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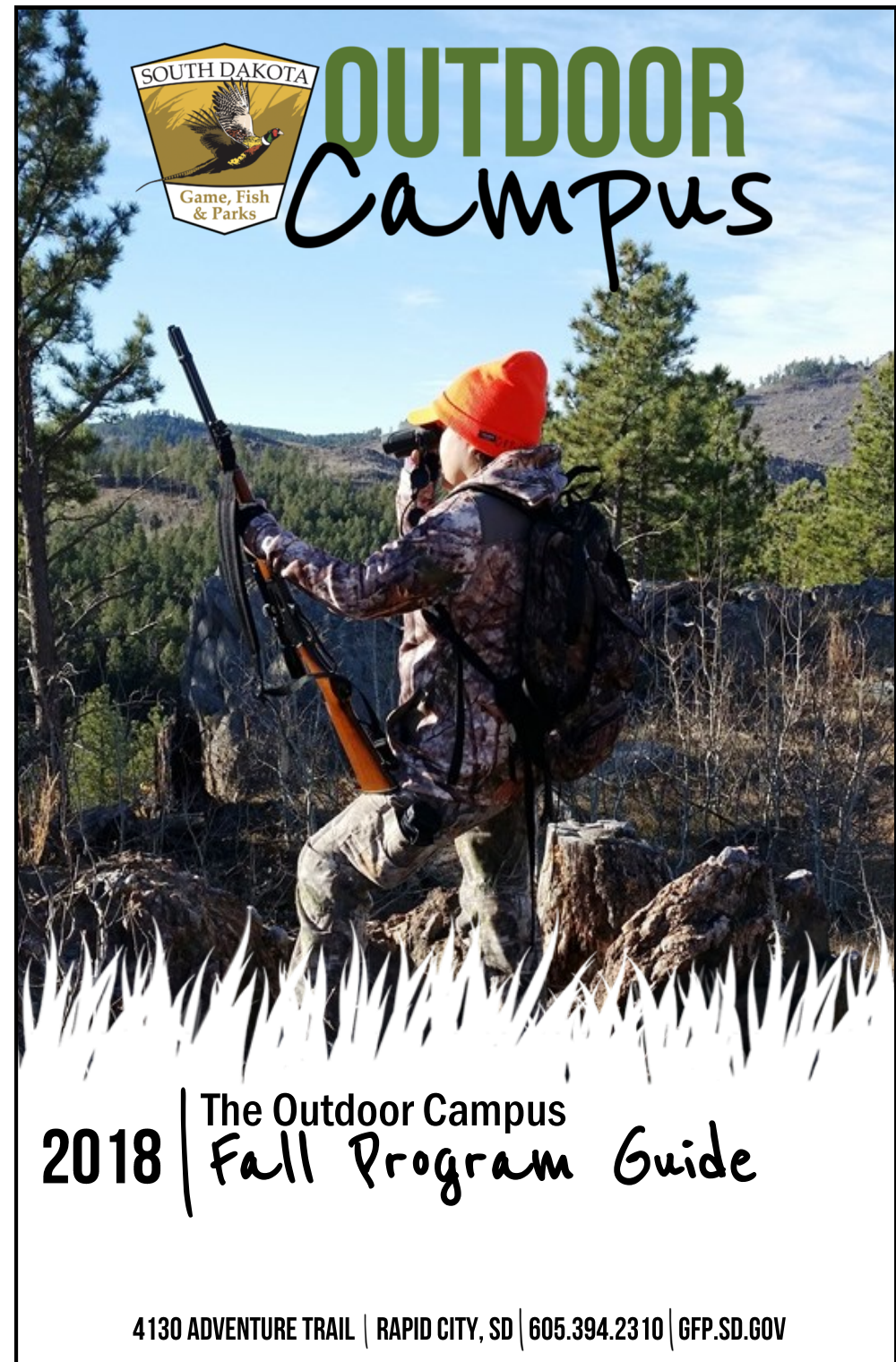


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**THANK A HUNTER OR ANGLER FOR
SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATION EFFORTS!**



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:

September | August 16

October | September 13

November | October 11

December | November 8

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.

ME AND MY GROWN UP

3-7 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR ADULT PARTNER

Various themes will be featured throughout the fall 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!



YOUTH PROGRAMS AGE 3-5

WHO WE ARE



Become a Nature Kid by participating in hands-on activities with our volunteer, Kazumi Tinant

Fish

Monday	September 10	10-10:45 AM
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Animal Movement

Monday	September 24	10-10:45 AM
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Apples

Monday	October 15	10-10:45 AM
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Pumpkins

Monday	October 29	10-10:45 AM
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Leaves

Monday	November 5	10-10:45 AM
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Turkeys

Monday	November 19	10-10:45 AM
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Animal Movement

Monday	December 3	10-10:45 AM
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Pinecone Trees

Monday	December 17	10-10:45 AM
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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 DO WE BELIEVE?

