



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

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OCTOBER-DECEMBER PROGRAMS BELOW!



UPLAND 101

SD is in great shape when it comes to our grouse and pheasant opportunities. For those new to hunting, this is a program that will guide you from A-Z on hunting SD's upland species.



RELOADING

The retail shelves now have a decent supply of reloading materials so we decided it's time to start offering reloading classes. Check out our options in October and November



FUR HANDLING

The fur market isn't the most motivating place to encourage trapping but making some of your own products is. This class is designed to help you make the most use out of your catch.

NEW STAFF NEW PROGRAMS

New staff comes with new and fresh ideas. Kaycee, Aaron and Molly are our newest additions to our staff and are all bringing great ideas to the table. This issue will highlight a few new programs that we either have never taught before or will have a new spin on the class outcomes. Check out our fliers below to see what is new.





TRAPPING AND FURBEARER SERIES

by Aaron Plunkett - Intern

This upcoming quarter, we're excited to launch a comprehensive, hands-on trapping education series designed to guide participants through the full cycle of ethical and effective furbearer trapping and pelt preparation.

We'll begin with Intro to Trapping classes on October 10th & 22nd and November 19th, where participants will learn the fundamentals of modern trapping, including regulations, ethics, and basic techniques. Participants are encouraged to attend one of these sessions before the Prep and Field Days.

Next, we'll offer Trapping prep days on November 4th and December 2nd. These workshops will provide familiarization with a variety of traps and sets, with time to practice techniques and ask questions.

The series culminates in our Trapping Field Day on December 6th, where participants will apply their new skills in a real-world setting by setting traps on location with the guidance of TOC Naturalists.

To complete the trapping journey, we'll host a follow-up two-part series focused on fur handling and preservation. The Skin, Flesh, Dry class on December 10th offers participants the opportunity to work directly with furbearer pelts, learning how to properly skin, flesh, and dry hides for long-term preservation. Finally, our Tanning class on December 15th will introduce the basics of hide tanning, giving participants a full circle understanding of the trapping process from field to a finished product.

MEET MOLLY

by Molly Boyum (Naturalist - Starting September 24th)

Hi, I'm Molly! I am so excited to be a part of the Outdoor Campus West team. Originally from Minnesota, I came to South Dakota to attend college, graduating from Augustana University in 2022. I have always been enamored by the natural world and spend as much of my time outside as possible. On top of that, I've always been passionate about connecting with and learning from people. I am excited to jump into my new role as a Naturalist and to connect, teach, learn, and bond over all of the incredible natural resources and recreation opportunities the state of South Dakota has to offer. There is truly something for everyone in the outdoors! Outside of work, my hobbies include training for and running marathons, trying my hand at any outdoor activity, arting and crafting, hiking, road tripping, and quite possibly anything with my dog Jaeger and significant other, Nate!

RELOADING CLASS

by Devyn Born (*Naturalist intern*)

This introduction to reloading will provide practical instructions for the safe production of rifle cartridges from spent ammunition. Designed to help hunters and firearm enthusiasts, the course will emphasize safety, precision, and consistency when preparing your ammunition.

Participants will explore the complete reloading process, which consists of case preparation, priming, powder measurement, and bullet seating. Each step will be explained in detail, so participants understand the significance of each task and how to perform it effectively. The course will provide hands-on experience with reloading equipment as we go through the process of preparing dummy ammunition. This will allow students to practice with confidence before advancing to live ammunition.

The .243 Winchester cartridge will be the round of choice for this activity, with broad applications in hunting and target shooting. Reloading provides an excellent opportunity to produce safe, accurate, and affordable ammunition. The skills learned from this class will also apply to other common rifle cartridges. No prior experience is needed. We look forward to your participation!



UPLAND 101 - NEW FOR 2025

by Aaron Shone (*Naturalist*)

With birds at decade high numbers, we're excited to offer an Upland Bird 101 course here at the Outdoor Campus West. This is an opportunity for a new hunter to gain the knowledge and field safety required to hunt upland birds in South Dakota. The course will have required hours including a meet and greet/bird identification and hunting regulation class, a range day to build confidence in the use and handling of a shotgun with the final event being a scheduled hunt. There is no prerequisite or equipment requirement, but a small game or combination license will need to be purchased prior to the hunt. Hunting birds is a great social event, and we look forward to building a community here at the Outdoor Campus West!

