



**THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS**

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**The Outdoor Campus**

**2019 | *Winter-Spring Programs***

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# GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from options in this brochure. Call 605.394.1753 or email [keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us](mailto: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 8-12 YEAR OLDS 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.

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



# HOW TO REGISTER

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS:

January | December 13

February | January 10

March | February 14

April | March 14

May | April 11

## TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

- > Visit [outdoorcampus.org](http://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.*

All programs are **FREE**. Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

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!*



## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

### Shooting Positions

Learn and practice different shooting positions to be more comfortable in the field hunting.

Thursday	January 17	6-7:00 PM
Tuesday	February 5	6-7:00 PM
Thursday	March 14	6-7:00 PM

## 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.

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## BALD EAGLE AWARENESS DAY

Saturday February 23 10-3:00 PM  
Special Presentation 1-2:00 PM

Drop in on Saturday for hands-on stations featuring all things birds of prey! Black Hills Raptor Center will have a booth and conduct a public presentation with live birds of prey at 1 PM. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

## APRIL FOOLS UN-NATURE HIKE

Hike our trails to solve nature riddles along the trail. All you need to bring along is your sense of humor! **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Saturday March 30 10-3:00 PM

## CATCH IT, CLEAN IT, COOK IT!

Fish for trout, learn to clean one and cook it! Everything you need will be provided. **NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Saturday April 6 10-3:00 PM

## 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.

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** 8 and up may paddle solo; those under 8 may ride in a canoe with an adult

Saturday May 18 10-3:00 PM

## FAMILY

### Shooting Positions

Learn and practice different shooting positions to be more comfortable in the field hunting. Adults encouraged to attend with children.

Thursday	January 17	7-8:00 PM
Tuesday	February 5	7-8:00 PM
Thursday	March 14	7-8:00 PM

### Marksmanship Tips

Learn tips and tricks to increase your shooting accuracy. Adults encouraged to attend with children.

Tuesday	January 22	6-7:00 PM
Thursday	February 14	6-7:00 PM
Tuesday	March 19	6-7:00 PM
Tuesday	April 2	6-7:00 PM

# SHOOTING SKILLS

# DATE NIGHT



## ADULT

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Thursday	February 14	7-8:00 PM
Tuesday	March 19	7-8:00 PM
Tuesday	April 2	7-8:00 PM

### Reloading Rifle Ammunition

Learn the steps required to reloading your own rifle ammunition. No live ammunition will be produced.

Thursday	February 21	6:30-8:00 PM
Thursday	March 21	6:30-8:00 PM

Note: all archery & shooting classes will be held in our new Hunter Education building, unless otherwise noted. This building is located to the north of our main building, adjacent to the new archery ranges.

### Campfire Cooking

Learn fun easy recipes to share at a campfire with adults or children. Main dishes, snacks and desserts! All materials provided. Bring an appetite!

Friday April 12 6:30-8:00 PM

### Canoe and Kayak Skills

Learn paddling skills and small water craft safety.

Friday May 3 6:30-8:00 PM

Paddle with a friend!



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# DATE NIGHT

# ARCHERY PARK OPEN



## Winter Survival Tips

Learn what you can carry with you in your car or in your pack to help you survive an unexpected overnight while traveling or hiking.

Friday                      January 11                      6:30-8:00 PM

## Fly Tying

Flies are not just for fly fishing! They can be used with all kinds of fishing, even ice fishing! Learn the basics of tying and leave with flies to test on your own. All materials provided.

Friday                      February 15                      6:30-8:00 PM

## Knife Sharpening

Learn techniques and tools needed for keeping your knives sharp. Use one of ours to practice and you may bring a knife along to sharpen while you are here.

Friday                      March 15                      6:30-8:00 PM

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.



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# ARCHERY SKILLS

## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Learn how to shoot a compound bow and archery hunting techniques.

Friday	January 25	6-7:00 PM
Friday	February 22	6-7:00 PM
Friday	March 22	6-7:00 PM
Friday	April 5	6-7:00 PM
Thursday	May 2	6-7:00 PM

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# GIRLS' NIGHT OUT



## Introduction to Fly Fishing

Learn the basics of fly fishing equipment, knot tying, casting techniques and on the water skills. All materials are provided and no license is needed for this class.