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

No pre-registration required

LEAVE NO TRACE

Learn the 7 principles of Leave No Trace and how they can make you better stewards of our natural resources. Hands-on activities will teach you how to Plan Ahead and Prepare; Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces; Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out); Leave What You Find; Minimize Campfire Impacts. Respect Wildlife; and Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

Saturday September 8 10-2:00 PM

HALLOWEEN HIKE

Wear your costumes and come to The Outdoor Campus-West for fun, games, crafts and an evening hike. This evening is for the whole family, with hikes for both younger children, and older children and adults. (No scary haunted house!)

Friday October 26 5-8:00 PM

TURKEY TRIVIA TRAIL

Hike through the exhibits and along our outside trails to learn some interesting Turkey Trivia! Did you know they are related to pheasants? This is a great way to walk off those Thanksgiving treats!

Saturday December 1 10-3:00 PM

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SHOOTING SKILLS



ADULT

Introduction to Trap Shooting

Meet at the Rapid City Trap Club to learn basic shotgun shooting skills. Shotguns, ear and eye protection and ammo are provided free of charge.

Wednesday September 5 5:30-7:30 PM

Getting Ready for Grouse and Pheasant Season

Meet at the Rapid City Trap Club to learn methods that can help you become a more successful bird hunter. Shotguns, ear and eye protection and ammo are provided free of charge.

Wednesday September 12 5:30-7:30 PM



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FISHING SKILLS

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Fishing Basics

Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish.

Saturday September 15 1-2:00 PM

Tackle Box and Angling Skills

Learn to tie knots, rig the rod properly, make lures and decide what should be in your tackle box.

Choose one of the following dates:

Friday September 21 6-7:30 PM

Friday September 28 6-7:30 PM

Fish Biology

Explore fish anatomy as you learn techniques for handling and cleaning fish. Observe adaptations of fish to help identify SD game species.

Choose one of the following dates:

Friday October 5 6-7:30 PM

Friday October 12 6-7:30 PM

How Many Can I Keep?

Get to know the Fishing Handbook. Rules and regulations, limits and sizes, ethics and management will be explored using hands-on activities.

Friday October 19 6-7:30 PM

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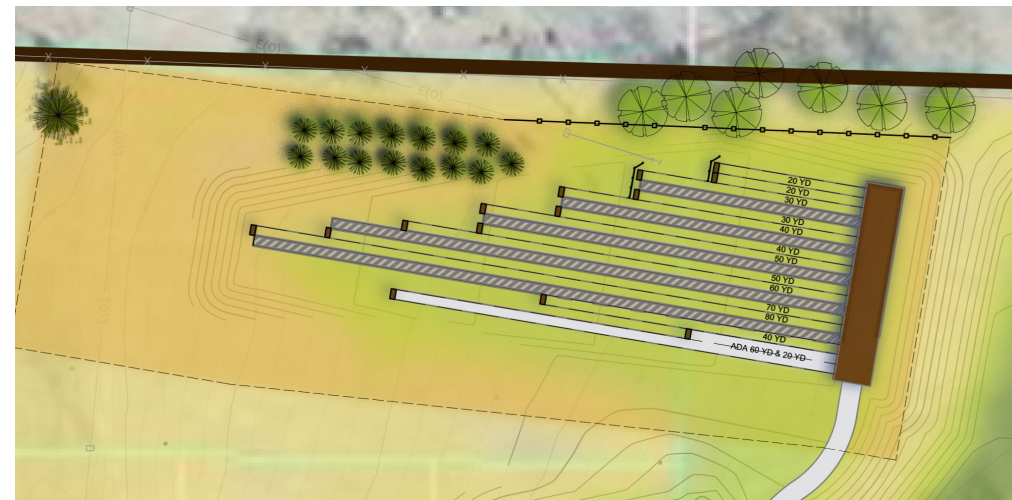
ARCHERY PARK



Outdoor Campus-West Archery Park Coming Fall of 2018!

The new archery park will have two archery ranges that are open to the public, free of charge. One area includes a flat practice range of fourteen shooting stations with targets ranging from 20 to 80 yards. Another area includes a fourteen station walking (field) course. This course meanders through the meadow behind the new classroom building and up the hillside through the trees. Target stations range from 11 to 80 yards. A new classroom and indoor range building for Campus classes is opening as well, in addition to the public ranges. This building will host our traditional archery and BB gun classes, plus expanded classes and other events.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for an announcement for the opening of this new addition to our campus.



