shoot a youth sized bow and arrow. We will practice our aim on our 3-D animal targets and learn how to take an ethical shot. (Younger children may attend with parent/guardian assistance.)

Class Date: Friday, May 14, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Catch it, and Clean it - Fishing 101

We will start the morning fishing, and with some luck we will end the morning learning how to clean our catch and also how to prepare it for the dinner table.

Class Date: Wednesday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Hunting 101

This year I will be continuing with my hunting 101 program and will be making it even bigger and better than last year. I will be adding a Hunt Safe class to the curriculum, so after completing my program you will also be hunt safe certified. I will be personally training and guiding participants on a variety of hunts. We will be doing some classroom instruction going over all the basics and benefits of hunting including how to get started, along with some time at the gun range and processing, but a lot of this program will actually be spent in the field hunting. We will start off this spring turkey hunting with a handful of participants, but then this fall we will be going deer hunting. For the deer hunts, my schedule will be very flexible and hope to take a plethora of hunters. This class will be ongoing throughout the fall and will be a bit of a time commitment with early mornings and late evenings. The goal of this class is to introduce and/or make students/families more comfortable hunting in hopes of building a lifelong passion of hunting. I will be looking for only a handful of families that are interested in participating and will set up a time to interview and answer any questions that may arise. If you think this is something that may interest you or your family, please contact me at 605.362.2732 or email: derek.klawitter@state.sd.us

Note: This program will begin Summer of 2021, besides a few turkey hunts this Spring.

