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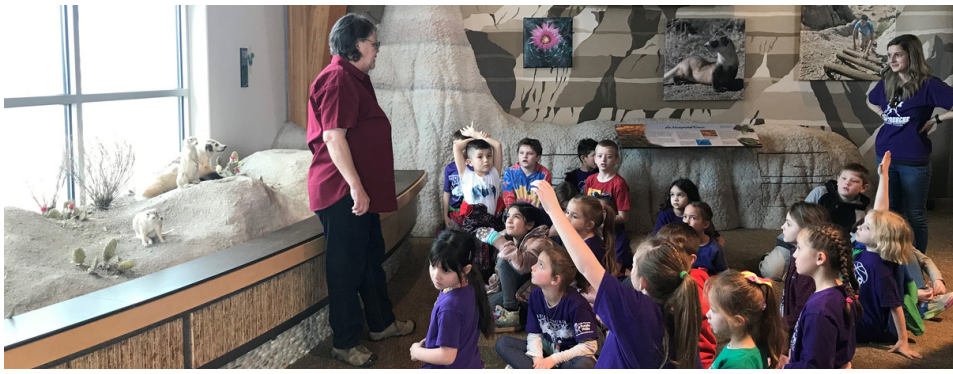
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Are you interested in learning how to hunt with a rifle or a bow? Page 7 has an opportunity you do not want to miss. Thanks to hunters, this program is completely free and it will assist this group of next hunters learn in a safe and inviting environment.





AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

by Lacy Elrod

As we get closer to spring and summer and outdoor temperatures rise, people are starting to dream about getting their boats back onto open water. South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) would like to remind everyone about Aquatic Invasive Species, or AIS.

AIS are plants and animals that are not native to South Dakota, and they have a negative impact on the state's ecosystems or on humans' use of them. When preparing for the open water, please make preventing AIS transmission a top priority. Here are a few things you can do to help protect our waters:

When boating, practice CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY. Clean your boat and trailer of weeds, pull all boat plugs and drain live wells and the lower unit on your motor, and dry any submerged equipment. AIS are transmitted primarily by hitchhiking.

Bait and fish may not be transported in water taken from a lake, river or stream except while en-route to a fish-cleaning station in the boat-ramp parking area. The water must be drained before leaving the fish-cleaning station. You must also dispose of unused minnows used for bait in a fish grinder at the cleaning station or by draining and disposing of them in a trash container. It is a violation of state statute to dump unused minnows into a water body.

By taking a little extra time to do these few things, you will help slow the spread of AIS and protect our waters. If you would like more information about AIS or to see GFP's AIS Management Plan, please visit <https://sdleastwanted.sd.gov/>

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

by Cheyenne Parke

Looking for a fun activity for spring? Check out this lesson plan or one of our Critter Crates, which have resources for teaching about various wildlife species in South Dakota. You can find Critter Crate information on the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks website, at <https://gfp.sd.gov/critter-crates/>

Group Size: 5 or more. Duration: 10-25 minutes.

Concept: Students play a tag game to better understand predator-prey relationships (based on the familiar children's game "Red Light, Green Light, 1,2,3").

Procedure: Have children form a straight line, and explain the rules of the game. One child will be selected to be the "prey." The rest of the group will be the "predators." The child selected as prey will be positioned about 25 feet from the line of predators. The child chosen as prey will choose a prey animal to portray. The predators then will decide which animals they will be.

After predators and prey have been decided, the child chosen as prey will turn around, facing away from the group, and say, "Predator, predator, don't eat me!" as the predator children sneak up behind the prey. Children must freeze before the child chosen as prey turns around. If the prey sees a predator move, that child must return to start. When original prey is tagged by a predator, that predator will play the role of prey.

Advanced: Students sneaking up on the prey must mime their predator species (bats might have arms out to represent wings, lions could have claws outstretched and so on). Encourage students to select different sets of predators and prey each time, from different habitats or regions of the world.



