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The Outdoor Campus

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**THANK A HUNTER OR ANGLER FOR
SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATION EFFORTS!**



GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from options in this brochure and calling 605.394.1753 or Emailing keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us for open dates and staff availability.

GROUP SIZE

A minimum of 8 is preferred; maximum is 24. Some programs may have smaller class size. Groups of 7 or smaller are encouraged to register for scheduled community programs found in this brochure.

COST

All programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PER GROUP

Only one per month to insure equal program availability to all groups.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver form will be sent with the confirmation letter.

CONFIRMATION LETTER

The group leader will receive a confirmation letter with instructions. Please be sure to read this information thoroughly!

CHAPERONES

At least one adult chaperone is required for each youth group. All adults age 16 and older chaperoning fishing programs are encouraged to have a valid SD fishing license.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

If your group has a special program request, contact Keith Wintersteen. He will try his best to accommodate your needs.

HOW TO REGISTER

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS:

June | May 9

July | June 13

August | July 11

TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

- > Visit outdoorcampus.org
- > Click **Rapid City**
- > Click **Register** and view program information
- > Click **Register Now**, registration is required for all programs

If you have problems, call us at 605.394.2310.

Youth programs are **FREE**. Some adult programs may have a fee for materials.

Many programs fill quickly. Please cancel as soon as possible if you cannot attend a program.

If we have an opening, we'll add a program.
Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

MY GROWN-UP AND I

3-7 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR ADULT PARTNER

Various themes will be featured for families to explore on their own during their Outdoor Campus visit. Stations will be set up with instructions for hands-on activities. **No registration is needed.** Come anytime!

Explore the stations!



ARCHERY SKILLS

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Archery Hunting Skills

Learn safety and shooting tips for archery shooting and hunting. Shoot for the vital areas on our animal targets. Pick up some archery hunting techniques.

Tuesday	June 11	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM
Wednesday	July 17	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM
Thursday	Aug 1	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM

ADULT

Tree Stand Safety and Tips

Learn tree stand safety and practice shooting from an elevated platform.

Friday	July 12	6:30-7:30 PM
Friday	July 26	6:30-7:30 PM

WHO WE ARE



VISION - WHO DO WE STRIVE TO BE?

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks will conserve our state's outdoor heritage to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

MISSION - WHAT DO WE DO?

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks provides sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship and safely connecting people with the outdoors.

VALUES - WHAT ARE OUR BELIEFS?

Excellence

We believe in a culture of professionalism and accountability to meet the expectations of our customers and empower staff to succeed.

Stewardship

We believe in applying biological and social sciences to conserve and respectfully manage our state's outdoor resources for current and future generations.

Integrity

We believe in being transparent and honest by promoting high ethical standards.

Compassion

We believe in the dignity of each person and genuinely care for the people we serve.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

TRY-IT PROGRAM SUNDAYS

Have family in town or are visiting the Black Hills or just need to get out but have limited time? Come see what we are offering at the Outdoor Campus! Check our website or Facebook page on Thursday of that week to learn what the activity will be. **No registration required.**

Sundays 1-3:00 PM



HUNTING SKILLS



FAMILY

Mentor Hunting Safety Scenarios

Bring your child **under 10 years old** to practice and reinforce safe gun handling using one of our non-firing guns. Hike several stations to learn safety basics. Walk up and down the hill, practice crossing a fence, crossing a stream, shooting positions and safe carry positions. Child must be accompanied by their HuntSafe certified mentor.

One child to one adult only, please.

Tuesday	July 9	6:30-8:00 PM
Tuesday	July 16	6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 24	6:30-8:00 PM
Thursday	August 8	6:30-8:00 PM

Learn To Hunt!



FISHING SKILLS

ARCHERY PARK OPEN



YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Fishing Basics

Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

Friday	June 14	10-11:00 AM
		2-3:00 PM

Lure Making and Fishing

Make your own lures and try them out in our pond! Learn how to fish spinners and flies to make your fishing trips more successful!

Tuesday	July 2	10-12:00 PM
		1-3:00 PM

How to Trick a Fish!

Explore baits and rigs that can be used to attract different kinds of fish. Try them in our pond. Maybe you can trick one of our fish!

Wednesday	July 10	10-11:30 AM
		1-2:30 PM

FAMILY

Catch It, Clean It, Cook it!