Tuesday May 7 6-9:00 PM

## Campfire Building Made Easy!

Learn various ways of starting campfires. Dress to go outside and practice. Learn how to make simple fire starters that could save your life in an emergency. Bonus s'mores over the coals!

Tuesday May 21 6-8:00 PM

Build a Campfire!



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## Introduction to Handguns

Fun hands-on, practical exercises will help you become more confident, comfortable, and safer. Many kinds of handguns are provided to help learn to load, unload, safely store, and more. Basic marksmanship fundamentals are also introduced. Throughout this student-centered class, there is also plenty of opportunity to discuss any other questions you've always wanted to ask. Participants may bring their own handgun - cased, unloaded, and without ammunition.

Tuesday	January 15	6-9:00 PM
Tuesday	February 19	6-9:00 PM

## Gun Safety

If you are not a hunter, (or maybe you are!) and would like to know more about firearms safety, this is the program for you. Come learn in a non-intimidating session how to handle firearms safely and how to tell if they are loaded or unloaded. Hands-on instruction with patient instructors who will answer your questions and help you feel more comfortable around firearms of all types.

Tuesday	March 19	6-9:00 PM
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## Map Reading

Have you ever wondered what all those lines on a topographic map mean? Use a hands-on activity to help understand and learn other hints for map reading.

Tuesday	April 16	6-8:00 PM
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## FAMILY

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**Please register all attending.**

Friday	January 25	7-8:00 PM
Friday	February 22	7-8:00 PM
Friday	March 22	7-8:00 PM
Friday	April 5	7-8:00 PM
Thursday	May 2	7-8:00 PM

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# ARCHERY SKILLS

## ADULT

### Tree Stand Safety and Tips

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

Thursday	January 24	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	February 7	6:30-7:30 PM

### Archery Trail Hike Try-It Day

Try out the archery trail for realistic shooting scenarios.  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Saturday	March 23	10-3:00 PM
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# OUTDOOR SKILLS



## FAMILY

### Snowshoe Hiking Try-It Day

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! **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED!**

Saturday	January 19	10-3 PM
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### Introduction to Backpacking

Interested in backpacking but don't know where to start? Join us to learn more about gear, clothing, food, navigation and more.

Saturday	March 9	10-11 AM
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### Survival Tips

Learn basic skills to help you survive an unexpected overnight in the Black Hills. Dress to go outside to practice shelter building, campfire building techniques, and other fun survival skills.

Saturday	April 20	1-2 PM 2-3 PM
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# OUTDOOR SKILLS

## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

### Survival Tips

Learn basic skills to help you survive an unexpected overnight stay in the Black Hills. Dress to go outside to practice shelter building, campfire building techniques, and other fun survival skills.

Saturday      April 20      10-11:00 AM  
11-12:00 PM

## ADULT

### Introduction to Backpacking

Interested in backpacking but don't know where to start? Join us to learn more about gear, clothing, food, navigation and more.

Saturday      March 9      1-2:00 PM

Learn New Skills!



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# FISHING SKILLS



## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

### Ice Fishing Basics

Learn the basics of ice fishing safety. 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!

Thursday      January 3      6-7:00 PM

Ice Fish on a Lake!



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## ADULT

### Fly Tying

Flies are not just for fly fishing! They can be used with all kinds of fishing, even ice fishing! Learn the basics of tying and leave with flies to test on your own. All materials provided.

Friday                      January 25                      6:30-8 PM

### Fly Casting Basics

Learn the art of fly casting and practice on our pond.

Friday                      April 26                      6-8:00 PM

Tuesday                      May 14                      6-8:00 PM

### Kayak Fishing

Relax in a kayak while fishing for trout and panfish. Participants can register for a fishing trip at a Black Hills lake at a later date.

Friday                      May 10                      6:30-8:00 PM

## FAMILY

### Ice Fishing Basics Try-It Day

Learn the basics of ice fishing safety. 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!

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Saturday                      January 5                      10-3:00 PM

### Fishing Basics Try-It Day

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

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Saturday                      April 13                      10-3:00 PM

Saturday                      May 4                      10-3:00 PM

### Fly Casting Try-It Day

Learn the art of fly casting and practice on our pond.

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Saturday                      May 11                      10-3:00 PM