BALD EAGLE NESTING BEHAVIOR

by Kristin VanBeek (Intern)

The bald eagle is a well-known bird species that can be found across South Dakota near open water such as rivers, streams, and lakes. Eagle watching has been increasing in popularity in the state and birds can be spotted in many locations throughout the year.

When it comes to laying eggs, bald eagles are unlike other raptors. Generally, raptors, such as hawks, lay their eggs during the spring. Bald eagles lay their eggs in late February.

Bald eagles usually build a nest made from massive mounds of sticks, which are built in tall trees, on cliffs, or sometimes on the ground. Females generally lay two large, white eggs that occasionally have brown spots and are more rounded than the typical egg. The widest point on a bald eagle egg is the width of a tennis ball.

Both parents help incubate the eggs for 35 days. For the first few weeks after hatching, the young eagles will remain under the watchful eyes of their parents as they learn important skills such as hunting and survival. Once they are confident, young bald eagles will leave their parents and set out into the world independently.



FLY FISHING MADE EASY

by Laurie Root

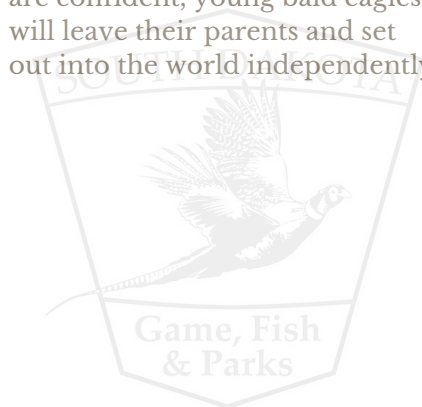
Many people think that fly fishing looks like a really hard thing to do. Trust me, if I can do it, so can you!

The cast is just a timing thing. If you try to come forward too quickly, your line sounds like a whip and you lose your fly! So don't do that because flies can be expensive.

Let me put it into words most of us can understand. If you repeat these words out loud as you cast, you will look as good as Brad Pitt in the movie "A River Runs Through It"!

1. Make sure you have about 30 feet of fly line in front of you. Lift the line off the water about 45 degrees.
2. Bring your hand quickly back to your ear like you are angry about answering your phone. Thumb should be pointing straight up. Say the words, "Hi how are you?"
3. Bring your hand forward imitating one pounding of a nail into a small closet. Say the words "It's for you!"
4. Follow through. As the fly descends to the water, lower the rod tip.

Seriously, that is all there is to it! Give it a try!





SUMMER BOATING

by Clint Whitley

Even though it doesn't look like spring here in late March, it is here. Slowly the ice is melting off the lakes and people are getting the itch to hit the lakes for some spring fishing.

To ensure you have a great time and are safe, here are a few boating things to keep in mind.

1. Pickup a GFP Boating Handbook to refresh on regulations and ensure proper licensing and registration.
2. Check the boats required equipment. PFD's, throwables, fire extinguisher and sound-producing device.
3. Go to a near by lake for a boating test drive with no plans other then to drive the boat. Look to see if everything is running smoothly.
4. Using fresh fuel in the first fill-up ensures proper motor care and offers the best performance.
5. Gear up and hit the water.
6. Lastly remember to do your part in preventing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

AIS is proving to be a challenge across the country. As boaters, we need to make sure that our boats are CLEAN of all mud and plant debris. DRAIN any live wells, pumps and bait buckets, then DRY all boats, live wells and trailers before returning to the water.

Enjoy the Spring and Summer on the water and practice good boating safety!

SNAKES IN THE SPRING

by Allie Fischer (Intern)

With warm weather on the way, native wildlife is on the move, and this includes our South Dakota snakes. During the winter, snakes and other reptiles go through brumation, which is their version of hibernation, when they stop eating, seek out a burrow, and slow down their metabolism.

Snakes are cold-blooded, or ectothermic, which means they rely on their environment for heating and cooling. So as the outside environment warms, so do their bodies. They come out of their burrows in search of basking areas and start to actively search for food. Snakes also lay their eggs during the spring since they mate in the fall before their time in brumation.