This 101 is a new opportunity with limited space as we are quickly approaching our game seasons. Be on the lookout for application opening and deadlines which will be shared on our social media. We ask that applicants are new hunters and over the age of 18. We can always use a spare set of hands so if you would like to get involved with our Upland Bird 101 course, or any other volunteer opportunities, feel free to reach out to Aaron Schone at aaron.schone@state.sd.us or 605-394-2398.



becoming an Outdoors- Woman

PATHWAYS

By Kaycee Smith (Naturalist)

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, or BOW, is a national education program that strives to make women more comfortable in and more aware of the outdoor world around them. South Dakota offers a Becoming and Outdoors-Woman workshop in the early fall each year, rotating back and forth between the eastern and western sides of the state. Encouraging new participants with a willingness to continue outdoor recreation in a meaningful, committed manner is a priority of SD Becoming an Outdoors-Woman. Learning the outdoors and activities that come with them does not just fit into one weekend. Becoming a hunter, angler, trapper, and outdoors enthusiast is a culmination of trial and error, experimentation, time spent in the field and developing an understanding through continual learning. The workshop weekend will be considered a core competency course. Meaning that the women that come to the workshop are accountable to continuing their learning, which is a super exciting challenge for them and for our staff at GFP. Current and past participants will be encouraged to engage in future BOW-focused events around the state on semi-regular basis such as ice fishing, archery shoots, trapping, fly fishing, and various kinds of hunting. These kind of events around the state will serve to cultivate and continue the strong community of women that BOW is built around. We will be sending out a newsletter style of upcoming classes and opportunities around the state, locations of places to go, and ways of contacting mentors / groups / GFP staff to help with this journey. We'll see you out there.



MUZZLELOADING

By Clint Whitley (naturalist)

Probably one of the most underrated seasons we have that sometimes flies under the radar is our muzzleloader deer season.

It's not very often you can draw the any deer tag but when you do, it's like hitting the SD hunting lottery. I drew that tag this year and almost feel like I just drew a coveted trophy unit tag. The fact that you can hunt almost anywhere in the the State during the entire month of December is such an amazing opportunity. There's two things that give this tag a little pressure.

One is that I've never really shot a muzzleloader and don't know much about it. It's not very often I get the opportunity to try something in the outdoors that is completely new to me but I do this season. I look forward to the learning process and getting to know a new method of take. Knowing how to use a muzzleloader will only increase the opportunities for me in the future by offering another season to apply for.

Second is that it's the entire state. How do I narrow down that search area? It's almost too awesome. I haven't answered that questions yet but I have ruled out a few large areas based on what my hunting goals are. That leaves me with the western half of the state not including the Black Hills. So only a few million acres left of narrowing it down! I'm not complaining though. I am looking forward to chasing those post rut SD mule deer and whitetails. Here's hopes for a good snow year and maybe look into trying out the muzzleloader season in your future seasons.



NON-TRADITIONAL SD OPPORTUNITIES

by Kaycee Smith (Naturalist)

South Dakota is well known for pheasant, elk, waterfowl, pronghorn, walleye, paddlefish, and deer opportunities across the state for decades. Some of these species are pursued after successful draws, seasonally, or year round. We are really fortunate to live in a state that encourages harvest and utilization of species and what better way to increase those days in the field than to look at some non-traditional species for harvest. Hunting small game like rabbit and squirrel is a great way to be outside in the colder months after the holidays and before that really solid ice starts for ice fishing. I really enjoy cooking with rabbit at home and has become a staple in our house. Hunting mourning doves is super fun, fast paced and a good way to get ready for the pheasant and grouse season around the corner by dusting off the shotgun. Trapping furbearers is another exciting winter opportunity to get out of the house and stave off the cabin fever by pursuing coyote, bobcat, and racoons. Also super cool to be able to make your own warm winter clothing from the furs. More towards the spring, getting out to do some catfish set lines on the rivers we have in the west is a good bang for your buck. Lastly, looking into doing some turtle traps and smelting in the spring as well before open water fishing and camping take up all your weekends. So, whether you are looking for fun new ways to spend with family and friends outside, fill that freezer, or increase days in the field, check out these species and the classes at the campus to learn more!