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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

FISHING SKILLS



Cross County Skiing For Beginners

Looking for winter fun? Learn the ins and outs of cross country skiing, a low cost sport that connects you with the beauty of the Black Hills in winter, complete with physical, mental, and spiritual benefits. You will receive information on everything you need to know about cross country skiing including equipment, places to ski, and techniques. A ski experience with instructors at Eagle Cliff is included in the course.

Tuesday October 23 6—7:30 PM

Enjoy The Snow!!



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FAMILY

Fishing Basics

Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish.

Saturday September 15 10-11:00 AM
11-12:00 PM

Saturday October 6 10-11:00 AM
1-2:00 PM

Saturday October 13 10-11:00 AM
1-2:00 PM

Ice Fishing Basics

Learn about ice safety conditions and practice with the equipment needed for ice fishing. Build and fish with your own jiggle stick. After this program, there will be an opportunity to ice fish with Outdoor Campus staff at a Black Hills lake at a later date!

Saturday December 8 10-11:00 AM
1-2:00 PM

Ice Fishing Lure Making

Make your own lures to use ice fishing this winter! All materials will be provided and the lures can be used on your jiggle sticks or other ice fishing rods! Fish will love them!

Friday December 14 6-7:30 PM

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

ARCHERY SKILLS

Learn how to shoot a compound bow and archery hunting techniques

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Saturday	September 22	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
Thursday	October 4	6:30-7:30 PM
Tuesday	November 20	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	December 6	6:30-7:30 PM

FAMILY

Pairs of one adult and one child 8 years old and up.

Saturday	September 22	1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
Thursday	October 4	7:30-8:30 PM
Tuesday	November 20	7:30-8:30 PM
Thursday	December 6	7:30-8:30 PM

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GIRLS' NIGHT OUT



Save the third Friday of every month to get together with your friends to try something new and meet new people! **Adults 18+ only, please!**

Paddling

Bring friends for a relaxing evening on the pond. Learn paddling techniques and small watercraft safety in our kayaks and canoes.

Friday September 21 6:30-7:30 PM

Wild Game Cooking

Bring friends for a special night of cooking recipes you can try at home with your harvested game. Prepare and sample various types of game.

Friday October 19 6:00-7:30 PM

Survival Shelters

Try out techniques for building simple shelters that could make an unexpected stay outdoors more comfortable! Dress to be outside!

Friday November 16 6:00-7:30 PM

Snowshoe Hiking

If we have snow, we will strap them on and go for a hike on our trails. If not, we will demonstrate and discuss how to check out snowshoes for hiking in the Hills! Dress warm!

Friday December 21 6:00-7:30 PM

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COOKING PROGRAMS

ADULT

Jerky Making

Learn tips and techniques for making your wild game into jerky. Practice cutting and seasoning. Taste testing will be a bonus.

Thursday November 1 6-7:30 PM

Smoking Wild Game

Learn the techniques for smoking big game, small game and fish.

Thursday November 8 6-7:30 PM



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HUNTING SKILLS



YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Survival Basics

Learn basic survival skills that could save your life if you get lost while hunting. Make a survival keychain that could be very helpful!

Saturday October 20 10-11:30 AM
1-2:30 PM

Saturday November 17 10-11:30 AM
1-2:30 PM

Friday December 7 6:30-7:30 PM

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, cross a stream, learn shooting positions and safe carry positions. Child must be accompanied by their HuntSafe certified mentor. **One child to one adult only, please.**

Thursday September 13 6-7:30 PM

Friday September 14 6-7:30 PM

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HUNTING SKILLS

ADULT

Elk Cleaning and Processing

Learn tips and equipment needed to properly field dress and care for the meat of this huge animal!

Thursday September 6 6-7:30 PM

Game Bird Cleaning and Processing

Learn techniques and equipment needed to properly field dress game birds. You will have the opportunity to actually try it yourself!

Friday September 28 6:30-8 PM

Big Game Skinning and Butchering

Learn tips and equipment needed to properly skin and butcher big game.

Saturday September 29 10-12:00 PM

Learn How Clean Game!



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GAME COOKING



FAMILY

Jerky Making

Learn tips and techniques for making your wild game into jerky. Practice cutting and seasoning. Taste testing will be a bonus.

Thursday November 15 6-7:30 PM

Wild Game Cooking

Explore different ways to prepare game you have harvested. Various cooking styles will be demonstrated.

Thursday November 22 6-7:30 PM

Watch for POP-UP Programs!



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