Since people will start encountering snakes in the wild, it is important to know how to keep yourself and snakes safe. Just leaving them alone and allowing them to slither away is the best way to be safe. Snakes are generally timid and scared of large creatures like us, so if they act aggressively, it is only to protect themselves.

The only venomous snake species in South Dakota is the prairie rattlesnake, and you can tell from a distance if it is a rattlesnake by the large diamond-shaped head. Even if it is a rattlesnake, do not approach or kill it. Just let it pass. Watch where you are walking and make sure to wear boots instead of sandals.

To learn more about snakes, come visit Jake the bullsnake here at the Outdoor Campus!



TROUT RECIPE

by Clint Whitley

I've always had a hard time eating trout. To me it just doesn't compare to walleye and perch. Living here in the Black Hills, those species aren't as prevalent as the rainbow trout. After finding this recipe, I've changed my mind. This grilled trout recipe has a delicious dill sauce layered on top and is loaded with flavor.

Filleting isn't always the easiest with smaller trout. If you are fortunate enough to catch a few big trout, then this recipe is a great option for those big fillets. You can also substitute salmon for a somewhat different flavor. A trick to firm up the trout fillets is to brine them for a few days in a basic salt brine. Give it a try -- it's super easy. This recipe works well for about four trouts' worth of fillets.

Instructions:

1. Fillet the trout and remove as many bones as possible.
2. Marinate fillets for 1 hour.
3. Remove fish from marinade, season with salt and pepper, and grill until done.
4. Serve with sauce on top.

Marinade Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp. white wine vinegar or cider vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. dill weed
- $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper

Dill Sauce Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- 3 Tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 3 Tbsp. dill weed
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- 4 tsp. white wine vinegar or cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper



HUNT SAFE

by Clint Whitley

Taking a HuntSAFE class traditionally is among major steps in life for a youngster. This spring and summer is the time for you or your kids to complete that step so you can go hunting this fall. Planning and knowing the options are important so no one misses out.

With a shortage of HuntSAFE instructors across the state, the number of classes is limited. If you are interested in becoming a HuntSAFE instructor, please reach out to our HuntSAFE Coordinator, Brandon and he would be happy to get you trained. brandon.maahs@state.sd.us

There are two types of classes available to complete the course. One is the 10 hour, free, traditional course, which usually includes three evenings and a Saturday morning. This option does not require any advance work, and you will complete all the requirements within those times.

The other option is the HuntSAFE independent study course, for which participants pay a \$24.95 course fee. Students take the online portion and then bring the completion voucher to a four-hour field day for hands-on training and to check their understanding of firearm safety. See class availability and sign up [here](#).

Traditional Class Dates:

- April 11th, 12th, 13th, field day 15th
- May 16th, 17th, 18th, field day 20th
- August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, field day 5th
- September 19th, 20th, 21st, field day 23rd
- Questions? Please reach out to Conservation Officer, Ross Fees at ross.fees@state.sd.us

Independent Study Course:

- Dates to be determined but will be offered throughout the summer, up to the hunting seasons. Please reach out to clint.whitley@state.sd.us if you are interested.

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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Do you like recreating in the outdoors and want to share your skills with others? Volunteer with us!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Naturalist Assistant
- Landscaping/Gardening
- Information Desk/Greeter (18+)
- SD Wildlife Interpreter
- School Programs Assistant
- Volunteer Instructor
- Volunteer Mentor

The mission of volunteers at The Outdoor Campus is to cultivate stewardship and safely connect people with the outdoors by supporting and leading educational opportunities.

For more information on the volunteer program or to apply, click [here](#).

FAREWELL KATIE AND LAURIE

by Clint Whitley

Two of The Outdoor Campus' finest are moving on to new things. It's a sad time here to see both these wonderful people leave, but we are so excited for both of them in their new adventures.

We wish Katie Schlafke the very best as she moves on from South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and into a new position with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. As volunteer coordinator, Katie contributed some amazing things to our department such as creating and implementing a mentor program, rebuilding a volunteer program, creating structure around just about everything we do here, teaching programs, training and leading interns, managing volunteers, special projects and so much more. Good luck to you Katie, your Outdoor Campus family will miss you.

