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**OUTDOOR**  
*Campus*



**The Outdoor Campus**

**2018** | *Winter-Spring Programs*

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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](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 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:

January | December 14

February | January 11

March | February 8

April | March 8

May | April 12

## 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.*

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!*



# YOUTH PROGRAMS AGE 3-7

# WHO WE ARE



Explore nature using hands-on activities with our volunteer, Kazumi Tinant

## Snowflakes

Monday January 22 10-10:45 AM

## Raccoons

Monday February 12 10-10:45 AM

## Animal Movement

Monday February 26 10-10:45 AM

Monday April 9 10-10:45 AM

## Bird Feeders

Monday March 5 10-10:45 AM

## Hibernation

Monday March 19 10-10:45 AM

## Butterflies

Monday April 16 10-10:45 AM

## Plant a Flower

Monday May 7 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

### 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

## BLUE MOON NIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

Bundle up for a “once in a blue moon” hike! Warm up with treats at the campfire afterwards. Come enjoy a peaceful winter evening.

No registration required.

Wednesday January 31 6-7 PM

## BALD EAGLE AWARENESS DAY

Saturday February 24 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 p.m. 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 April 7 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 19 10-3:00 PM

# SHOOTING SKILLS



Practice safety and shooting positions to become a successful hunter

## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Tuesday January 23 6:30-7:30 PM

Tuesday February 6 6:30-7:30 PM

## FAMILY

Enjoy some friendly competition. Pairs of one adult and one child 8 years old and up.

Tuesday January 23 7:30-8:30 PM

Tuesday February 6 7:30-8:30 PM

Learn To Shoot!



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# FISHING SKILLS

## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

### 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!

Saturday      January 20      1-2:00 PM

### Fly Tying Basics

Learn fly tying techniques to tie flies that can be used in all kinds of fishing, not just fly fishing! Materials are provided.

Friday	February 23	6:30-8:00 PM
Saturday	March 17	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 AM

### Fishing Basics

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

Saturday	April 7	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM 1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
Saturday	May 5	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM

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# DATE NIGHT



### 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      May 18      6:30—8:00 PM

### Campfire Building

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!

Friday      April 13      6:30—8:00 PM

Learn Survival Skills!



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# DATE NIGHT

# FISHING SKILLS



## 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 5 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 16 6:30-8:00 PM

## Outdoor Survival Skills

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

Friday March 23 6:30-8:30 PM

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## FAMILY

### 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!

Tuesday January 2 10-11:00 AM  
1-2:00 PM

Wednesday January 3 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!

Thursday January 11 6-7:30 PM

Saturday January 20 10-12:00 PM

### Fly Tying Basics

Learn fly tying techniques to tie flies that can be used in all kinds of fishing, not just fly fishing! Materials are provided.

Friday February 2 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday March 1 6:30-8:00 PM

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## FAMILY

### Lure Making

Craft your own fishing lures, spinners and plugs. Guaranteed to catch fish! All materials will be provided.

Thursday      April 5      6:30-8:30 PM

### Catch It, Clean It, Cook it!

You will get to fish for trout, learn to clean one and cook it! Everything you need will be provided.

Saturday      April 28      10-11:00 AM  
 11-12:00 PM  
 1-2:00 PM  
 2-3:00 PM

Saturday      May 12      10-11:00 AM  
 11-12:00 PM

### Fishing Basics

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

Saturday      May 5      1-2:00 PM  
 2-3:00 PM

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### Camping Tips and Tricks

Learn how to set up a tent campsite. Learn tips and tricks to make your trip a fun and successful time! Bring the children to learn things they can do, too!

Saturday      May 26      10-12:00 AM  
 1-3:00 AM

## 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 10      1-2:00 PM

Learn New Skills!



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# OUTDOOR SKILLS

# FISHING SKILLS



## FAMILY

### 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 10      10-12:00 PM

### Outdoor Survival Skills

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      March 24      10-12:00 AM  
1-3:00 AM

Friday      April 20      6:30-8:30 PM

### Un-Nature Hike

Hike our trails to solve nature riddles along the trail. All you need to bring along is your sense of humor!

Saturday      March 31      10-3:00 PM

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## ADULT

### Fly Tying Basics

Learn fly tying techniques to tie flies that can be used in all kinds of fishing, not just fly fishing! Materials are provided.

Thursday      February 22      6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday      March 27      6:30-8:00 PM

### Fly Casting Basics

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

Friday      April 27      6-8:00 PM

Saturday      May 12      1-2:00 PM  
2-3:00 PM

Tuesday      May 15      6-8:00 PM

### Kayak Fishing

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

Friday      May 4      6:30-8:00 PM

### Fly Fishing-Reading the Stream

Learn where the fish live and hang out in Black Hills streams. We will go to Rapid Creek in town to do some practice.

Friday      May 11      6-8:00 PM

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# BOATING SKILLS

## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

### Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety.

Saturday	April 21	10-11:00 AM
		11-12:00 PM

## FAMILY

### Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety.

Saturday	April 21	1-2:00 PM
		2-3:00 PM
Thursday	May 31	6:30-8:00 PM

Paddle A Kayak!



