



OUTDOOR Campus



2018 | The Outdoor Campus Fall Program Guide

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HELLO, FALL!



Hey, Friends and Fans!

Over the last two years SD Game, Fish and Parks has been working on a new strategic plan, including education. After months of hard work under our new education supervisor, Taniya Bethke, in Pierre, and with help from focus groups, we completed our new education plan.

We are excited to continue to implement it this fall. Some changes you might notice... more opportunities for family units, classes for adults from 18 to 102, new and outdoor-driven home school opportunities and a passionate staff who wants to share their outdoor knowledge like never before!

In short, we are offering some different classes and some new ways to enjoy the outdoors!

See you soon!

Thea Miller Ryan
Director, The Outdoor Campus

Upcoming Deadlines:

Winter booklets available: November 7

Winter registration: November 14

Spring booklets available: Feb. 6

Spring registration: Feb. 13

Save the Date:

Buffalo Round Up, Custer State Park, September 28

FestiFall, Newton Hills State Park, October 6

Outdoor Campus Halloween Hike, October 20

What's New In This Brochure?

- Choosing the Right Gun
- Bi-Athlon: orienteering and bb gun shooting
- Mentor and Apprentice Hunting classes
- Bow Hunting Partners
- More to come!



REGISTRATION

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 7 a.m. on August 15, 2018

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Online at outdoorcampus.org
2. In person at The Outdoor Campus.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

COST

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

PRE-REGISTRATION

Preregistration is required of all classes and programs unless noted.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver is available on our registration site or in person at The Outdoor Campus.

CANCELLATIONS

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Our waiting list automatically fills from your cancellation.

WAITING LISTS

Do not be afraid to sign up on our waiting lists. People often cancel and if you're on the list your name will automatically move into the class and you will be notified by email.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling. ****WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY****

OUR HOURS

The Outdoor Campus is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays (April 1 to November 1) 1 to 4 p.m. We are closed on State and Federal holidays. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds for the most updated information.

NOTE TO PARENTS

When dropping off your children for our programs, please remember that you must come into the building to retrieve them at the end of class. Please know that your child's safety is our greatest priority. Thank you!

Couples Afternoon – Archery and Bow Fishing

This combo class will include instruction for archery target shooting and bow fishing! Adults only. (Class size limited to 10)

Class Date:

Saturday, October 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

Fall Nature Haiku Hike

Explore our trails with our naturalists as they feature some of their favorite places in our park. Learn how to write a haiku, a type of Japanese poetry, to express your hiking experience.

This class is for adults only. (Class size limited to 12)

Class dates :

Wednesday, September 12, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Bi-athlon: Orienteering and BB Gun Shooting



Grab your friends for this adult only class that combines two of our favorite activities here at The Outdoor Campus. This program will include safety instruction and practice with our bb guns and orienteering course. Then, putting what you learn to use, we will have a race! Adults only. Class size limited to 25.

Class date:

Saturday, November 17, 1 to 3 p.m.

Choosing the Right Gun

Most hunters are shooting guns that do not fit them properly. Special guest instructor, Dan Griffith, will be leading this shooting clinic helping you fit the correct gun, proper mounting to ensure a successful shot and leading your target. This hands-on, indoor class is geared towards hunters of all ages. Please register all attending members. PLEASE DO NOT BRING FIREARMS TO THIS CLASS.

Class size limited to 50.

Class dates:

Tuesday, August 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m. OR

Tuesday, August 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Owl Tell You About It

Meet Ace and Mr. Lincoln. These two special feathered guests will help us have a fun, hands-on learning experience about owls and their adaptations. Family class. Please register all attending members.

Class size limited to 25.

Class date: (Pick ONE)

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 13, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 10, 10 to 11 a.m. OR 1 to 2 p.m.

Mentor/Apprentice Hunting

Want more information about the Mentor Hunting or New Apprentice Hunting programs? This is the class for you. A review of basic gun handling and hunter safety instruction will help you prepare for the hunt and give you more confidence when you take out a new hunter. This class is catering to those who will be participating in the Mentor and Apprentice Hunting programs this fall.

Our goal is to teach you how to have a successful first hunt, how to know if you or your child is ready to go hunting, how to mentally and physically prepare for the hunt and what kind of gear you will need to make it a positive experience for everyone involved!

Sign up for this class together with your mentor or apprentice. If you are interested or need to take a HuntSAFE course please check our online option or classes available in your area at <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunter-education/> Please register all attending members. Class size limited to 30.