PRONGHORN ANTELOPE

by Clint Whitley (Naturalist)

It's archery antelope season as I write this and the rifle season will follow here shortly in October. The small amount I have been out chasing these "speed goats" this year, I am amazed by how cool of an animal they are. They truly are like nothing else we have running around in North America and I don't think they get enough credit or the attention they deserve. They are endemic to North America so we should be proud of those native species. If you get a chance, go down to the mammoth site in hot springs and pay close attention to the early relatives to the pronghorn that are now extinct. It's really quite interesting how these species are never talked about. The pronghorn that we know and love today was written and drawn about not just by early settlers but also on petroglyphs and was highly respected by those people laying eyes on them for the first time. Why I find these critters so fascinating is first their speed and endurance. They may not be as fast as a cheetah but they can hold their speed for a long time in the blazing SD sun which always impresses me in how they don't overheat. Next is their eye size. If you see the size of their eyes you will notice how big they are. For an animal that's generally smaller than a deer it has eyes the size of a horse to help pick out those dangers on the landscape. Next is the horn sheaths. It breaks all the rules of horn growth. All other horned animals do not shed their horns but the pronghorn sheds the sheaths every year and grows a new set of horns. These horns also break the rules by having another point to them. Those are often called prongs, diggers, cutters and a variety of unique names. Larger antelope tend to have good mass, long cutters and deep hooks to the tall horns giving him an impressive look. When you look at those mature bucks through your glass, the black face of a mature buck, fence posts on his head and stocky build are key give aways to an impressive specimen. As you drive around SD this fall, watch for those bucks chasing off other bucks. Their rut activity is something to watch and don't forget to give these cool critters the credit they deserve by sharing their neat story.





SD UPLAND OPPORTUNITY

by Aaron Shone (Naturalist)

If you've had the big game blues and can't seem to be on the winning side of the draws, it might be time to broaden your horizons and chase new game species. Our state is notorious for its upland game opportunities, and it might be time for you to take advantage of it! In South Dakota this last year, we had great harvest statistics for both pheasants and grouse. For grouse, over 99,000 birds were shot with the average birds per hunter at 5.15. With pheasants, there were over 1.3 million birds harvested and an additional 380,000 on defined private shooting preserves with 9 birds per hunter. For both birds, 2024 was an above average season and 2025 hopes to prove just as successful.

Pheasants and grouse get all the attention, but we also offer seasons for partridge, chukar, prairie chicken and quail. As with any hunt, be sure to note regulation differences and dates for each bird before beginning your chase as you will often encounter multiple species on the hunt. One interesting difference is the sunrise to sunset hunt for grouse and other upland birds, whereas pheasants can't be harvest until 10 am central time. Don't be afraid to chase birds early in the morning but remember those pheasants will have to wait! Another attention added to the 2025 Hunting Handbook is for those with dogs. Be mindful of the dangers that exist with dogs around equipment and wildlife on some public ground, as well as the potential for traps. Trapping is allowed and is something to be mindful when your dog may be out of eyesight or along game trails.

3D LEAGUE

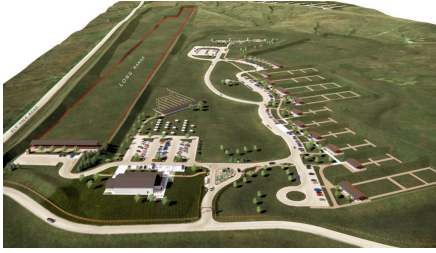
by Casey Wyrwas (Naturalist Intern)