Laurie Root just completed 35 years with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and is trading in her naturalist hat for her retirement hat. Laurie is excited to get out and enjoy our South Dakota resources even more. I'm sure you can find her on the river catching walleyes or in the hills hunting whitetails. Laurie impacted so many people throughout her career and that was evident after celebrating at her retirement party. Laurie has a unique and very effective way to creating excitement and sharing her knowledge about the outdoors with anyone that's wanting to learn. She won't just tell you what the name of that duck is but will teach you how to figure it out.

That's her style and comes with lots of laughter and pure passion. Thank you Laurie for all the work you've done here at The Outdoor Campus. Enjoy your time in the field and on the water and enjoy retirement.

HAPPENINGS IN SIOUX FALLS

Check out our sister-campus in Sioux Falls!

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Here is a list of some of the community programs the Sioux Falls campus will be offering. For the entire program booklet and more information, click [here](#).

Adult Fishing

- April 22nd

BB Guns

- May 6th

Track Hike with the Littles

- April 12th
- May 17th

Shotgun Basics

- May 13th

Fly Tying for Beginners

- April 20th
- May 25th

Fly Fishing Series

- May 10, 17th and 24th



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HUNTING 101 & BOWHUNTING 101

by Clint Whitley



The Hunting 101 and Bowhunting 101 programs are fast approaching, and the application process is open. These all-inclusive programs are designed to help families and individuals learn everything they need to know to get them into the field for a fall deer hunt.

The programs are free, and all program materials are provided.

Sessions run during the summer, and hunts start in September. The programs include a sample of wild game, learning about wildlife management, firearm safety, hunting gear, firearm handling, scouting skills and more. We follow that by shooting at the range and then taking you on a whitetail doe hunt. The program ends with learning how to process your own deer.

All families and individual adults are welcome to apply. Adults are required to undergo a background check, and youths must be 12 years or older. Scan the QR code to apply or email clint.whitley@state.sd.us for more information.





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APRIL PROGRAMS

Mallard Nest Building

This class will cover building nesting locations for mallards and other puddle ducks, as well as nesting habits and the importance of continued habitat conservation for North American waterfowl.

April 1 10:00-1:00 PM

3D Archery

Learn how to shoot and practice on our 3D animal targets. Equipment provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. All children must be accompanied by an adult. (8 to adult).

April 1 10:00 – 11:00 AM

April 1 2:00-3:00 PM

April 20 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Introduction to Turkey Hunting

Turkey season is upon us and even though they have the brain size of a pea, they can outsmart many hunters. Come learn some basic tactics that will help you be a more successful turkey hunter this spring.

April 3 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Introduction to Canoeing

Learn techniques to safely paddle canoes or kayaks. Lifejackets will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

April 4 6:00 – 7:30 PM

April 18 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Family Friendly Wild Game Meals

Need new wild game recipes for the family? We will give you ideas for recipes and cooking tips, while we make a meal of our own.

April 6 6:00 – 8:00 PM

April 20 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Owl Pellets

Come learn about native raptors and owls and their crazy adaptations. We will dissect owl pellets to discover what owls eat and compare the anatomy of the prey animals.

April 13 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Introduction to Birding

Birding is a great way to get outside, meet new people, and learn new things about our natural world. Birds come in all different shapes, sizes, and colors. We will learn about what birds are in the Black Hills region and go outdoors to see what backyard birds we can find!

April 15 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Introduction to Fishing

Learn how to safely rig a pole, cast, hook a fish, unhook it, and clean it. All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own gear to practice. Hats, eye protection and sunscreen are encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Ages 8 to adult).

April 15 10:00 - 11:00 AM

April 15 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Pellet Guns

Learn basic gun safety and shooting with pellet rifles.

April 21 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wild Edible Plants

This hands-on class is designed for the beginner forager wishing to identify and understand a selection of local plants, their properties, and their common usages. European and Indigenous methods are discussed. Participants are encouraged to take pictures to aid in identification. You may wish to bring a pad and pen for notes and drinking water.