Class dates:

Tuesday, September 4, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Tuesday, September 18, 6 to 8 p.m.



Catch It, Clean It, Cook It

We'll start with an introduction to fishing and equipment you will need before testing the waters at our pond. With any luck, the fish will be biting and we will learn how to cook and prepare them! It doesn't get any fresher than that! Family class. Please register all attending members. Class size limited to 25.

Class date: Saturday, September 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

Bow Hunting Partners

Father/Daughter, Father/Son, Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son, Grandpa/Grandkid, ETC! This 2-day program is designed for an

adult and youth partnership—no matter the relationship! Learn the basics of bow hunting with fun interactive activities along with learning safety and ethical shot placement.

Recommended kids age 8 and up. Please register all attending members. Class size limited to 24.

Class dates: Monday, September 24 AND Tuesday, September 25, 6 to 8 p.m.

Archery

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction and proper stance will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range. Please register all attending members. Family class size limited to 25.

Class date: Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Biathlon—Orienteering and BB Gun Target Shooting

Combining two of our favorite activities here at The Outdoor Campus, this program will include safety instruction and practice with our BB guns and orienteering course. Then, put what you learned to use in a family biathlon race! Family class limited to 25 students.

Class date: Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sprouts - for Preschoolers and Adult Partners

Sprouts are a program designed for preschoolers and their adult family partner. The goal of the program is to introduce families with 3 and 4 year olds to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.

Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

O is for the color Orange in Nature

The color orange is all around us. Join us for a fun adventure in looking for orange in nature!

Class Dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday, September 12, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Saturday, September 15, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

P is for Pheasants

Pheasants are a very popular bird in South Dakota! Learn all about these prairie birds.

Class Dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday, October 3, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Saturday, October 6, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

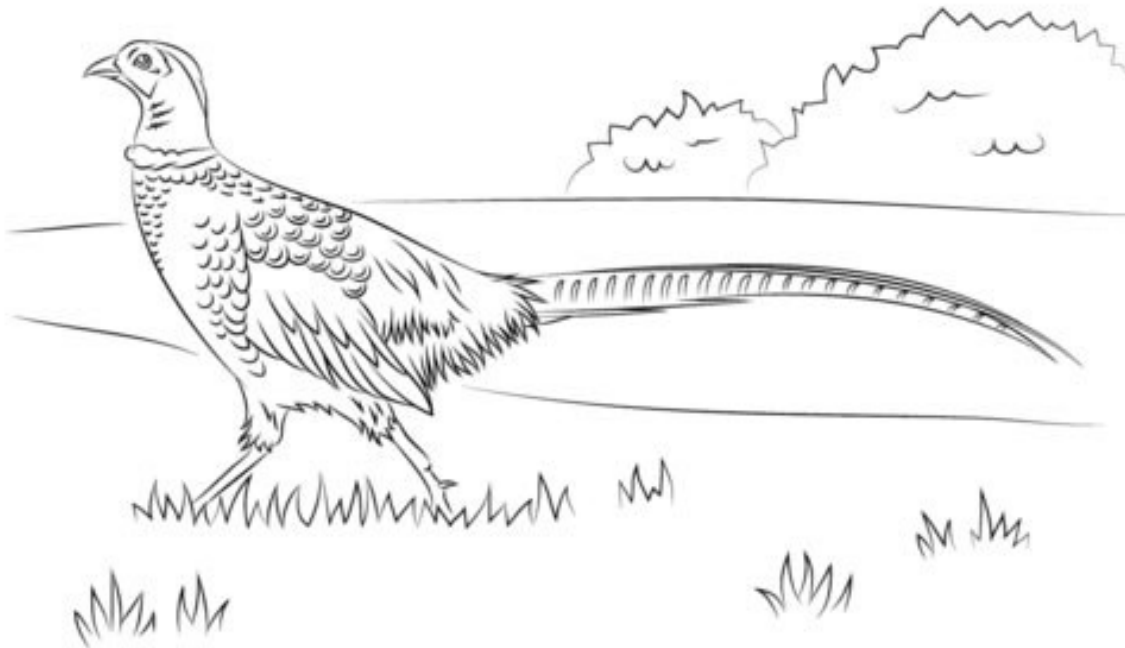
Q is for Queen Bee

Learn about bee behavior and what it takes to be the queen of the hive!