During quarter 3 the Outdoor Campus West started a 3D Archery League that met every Thursday night from July 10th-August 28th. The League was proposed and started by Clint Whitley who passed it off to Aaron Schone to take over with help from several interns. The purpose of the League was to help archers prepare for archery season by giving them a chance to shoot at 3Ds instead of our regular targets but in a competitive environment. The scores were based off there being 12pt, 10pt, and 8pt rings with a minimum of 5pts. 14 targets total for gave a maximum score of 168 points. The league saw 62 different archers overall with a weekly average of 26 archers. As the weeks progressed, we saw overall improving scores for many archers with some of the standouts being: Alex K. with the highest score of 162 for the Men's Hunting, Thawney S. with the high score of 132 for the Women's Hunting, and Kaisen K. with the high score of 151 for the Youth. We were also lucky enough to have guest speakers from the South Dakota Bowhunters Association and South Dakota Antelope Foundation. Overall, the League was a great success and we look forward to hosting it again next year!



RANGE UPDATE

by Clint Whitley (Naturalist)



Things are becoming real out at the gun range as we near the opener. The adjusted opener date is Nov. 7th. We were out there the other day helping install some throwers and I was blown away again at just the few things I saw. This facility is absolutely first class and is going to offer some outstanding opportunities to shoot some guns in any fashion imaginable. Start saving your pennies because I know I will be making more ammo purchases in my future because of it. As you do that remember that 11% of the cost of that ammo goes right back to the Pittman Robertson fund to support conservation. Because recreational shooters are such a huge contributor, this range is a thank you for all you've contributed to that fund.

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[South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks-Education](https://www.youtube.com/SouthDakotaGameFishParksEducation)



CHANGES TO MENTORED HUNTING

by Daniel Cox (School Programs Naturalist)

As the School Coordinator for the Outdoor Campus, I have the privilege of working with youth of all ages, introducing them to the principles of conservation through hunting and fishing. This fall, a significant change has been made to the youth mentor tag program for hunting in South Dakota.

Historically, mentor tags were issued under the account of an adult hunting mentor for all youth under the age of 15. Beginning this year, however, mentor tags must now be purchased under the name and account of the youth mentee. While parental or legal guardian permission is still required, it can now be granted either verbally or in writing—whereas previously, only written consent was accepted. This change was implemented to ensure a simple purchasing process and that young hunter can have their name right on their own tag. It's important to note that while hunter safety certification is still required for the adult mentor, it is not mandatory for the youth mentee. Youth under the age of 15 are eligible for a mentor tag, with no minimum age requirement. The mentor tag does not have an application deadline and may be purchased through the season, which goes from September 13 through January 1st, 2026. If you want more information about the Mentored program, you can find it at: <https://gfp.sd.gov/youth-mentored/> or visit a local SD Game, Fish and Parks office.





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OCTOBER PROGRAMS

SD Hunnable Wildlife ID

Come join us to learn about all the different animals South Dakota has to offer for hunting opportunities. Family friendly ages 8+.

October 1 5:30-7:00 PM

Catch it-Clean-it Cook-it

Learn how to use fishing equipment to catch a fish in our front pond. Then learn how to clean your catch and cook it! Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

October 2 5:30-7:00 PM

Date Night Archery

Are you interested in spending time getting to know that special someone better while learning a new outdoor skill? Intro to archery date night is right on target with that.

October 3 5:30-7:00 PM

Waterfowl ID

Canyon Lake hosts many different species of waterfowl during the migration. Meet our Outdoor Campus staff and use our spotting scopes for an up-close ID and observation event. Learn how to use the Merlin Bird app for your phone to become a birder. Ages 10 and up.

October 4 10:00 -11:30 AM

Women's Intro to firearms

The Outdoor Campus will teach you the operating components of different firearms and the fundamentals of safely. Class includes handling our inert safety guns. Youth must be accompanied by an adult, for ages 10 and up.

October 6 5:30-7:00 PM

Intro to Archery

Learn the basic techniques of archery, parts of a bow, range safety and how to safely shoot different bows. Ages 8 and up.

October 8 6:00-7:30 PM

October 21 6:00-7:30 PM

Intro to Reloading

Learn the skills, process and equipment needed to reload your own bullets.

October 9 5:30-7:30 PM

Intro to Trapping

There's lots to do before you start your trap line. Learn how to prepare your traps, lures and baits for the coming season.