Fish for trout, learn to clean one and cook it! Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen! Everything else you need will be provided. **Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Wednesday	July 17	6-7:00 PM
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Our new outdoor archery park is open for public use! This area is free for anyone to use from sunrise to sunset every day. The practice range has stations ranging from 20-80 yards. The walking field course includes stations ranging from 11-80 yards.

Youth under 14 need to be accompanied by an adult. Archers should bring their own equipment to use on these ranges.



Opportunities Goal | Objective A: Enhance fishing opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FISHING SKILLS



PRE-SCHOOL TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to cast a rod, shoot a bow, go on a “hunt,” check out the camping area and more! Fun activities specifically for 3-7 year olds.

Adults must be accompanied by a child! **No registration required.**

Saturday July 27 10-1:00 PM

FAMILY ARCHERY TRY-IT DAY

Learn safety and tips for archery shooting and hunting. Shoot for the vital areas on our animal targets. Walk the archery trail to try realistic shooting scenarios.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. **No registration required.**

Saturday August 3 10-3:00 PM

FAMILY FISHING TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn how to cast a rod, catch a fish, identify South Dakota fish, tie a fly, cast a fly rod and even clean a fish! Bring a lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Saturday August 10 10-3:00 PM

FAMILY

Fishing Basics

Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish. After taking this basic class, sign up for an opportunity to later fish at a Black Hills lake with your family to try the skills you have learned! Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday July 18 2-3:00 PM

Friday July 26 10-11:00 AM
2-3:00 PM

ADULT

Fly Casting Basics

Learn the techniques of fly casting and practice on our pond. Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish. After taking this basic class, sign up for an opportunity to fish at a Black Hills stream at a later date. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

No children please.

Tuesday July 30 6:30-8:30 PM

Thursday August 1 6:30-8:30 PM

BOATING SKILLS

SPECIAL EVENTS



YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Practice what you learn on our pond. Life jackets are provided. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet. Hats and sunscreen are recommended.

Wednesday	June 19	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
Thursday	July 25	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM 2-3:00 PM 3-4:00 PM

FAMILY

Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Participants can register for the opportunity to go try your skills on a Black Hills lake at a later date. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** 8 and up may paddle solo; those under 8 may ride in a canoe with an adult.

Wednesday	June 26	6-7:00 PM 7-8:00 PM
Tuesday	August 6	6-7:00 PM 7-8:00 PM

Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

FAMILY PADDLING TRY-IT DAY

Ever wanted to learn paddling skills? Come to The Outdoor Campus to learn some basic skills and safety instruction. Practice on our pond. Both canoes and kayaks will be available, along with all necessary equipment. You may drop in anytime during the listed time period.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

8 and up may paddle solo; those under 8 may ride in a canoe with adult.

Saturday	July 6	10-3:00 PM
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WOMEN'S TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn archery skills, survival skills, and try canoes or kayaks on our pond. Come alone, or bring a friend or family member to challenge or learn along side.

No registration required.

Saturday	July 13	10-3:00 PM
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SURVIVAL SKILLS TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn important skills and equipment to carry with you to help you survive if you get lost or need to spend a night alone in the woods. Great information for hunters and hikers of all ages. Information will be presented to help children understand what to do if they get separated from their group.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Saturday	July 20	10-3:00 PM
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SPECIAL EVENTS

BOATING SKILLS



FAMILY ARCHERY TRY-IT DAY

Learn safety and shooting tips for archery shooting and hunting. Shoot for the vital areas on our animal targets. Pick up some archery hunting techniques.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Saturday June 1 10-3:00 PM

FAMILY CAMPING TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn how to set up tents, start campfires, cook treats everyone will love, play camping games and learn tricks and tips to make your camping trip more enjoyable. Fun and learning for all ages!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Saturday June 8 10-3:00 PM

FAMILY FISHING TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn how to cast a rod, catch a fish, identify South Dakota fish, tie a fly, cast a fly rod and even clean a fish! Bring a lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Saturday June 15 10-3:00 PM

FAMILY CLIMBING TRY-IT DAY

Learn rock climbing techniques on our rock wall.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.

Saturday June 29 10-3:00 PM

ADULT

Boat Backing Skills

Learn techniques and tricks for backing up a boat on a trailer. Vehicle, boat and trailer will be provided! After learning at the Outdoor Campus, participants will have an opportunity to practice what they learn at a later date at an area lake. Instructors are extremely patient and understanding!