Class Dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, November 3, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

Wednesday, November 14, 10 to 10:45 OR 11 to 11:45

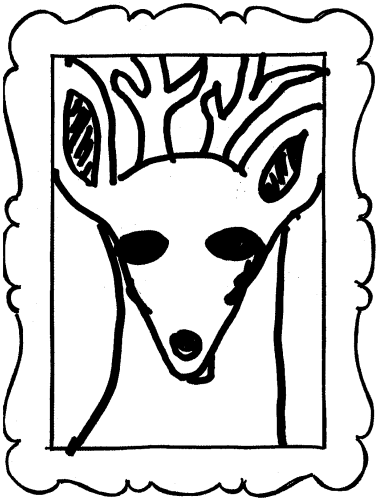


Project Feeder Watch

The Outdoor Campus has participated in Project Feeder Watch for over 10 years. Project Feeder Watch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas and other locales in North America. Anyone can do it! Learn about backyard bird identification and how to get started with the University of Cornell project. Family program. Class size: 30

Class date: Tuesday, October 30, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

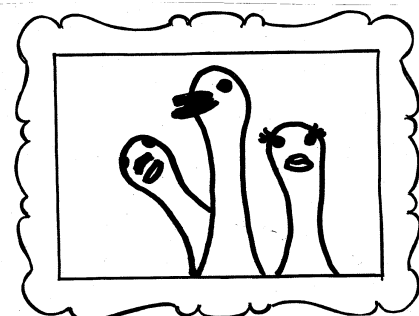
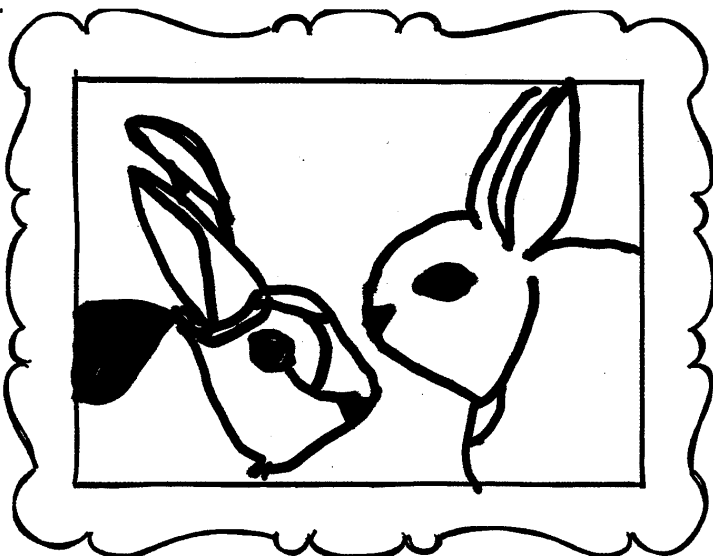
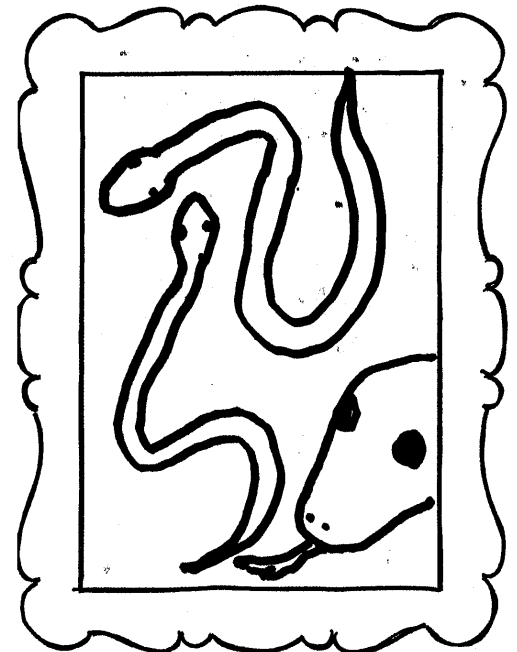
SPECIAL EVENTS



Halloween Hike: Selfies and Groupies!

We are going to learn the names of different groups of animals that call South Dakota home. For example, a gang of elk or an army of frogs, or a cloud of grasshoppers! This year's hike will have lots of fun and interesting activities for kids of all ages (even grownups!) Wrap up the hike with s'mores at our fire pits!