October 10 6:00-7:30 PM

October 22 6:00-7:30 PM

Intro to Fishing

Learn how to cast, tie knots, ID different local species and learn techniques to catch fish followed by fishing in our Outdoor Campus pond. All gear will be provided. Hats, eye protection and sunscreen are encouraged. Ages 6 and up, children must be accompanied by an adult.

October 10 5:00-6:30

3D Range Day

3D targets will be placed on the range for you to come at your leisure to shoot at an animal shaped target to help prepare for the November deer rut.

October 11 10:00-4:00 PM

Intro to Fly Casting

The Black Hills is an amazing place to flyfish. Join us to learn the basics of Fly-Casting and fly-Fishing gear. Ages of 12 and up.

October 7 5:30-7:30 PM

October 14 5:00-6:30 PM

Stands/Saddles/Sticks

We will pull out all of our hunting gear including tree saddles, tree stands and blinds. Try new equipment for this fall. We will cover more permanent options and portable options to switch up hunting positions.

October 14 6:00-7:30 PM

Bowhunting Seminar

South Dakota Bow hunters Association's board member Tyler Pickett presents a guide to bow hunting. Decoys, spot and stalk in the rut and techniques that can be used throughout the season.

October 15 6:00-7:30 PM

Deer Processing

In this class we will show you how to butcher and process a deer from start to finish.

October 16 5:30-7:30 PM

Date Night Catch-it, Clean-it, Cook-it

Bring a date to Learn how to use fishing equipment to catch a fish in our front pond. Then learn how to clean your catch and cook it!

October 17 5:00-6:30 PM

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OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Women's intro to Archery

Learn the basic techniques of archery, parts of a bow, range safety and how to safely shoot different bows. Ages 8 and up, Ladies only

October 18 10:00-11:30 AM

Arrow Building

Come join us to learn about how to fletch your arrows, add inserts, and more. Feel free to bring your own arrows, vanes, and inserts otherwise practice ones will be provided. Ages 12+.

October 18 2:00-3:30

Family Winter Wilderness First Aid

Come join us to learn basic first aid that will help keep you and your friends and family safe. Learn what to do if the unexpected happens when you're out enjoying South Dakota's beautiful wilderness, disclaimer: this is not a certification class. Must be at least 8 years old

October 20 5:00-7:00 PM

Moms Intro to firearms

Mothers join us with your children to learn about gun safety, different types of guns, and how to shoot safely.

October 22 5:30-7:00 PM

B.O.W. Happy Hour

Ladies! Come join us for an hour of shooting at the campus ranges. BOW participants and women in the surrounding community are welcome to come. Enjoy socializing while getting some good pokes in.

October 23 6:00-7:00 PM

Smoking Wild Game

Smoking your wild game is a good option to bring out all the great flavors that wild game has to offer. Join us for some cooking instruction and a taste test of a couple easy recipes you can do at home.

October 23 5:30-7:00 PM

Gun Cleaning

Learn basic techniques and tips for cleaning firearms. Try them out as we clean some of the Campus firearms.

October 24 5:30-7:00 PM

Intro to Fly Tying

Come learn the basics of fly tying and the tying equipment. We will be learning a great beginners fly pattern for year-round success right here in the Black Hills. No equipment or supplies needed. Ages 10 and up.

October 25 10:00-11:30 AM

Intro to Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn how cook with and care for cast iron Dutch ovens. You will be making food so come hungry! Closed-toed shoes are required for safety.

October 27 5:30-7:00 PM

Making Wild Game Pemmican

As you harvest your game this fall or are looking for a homemade treat to take with you into the field, pemmican might be the snack for you! A very energy dense and culturally rich snack, pemmican can be easily prepared and dried for when you need energy most. We will provide a quick background and then allow some creative freedom to create your own recipe as sweet or natural as you'd like.

October 28 6:00-8:00 PM

Where to hunt in SD

South Dakota is full of public lands to hunt if you know where to look. Come join us as we explore the different types of land you can hunt.

October 29 5:30-7:00 PM

On Location Fishing - Angostura

Fall is a great time to hit some open water fishing before winter starts. Join us on the boat at Angostura to do some open water fishing targeting walleyes. We may try other species and talk about fishing techniques, access, and information GFP provides on fishing access.