April 27 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Register @ <https://southdakota.storefront.kalkomey.com/>



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APRIL PROGRAMS

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn how to cook with and care for cast iron Dutch ovens. You will be making food so come hungry! Closed-toed shoes are required for safety. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

April 22 11:00 – 1:00 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.

April 26 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Introduction to Trapping

Learn basic equipment and techniques needed for furbearer trapping. We will be spending some time outdoors so dress for the weather. No other special gear or clothing items needed to attend.

April 24 6:00 - 8:00 PM

CALL TO SET UP YOUR OWN GROUP PROGRAM!

Program options are not limited to the following: Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Fly Fishing, Fly Tying, Archery, Air Rifle Shooting, Gun Safety, Backpacking, and HuntSAFE.

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MAY PROGRAMS

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn how to cook with and care for cast iron Dutch ovens. You will be making food so come hungry! Closed-toed shoes are required for safety. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

May 4 6:00 – 8:00 PM

No Boat, No Problem: Shallow Water Fishing in the Black Hills

It sure would be nice to have a big boat, but there are countless opportunities in the Black Hills to catch fish from shore or from smaller watercraft. In his newest open water seminar, fishing pro staff member “Dr. Auger” Scott Olson will cover different areas on lakes to shore fish from, gear to use to efficiently catch more, as well as other means to find fish on the water. The seminar starts at 6pm and there will be giveaways and drawings for prizes from different fishing companies in the industry! No registration required.

May 5 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Introduction to Fishing

Learn how to safely rig a pole, cast, hook a fish, unhook it, and clean it. All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own gear to practice. Hats, eye protection and sunscreen are encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Ages 8 to adult).

May 6 10:00 - 11:00 AM

May 6 1:00 - 2:00 PM

May 15 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Women's Handgun Safety

This class introduces the principles of firearms safety and basic handgun handling techniques. During our hands-on, practical, and fun exercises you'll learn how to safely handle, store, load, and unload semi-automatic pistols and revolvers and manage the most common concerns associated with them. Several handgun sizes, types, and accessories will be provided to learn with, and there will be opportunity to ask any handgun related questions you may have. All class supplies are provided. Students who already own a handgun may bring it with them to learn more about their model specifically – cased, unloaded, and no ammunition please.

May 9 6:00 – 9:00 PM

May 10 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Family Friendly Wild Game Meals

Need new wild game recipes for the family? We will give you ideas for recipes and cooking tips, while we make a meal of our own.

May 11 6:00 – 8:00 PM

May 20 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Lure Making

Make spinners and flies that can be used to catch a variety of fish species. Materials will be provided. Ages 8 and up, children must be accompanied by an adult.

May 13 11:00 – 12:00 PM

Register @ <https://southdakota.storefront.kalkomey.com/>



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MAY PROGRAMS

Paddling with Pets

Come enjoy paddling with your pets in our front pond whether it's your first time or you're a seasoned paddler with your pet. Try out a canoe or one of our kayaks in a small area to get comfortable so that then you can take your pet to the lake with you for a fun day on the water.

May 20 10:00 - 11:00 AM

The Beginners Guide to Wild Medicinal and Edible Plants of the Black Hills

Come learn to identify some medicinal and edible plants that are found in the Black Hills! This class is part lecture and part hike so please dress appropriately. Participants are also encouraged to bring a writing notebook, pen, camera, and water. We will not be eating during this class.

Ages 12+. All youth must be accompanied by a registered adult.

May 20 10:00 - 12:00PM

Campfire Cooking

Cooking over a campfire is a huge part to going camping this summer. Come learn how to maximize that camping experience with some great campfire meals.

May 22 5:30-7:00PM

Introduction to Archery

Learn the basic techniques of archery, parts of a bow, range safety and how to safely shoot a compound bow. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

May 24 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Getting a SD Hunting License

Join us to learn how to apply or buy a SD big game hunting license. We will show you how to navigate our website and a couple tips on how to be more successful in the draws.