Thursday June 13 6-8:00 PM

Wednesday June 19 6-8:00 PM

Thursday July 11 6-8:00 PM

Beginning Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Canoes, kayaks and life jackets provided. Participants can register for the opportunity to go try your skills on a Black Hills lake at a later date.

Wednesday July 10 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday July 23 6:30-8:00 PM

Friday August 2 6:30-8:00 PM

Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Introduction to Climbing

Learn rock climbing techniques on our rock wall.

Thursday	June 20	10-11:00 AM 2-3:00 PM
Tuesday	July 23	10-11:00 AM 2-3:00PM

Learn To Climb!



Opportunities Goal | Objective B: Enhance Hunting opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

Ages 18 and up. No children, please.

Sign up with your girlfriends!

Canoeing and Kayaking

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Participants can register for the opportunity to try your skills on a Black Hills lake at a later date.

Friday	June 21	6:30-8:00 PM
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Fly Fishing Basics

Explore the technique of fly casting and try casting on our pond. Practice important knots needed and discover how to choose proper flies. Participants can register for the opportunity to try their skills on a Black Hills stream at a later date.

Friday	July 19	6:00-8:30 PM
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Introduction to Archery

Even if you are not a hunter, archery may be a skill you may enjoy. Bring a friend to learn how to shoot with bows that are easy to use. Cheer each other on as you get better and better by the end of the program!

Friday	August 16	6:30-8:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities, Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

Ages 18 and up. No children, please.

Bring your date for a night away to try some new skills!

Camping Skills

Want to try tent camping but not sure how to start? Already a tent camper, but want to learn some trips and tips? This is the class for you! Bring your tent for tips on setting up a great campsite for an enjoyable outing.

Friday	June 14	6:30-8:00 PM
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Fly Casting

Learn the basics of fly casting, knot tying and fly selection. All materials provided. Participants will be able to register for an additional program to try their skills on Rapid Creek at a later date.

Friday	July 12	6:30-8:30 PM
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Canoe and Kayak Skills

Learn basic skills to help you enjoy a beautiful evening on the pond. Try out our canoes and kayaks to see which one you like best. Participants will be able to register for an additional program to try their skills on another area lake at a later date.

Friday	August 9	6:30-8:30 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities, Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

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Wild Edible Plant ID

Identify plants that can safely be eaten and which plants to avoid. Take a hike to find some of the plants on the Outdoor Campus! **No children please.**

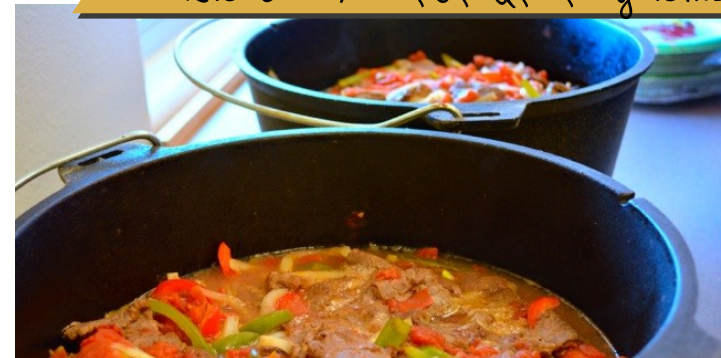
Friday	June 28	6:30-8:30 PM
Tuesday	July 2	6:30-8:30 PM

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking with a Dutch oven and the special care needed for cast iron cookware. All materials will be supplied for some yummy recipes, so come hungry. Program will include taste testing of recipes. **No children please.**

Thursday	July 18	5:30-8:00 PM
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Watch for POP-UP Programs!



*Opportunities Goal | Objective B: Enhance hunting and trapping opportunities
Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.*

FAMILY

Introduction to Climbing

Learn rock climbing techniques on our rock wall.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday	June 13	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM
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Hiking Essentials

Hiking can be a fun family outing until someone gets separated from the group. Learn what to do if that happens and many fun things to look for and do on your hike.

Discuss what you need to take along and what can stay home. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Tuesday	June 18	10-11:00 AM
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Orienteering

Practice basic map and compass skills as you explore the Outdoor Campus for treasure! Learn how to measure and count your paces just like the old treasure hunters did!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday	June 25	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM
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Wild Edible Plant ID

Identify plants that can safely be eaten and which plants to avoid. Take a hike to find some of the plants on the Outdoor Campus! **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Thursday	June 27	2-4:00 PM
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