October 29 10:00-2:00 PM

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Winter Outdoor Skills

South Dakota has a wide variety of winter activities to enjoy. Come join us to learn more about them and gain some hands-on experience with different associated gear.

November 1 10:00-11:30 AM

Making Brats and Sausage

One way to utilize a lot of your wild game from this fall is to make brats and sausage. We will go through a variety of recipes and strategies of making some great brats and sausage that you can enjoy for the entire year.

November 3 5:30-7:30 PM

Trapping Prep Day

Get hands on training with traps and the equipment for different furbearer species. Leather gloves for setting traps is recommended.

November 4 6:00-7:30 PM

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Fly Tying Series - Nymphs

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November 10 6:00-7:30

Adult Wilderness First Aid

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November 12 5:30-7:30 PM

Trailer Backing Class

Learn how to safely and effectively back a trailer. Non-intimidating instructors will help you get some hands-on experience and coaching on backing a trailer.

November 12 5:30-6:30

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November 19 6:00-7:30 PM

Muzzleloaders

This two-day class will explore the history of muzzleloaders and black-powder hunting, using a muzzleloader in the field, cleaning and safety tips, and rules and regulations for muzzleloader hunting. The second day will be spent at the range.

November 20 6:00-7:30 PM and

November 22 10:00-12:00 PM

Intro to Archery

Learn the basic techniques of archery, parts of a bow, range safety and how to safely shoot different bows. Ages 8 and up.

November 21 5:30-7:00

Date Night - Trout Poke Bowls

Utilize the abundant trout resource that we are so blessed to have here in the Black Hills. A new variation of our catch it, cook it, clean it series; this class will provide some brined and smoked rainbow trout along with all the supplies needed to make a delicious and fun meal experience. This is sure to impress your dinner guests and be a fun couples (or friends) activity to get you excited to pursue more trout fishing opportunities.

November 21 6:00-8:00 PM

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December 3 6:00-7:30

Intro to Ice Fishing

Join us at the Outdoor Campus for a class learning all about ice fishing equipment, safety, locations and techniques.

December 5 5:30-7:00 PM

Trapping Field Day

Are you ready to test your new trapping skill set out? In this class, we will be setting traps on location to create good practice.

December 6 10:00-2:00 PM

Deer Processing

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December 6 5:30-7:00 PM

Wild Game Cooking

Do you have some wild game and don't know how to cook it? Learn cooking tips that are useful when cooking wild game.

December 9 6-8:00 PM

Skin, Flesh and Stretch

We will show you how to properly skin, flesh and put up your catch so that it is prepared for the tanning process

December 10 6:00-8:00 PM

Rod Building - Ice Rods

Ice fishing season is coming up and what better way to enjoy fishing on the ice then with your own rod you made in class.

Rod black kits will be provide. \$25 donation is suggested to cover material cost but not required.

December 11,12,13 5:30-7:30 PM

Date Night Archery

Are you interested in spending time getting to know that special someone better while learning a new outdoor skill in a fun class setting. Intro to archery date night is right on target with that.

December 12 5:30-7:00 PM

Wild Game Cooking - Venison Ribs and shanks

Never leave the ribs in the field again. These portions of a deer, elk or antelope no matter what the size as well as other primal cuts of a deer are some of the best pieces to save. Learn how to cook them and other discarded cuts.

December 13 6:00-7:30

Fur Tanning

Get hands-on experience with the tanning process of furs. Gloves will be provided.

December 15 6:00-8:00 PM

Turkey Fan Mounting

Learn how save a few dollars and do your own turkey fan taxidermy. We will take a turkey fan and preserve it so that it can be hung on the wall for many years to enjoy.

December 16 6:00-8:00 PM

Pints and Plugs

During this event, you'll have the opportunity to design your own custom fishing lure while enjoying your favorite local brew. Additionally, you'll learn valuable tips and techniques on how to effectively use your lure, and explore the world of online scouting and access in South Dakota. This event promises to be both educational and enjoyable for anyone interested in fishing and the great outdoors. Adults 21+

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