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# GIRLS' TIME OUT



## Women's Outdoor Survival Skills

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

Friday	March 16	6:30-8:30 PM
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## Women's Campfire Building

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!

Friday	April 6	6:30-8:00 PM
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## Women's 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	May 11	6:30-8:00 PM
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# GIRLS' TIME OUT

## Women's Introduction to Handguns

This course is designed to safely introduce women to handguns. Topics covered will include handgun action types, safely loading, unloading and storing handguns.

Tuesday February 20 6:00-9:00 PM



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# BOATING SKILLS



## ADULT

## Women's Boat Backing

Learn how to get your boat down the ramp and into the water without a lot of screaming and yelling! Patient instructors will give you some tips and let you practice on dry land until you feel comfortable! At a later date, we will go to a Black Hills lake to practice adding water!

Saturday April 14 10-12:00 PM  
1-3:00 PM

## Boating Safety

Bring your family to learn boat safety including etiquette at the boat ramp, how to wear life jackets, laws, and navigation rules. Practice with our life jackets.

Saturday March 17 10 -11:00 AM  
11-12 PM  
1-2:00 PM  
2-3:00 PM

Saturday April 14 10 -11:00 AM  
11-12 PM  
1-2:00 PM  
2-3:00 PM

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# ARCHERY SKILLS

Learn how to shoot a compound bow and archery hunting techniques

## YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Thursday	January 4	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	February 8	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	March 22	6:30-7:30 PM
Tuesday	April 17	6:30-7:30 PM
Thursday	May 10	6:30-7:30 PM

## FAMILY

Engage in a friendly family competition.

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

Thursday	January 4	7:30-8:30 PM
Thursday	February 8	7:30-8:30 PM
Thursday	March 22	7:30-8:30 PM
Tuesday	April 17	7:30-8:30 PM
Thursday	May 10	7:30-8:30 PM

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# GIRLS' TIME OUT



**Ages 18 and up. No children, please.**

## Women's Goose Hunting Trips and Tips

Bring a friend or meet new friends and learn how to hunt geese. Tips on hunting from pits, setting up decoys, firearm safety, proper clothing and gear, rules and regulations and licenses needed. After attending this program, you are eligible to attend a GFP sponsored women's goose hunt in Pierre January 20-21.

Saturday	January 6	10-12:00 PM
		1-3:00 PM

## Women's 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	January 16	6:30-8:30 PM
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# COOKING SKILLS

## ADULT

### Wild Turkey Cooking

Learn tips and techniques for making delicious turkey dishes. Recipes will be shared and there will be samples to taste.

Tuesday March 20 6:30-8:00 PM

### Wild Game Cooking

Learn tips and techniques for making delicious wild game dishes. Recipes will be shared and there will be samples to taste.

Thursday April 19 6:30-8:00 PM

### Fish Cooking

Learn tips and techniques for making delicious fish dishes. Recipes will be shared and there will be samples to taste.

Thursday April 19 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday May 10 6:30-8:00 PM



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# HUNTING SKILLS



## ADULT

### Tips for Patterning Your Gun for Turkey Hunting

Learn tips for sighting in your turkey gun. No actual live fire in this class. We will use video simulation.

Thursday February 1 6:30-7:30 PM

### Sighting In Your Gun for Turkey Hunting

Learn tips for sighting in your turkey gun. Join us at The Rapid City Trap Club to pattern your hunting shotgun.

Saturday March 3 10-12:00PM

### Turkey Hunting 101

Learn tips for safety, identification, calling and field dressing.

Friday March 2 6:30-7:30 PM

### Turkey Calling Tips

One of the most exciting things about hunting turkeys in the spring is having a gobbler come in to your calls. Try out the various turkey calls and learn what all of those sounds mean.

Saturday March 10 10-11:00 AM

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# HUNTING SKILLS

## ADULT

### Predator Hunting

Join our predator hunting experts for an introduction to the art and science of predator hunting. We will cover clothing, camouflage, stalking, types of predator calls and calling, suitable rifles and cartridges, rangefinders, shooting aids and more. We will also discuss how to care for the fur after the hunt.

Thursday January 18 6-8:00 PM

### Rifle Cartridge Reloading

Learn basic skills including safety, gear needed, process and how to read and use reloading manuals. All equipment is provided and no live ammunition will be produced.

Thursday January 25 6-8:00 PM

## FAMILY

### Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting

Learn safety rules, regulations, tips and hands-on field dressing techniques. Bonus of the class is tasting samples of easy recipes. Option after attending class to go on a hunt.

Thursday January 11 6-7:30 PM

### Turkey Calls and Owl Hooters

Build a turkey box call and an owl hooter to test your skills turkey hunting. (one of each per family)

Thursday March 15 6:30-8:30 PM

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# COOKING SKILLS



## ADULT

### Wild Goose Cooking

Learn tips and techniques for making delicious goose dishes. Recipes will be shared and there will be samples to taste.

Tuesday January 30 6:30-8:00 PM

### Jerky Making

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

Tuesday February 20 6:30-8:00 PM

Learn to cook wild game!



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