May 31 6:00 - 7:30 PM

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JUNE PROGRAMS

South Dakota's Least Wanted and Fishing Class

Can you spot an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)? We'll start the class learning how to I.D. some of the most common AIS in South Dakota and what you can do to help stop the spread of AIS on your next fishing venture. For the remainder of the class, we will be fishing in our front pond.

June 1 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Intro to Fishing

Learn how to safely rig a pole, cast, hook a fish, unhook it, and clean it. All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own gear to practice. Hats, eye protection and sunscreen are encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Ages 8 to adult).

June 2 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Introduction to Archery

Learn the basic techniques of archery, parts of a bow, range safety and how to safely shoot a compound bow. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

June 3 10:00 - 11:00 AM

June 3 1:00 - 2:00 PM

June 14 10:00 - 11:00 AM

June 21 10:00 - 11:00 PM

Lunch Time Fishing

Come enjoy some June weather at the Outdoor Campus pond by taking your lunch break with us. The fishing is good this time of year and we will spend the entire hour on the dock catching fish.

June 6 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Family Fishing

Bring your family! Learn how to safely rig a pole, cast, hook a fish, unhook it and clean it. All materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own gear to practice. Hats, eye protection and sunscreen are encouraged. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (Ages 4 to adult).

June 7 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Intro to Fishing

Learn the skills and techniques needed to cast a line and catch a fish.

June 8 12:00 - 1:00 PM

The Beginners Guide to Wild Medicinal and Edible Plants of the Black Hills

Come learn to identify some medicinal and edible plants that are found in the Black Hills! This class is part lecture and part hike so please dress appropriately.

June 10 10:00 - 12:00 PM

Introduction to Kayaking

Learn techniques to safely paddle canoes or kayaks. Lifejackets will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

June 10 10:00 - 11:00 AM

June 10 1:00 - 2:00 PM

SD Animal Adaptations

Learn the different adaptations that wildlife uses in South Dakota to survive the harsh winters and dry summers

June 12 10:00 - 11:00 AM

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Trapping Nuisance Critters

This class is designed to give you some basic skills on how to catch a few of the common critters that get into some places they are not welcome. Skunks and raccoons are the common offenders, and we will teach you a little more about them. We will focus on using box or cage traps that are available for loan here at the campus.

June 13 12:00 - 1:00

Where can I recreate in South Dakota?

Knowing where to hunt, fish or hike is one of the biggest barriers to getting outdoors. If you are new to SD or want to learn what resources GFP has for mapping, come learn some basic map reading tricks in this class.

June 15 12:00 - 1:00 PM

June 27 12:00 - 1:00

Women's Only Fishing

Learn the basics of shore fishing with a spin cast rod. Learn fishing safety, how to rig the rod, what bait to choose, how to cast and how to get the fish off the hook! Bring a friend and practice in our pond. Ages 18 and up. No children please.

June 16 6:00 - 7:00 PM

3D Archery Shoot

- June 17 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- No registration needed – unlimited space
- No instruction or equipment provided
- Meet at the Archery Building

Come to the Outdoor Campus Archery anytime between 8 and 2 to shoot at the 3D archery course. We will have lots of fun and new targets out that provide easy and challenging shots for any shooter. Bring your equipment, some water and watch out for snakes. Contact us for more details. No registration required, no equipment or instruction provided.

Campfire Cooking

Try some recipes while learning campfire safety. You will be making food so come hungry! Closed-toed shoes are required for safety. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

June 19 11:00 - 1:00 PM

Wild Game Smoking

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.

June 29 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Date Night Canoeing

Enjoy a night out with your significant other learning the skills to paddle a canoe. Life jackets available. Adults only.

June 23 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Catch !!! Clean !!! Cook !!!

Learn how to safely 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.

June 24 10:00 - 1:00 PM

Date Night Dutch Oven Cooking

Enjoy a night out with your significant other learning how to cook with and care for cast iron Dutch ovens. You will be cooking the food, so come hungry! Adults only.

June 30 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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