**Saturday, October 20,
3 to 6 p.m.**



Family Classes: Late Additions! **Advanced Air Rifles with Scopes**

This class is the next level in successful air rifle shooting. We will cover topics from form, technique and what your miss can tell you. We will then head outside to learn the ins and outs of scoped rifles and practice different shooting positions. This class is intended for families and students 12 and up. Class size 10.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Archery

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction and proper stance will all be discussed and demonstrated at the archery range.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how it got started. We'll get outside and use a GPS receiver to navigate a GPS course as we search for hidden caches! Program participants will use the Campus' GPS receivers.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1 to 2:30

Saturday, Nov. 10, 10:30 to 12 noon

Family Fishing

We will start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need to practice knot tying and casting. Down at the pond, we will put our new skills to use. With a little luck, we'll reel in a big one!

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, Oct. 6, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13, 10:30 to 12 noon

Orienteering and Compass Reading

Learn the basic map and compass reading skills while navigating our permanent orienteering course. IT is a great way to explore our park while getting outside!

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Junior Hunter 8-12 year olds: Late Addition! **BB gun and Air Rifle Target Shooting**

Junior hunters will learn gun safety, shooting positions and techniques used while hunting. They will improve their shooting accuracy under the guidance of our trained staff.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, Nov. 10, 10:30 to 12 noon OR 1:30 to 3 p.m.



What is Harvest SD?

Harvest SD is an exciting new high quality experience developed by SD GFP. It is a free, comprehensive outdoor education course for novice hunters and anglers with an emphasis on ethics, stewardship, community and quality local food.

Participants can expect to glean the following information from the Harvest SD series:

- Become confident with shooting, shot placement, hunting regulations, and firearm safety
- Guidance through the license purchasing process and how to speak to landowners
- Experience scouting and hunting for wild game
- Hands-on lessons in processing and cooking wild game

Once all sessions are complete, students are able to sign up for a variety of hunts. This class is 18+. Don't miss out on this worthwhile endeavor that lasts a lifetime!

To Register Contact | Jason Nelson 605.362.3524 | <http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/>

Or register on our website www.outdoorcampus.org

Dates:

Oct. 5

6-9PM

October 6

9-11AM

October 12

6-9PM

October 13

9-12AM



Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and other's 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, Halloween Hike, etc.)
- Front Desk Duty



How To Get Started!

1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.

www.outdoorcampus.org

2) Kyle, 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, Kyle 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.



Our volunteers are the best!

ABOUT THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS



How are these classes FREE?

Our funding comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses in South Dakota. If you like our classes thank a hunter or an angler.

How can we support The Outdoor Campus?

Buy a hunting and fishing license in South Dakota. Nationwide the sale of licenses are declining rapidly as we lose the Baby Boomer Generation. They were the last large group of hunters and anglers. We need to replace the funds they put toward habitat, wildlife management, conservation, recreation and education. Every single license you buy in your family helps fisheries, pheasant habitat and so much more—including The Outdoor Campus.

Do you get any other funds?

We do receive some funding from a Federal excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment sales. A small portion of each fishing pole or shotgun you buy can go toward hunting and fishing programs here.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

2018 Full Time Staff

Thea Miller Ryan, director

Derek Klawitter, group and home school program coordinator

Sandy Richter, community program coordinator

Shelly Pierson, school programs coordinator

Kyle Grogan, volunteer coordinator

Jason Nelson, outreach coordinator

Tonna Hartman, senior secretary

Lynn Purdy, night and weekend manager



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Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

Our Facebook page is updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.



Find us on Twitter @outdoorcampus

We've always got something to say! Tweet with us. We tweet back!



Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus

We post a lot of photos. Want to see what's happening out here? This is the place to look!



Find us on Snapchat @outdoorcampus

Snapchat take-overs by interns? YES! Watch some of our activities as they happen here!



Find our blog outdoorcampus.wordpress.com

Our blog is a great way to find the story behind the story. Meet people, animals, see behind the scenes photos of Game, Fish and Parks at work.



Find our website outdoorcampus.org



What ages can attend the HuntSAFE classes?

South Dakota's HuntSAFE (*Safety And Firearms Education*) courses are designed for persons age 12 through 15.

Persons who are 11 may participate, but will not be issued a Hunter Safety certification card until they turn 12, unless the card is clearly marked that the card is not valid in South Dakota until their 12th birthday.

If a student's 12th birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, they may be issued a card and eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year. Adults are also welcome and invited to attend.

Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?

<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx>