



The Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls



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2021 | Outreach Programs

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Outreach Programs



The goal of the outreach program is to provide outdoor activities to anyone and everyone in towns across our 20-county region. If you are interested in setting up an outreach program please contact Jason Nelson at (605) 362-3524 or email at jason.nelson@state.sd.us. If you would like to take advantage of one of these great opportunities but don't have the access or space needed, we can always make arrangements to do these classes at the Outdoor Campus.

**Due to the variability caused by COVID-19, Outdoor Campus participants should be aware that the Campus reserves the right to cancel classes for any reason as related to COVID-19. The Outdoor Campus strives to offer quality programming that is safe, so we will take precautions as needed based on SD GFP and CDC direction.*

Fishing

Fishing Basics

This class starts with an overview of gear, safety, and fish identification. Then, you will be able to practice your casting and go fishing! Must have access to fishable water for the fishing portion. If access isn't available, just practice casting is still a great option! You only need room to cast a line (outdoors or empty gym). (1 – 1.5hrs)

Advanced Fishing

Learn the different types of techniques and equipment that can be used to catch fish. We will cover different types of rod and reel set ups, differences in line choices, and learn a few different knots to use. We will also learn about different types of set ups, tackle, and when to use them. Be prepared to bait your own hook. This is an excellent knowledge building workshop, but fishing can be added if fishable water is available. (1 – 1.5hrs)

Fly Fishing Basics

Learn the ins and outs of fly rods, reels, line, and flies. You will learn proper casting techniques and get to practice casting. No water is required but will help in catching a lunker! (1hr)

Explore Bow Fishing

This exciting class covers all things bow fishing! We will cover the specialized gear, the common species and regulations in South Dakota, and learn a few tips and tricks to have a successful outing. You don't need water to enjoy this class but an open area where archery can be safely shot is required. (1hr)

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Shooting Sports

Archery Basics

Learn the basics of becoming an archer using a compound bow. Topics covered include parts of a bow, maintenance, range safety, and proper shooting technique. You will then get to practice your marksmanship on 3D targets! Must have an open area to set up archery net. (1 – 1.5hrs)

BB Gun Basics

Learn firearm safety and proper shooting techniques. You will get a chance to shoot multiple targets from multiple positions with a BB gun. Must have an outdoor area suitable for a small shooting range. (1 – 1.5hrs)

Shotgun Basics

Learn firearm safety and proper shooting techniques using a shot gun. You will be shooting clay pigeons from multiple positions. Must have access to a shooting range or be able to travel to an open range in the area. Guns, clay pigeons, ammo, hearing protection, and eye protection will be provided. (1 – 1.5hrs)

.22 Rifle Basics

Learn firearm safety and proper shooting techniques while using a .22 rifle. Can you hit the bullseye? Must have access to a shooting range or be able to travel to an open range in the area. Guns, targets, ammo, hearing protection, and eye protection will be provided. (1 – 1.5hrs)

Advanced Scoped Gun Shooting

This class covers the ins and outs of scopes. Everything from how to sight in a scoped gun to proper shooting techniques will be discussed. You will then get to practice shooting in multiple shooting positions used in target shooting and hunting. Must have an outdoor area suitable for a small shooting range using BB guns or air powered pellet guns. (1 – 1.5hrs)

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Hunting Skills

Explore Hunting

This comprehensive class is an introduction to hunting and bow hunting in South Dakota. We will cover gear, game, and what is needed to know to be successful. A few of the topics discussed will be wind, blinds, habitat, and tracking. This can be an indoor class but is much more hands-on if there is an outdoor area to do some activities and shooting, either archery or scoped air rifles. This class can be tailored for any species you are hoping to harvest. (1 – 2hrs)

Firearm Safety and Hunting

Learn all about gun safety. This includes the different types of firearms, ammunition, safe handling, storage, maintenance, and proper use. Hunting topics will cover each species appropriate for the current season. Short videos also accompany the class where possible. (30min – 1hr)

Hunting 101

Who wants to learn to deer hunt? This program is an all inclusive opportunity to go deer hunting. We will be going to the gun range to get comfortable shooting and 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. I am 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 605.362.3524 or email me at jason.nelson@state.sd.us.

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Trapping Basics

Learn about the different animals that can be trapped in South Dakota and the tools needed to be successful. This class will cover animals, tracks, furs, traps, and important safety information. An outdoor component can be added where the students can make their own sets. (1hr)

Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. Many topics will be covered including fire preparation, shelter building, first aid, and most importantly, being prepared. This class is incredibly hands on and can be done year round! (1hr+)

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Winter Activities

Snowshoe Basics

Learn about the history of snowshoes and the proper technique for putting them on and walking in them. We will then head outside to give them a whorl! Snow required! (1hr+)

Ice Fishing Basics

Learn about the differences in ice fishing compared to open water fishing. We will cover set ups, tackle, and safety. You will then get on the ice, learn to drill holes, and use your new knowledge to try and catch a keeper. Appropriately thick ice is required. (1hr+)

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Cross Country Skiing

Learn about proper technique for gliding on our groomed trails. You will also learn about cutting new trails in fresh snow and even how to fall properly. This is a great wintertime sport that you will soon fall in love with. (1hr+)

Presentations

Upland birds

This presentation covers the identification and history of upland birds in South Dakota. It also goes into great detail about ring-necked pheasants and their lifecycles. (45min)

Collared deer

In an effort to better understand white-tailed deer population performance and determine if populations are increasing, decreasing or remaining stable, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks radio collars deer. This presentation looks at data, answers a number of important questions, and is filled with video showing the collaring process including helicopter footage and on the ground crew work. (45min)

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“In the Classroom” Presentations

Mammals of SD

What kinds of animals live in South Dakota? This is a hands-on demonstration that can include furs, skull, tracks, scat, and live animals. (1hr)

The Migration Nation

Who flies south for the winter? Where do they go in the summer? Learn about migration and the role South Dakota plays in the annual migration. (30min – 1hr)

Wetland Ecology

This new class offers introduction and identification to reptiles and amphibians, local fish species, migrating waterfowl, and aquatic mammal species. We will also learn about water quality and habitats through hands on exploration. Live animals and other visual aids really bring this immersive class together. (1hr)

Plains Ecology

This new class offers introduction and identification of upland birds, predators, and mammals that can be found on the Plains of South Dakota. We will also discover their relationships and importance in our unique ecosystem. (1hr)

Borrow these Teaching Tools!

We have crates of teaching materials than you can borrow for up to two weeks by leaving or sending a security deposit of \$75. When the crate is returned and after a satisfactory inventory of its contents, the check will be destroyed or returned – your choice. These are the crates we currently have available:

Mammal Crates, Grasslands Crate, Tree Trunk, Prairie Crate, Bat Crate, Coyote Crate, Bird Box and Beaver Crate

You can find the inventory sheet for any of these crates on our website at www.outdoorcampus.org, calling the office at (605) 362-2700, or emailing our secretary at jean.olson@state.sd.us



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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.

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.