



The Outdoor Campus

2019 | Spring Homeschool Programs

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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 13th at 7 a.m. for home school programs.
- · Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.
- · Classes require all class participants to sign a waiver.

There are 3 ways to register for classes

- 1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
- 2. Sign up in person at The Outdoor Campus. We have a computer available for your use Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 3. Call us at 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!





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: Wednesday, March 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Frogs and Frog Dissection

Back by popular demand. Come join us as we learn all about frogs – inside and out. Class Date: Friday, March 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Lunch Time

Rabbits, snakes and coyotes, oh my. Come learn all about what's on the menu and how a food chain works.

Class Date: Tuesday, March 19, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Animal Defenses

Horns, claws and teeth, oh my. Come learn how animals defend themselves in the wild. Class Date: Wednesday, March 27, 10:00-11:30 a.m.





April

Turkeys and Turkey cooking 101

Join us as we learn all about turkeys. Habitats, diet and a little taste testing will round out this class. (Cooking will be involved in this class).

Class Date: Friday, April 5, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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: Tuesday, April 9, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Raccoons and Raccoon Trapping Basics

Join us as we go over a couple easy and basic sets on how to trap raccoons and other animals. We will be scouting for animal signs and discussing where and how to set traps. We will be setting cage traps and dog proof traps.

Class Date: Friday, April 19, 1:00-2:30 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: Wednesday, April 24, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

May

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 3, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

BB Guns and Air Rifle Basics

Learn all about the basics of safely operating BB guns and air rifles and spend the rest of the time on our range practicing. Younger children may attend with parent/guardian

Class Date: Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 to 2:30 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, May 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m.



HUNTING WITH DEREN

Greetings Home School Families!

This year I will be continuing with my hunting with Derek 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, A lot of this program will actually be spent in the field hunting.

We will start off turkey hunting this spring with a handful of participants, but then this fall will be going deer hunting. For the deer hunts, my schedule will be fairy flexible and hope to take a lot 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 hope of building a lifelong passion for 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 you have.

If you think this is something that may interest you or your family, please contact me at 362-2732 or email

derek.klawitter@state.sd.us

Note: This program will begin Summer of 2019, besides a few turkey hunts.



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!



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

2) Brynn, 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 completed, Brynn 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 choose.