



OUTDOOR Campus



2018 | The Outdoor Campus
Summer Group Programs

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GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from the programs in the GROUP PROGRAMS section of the brochure. Group programming can include scouts, church groups, clubs offices and other groups 10 or larger.

To Register for Group Programs:

> Call Derek at 605.362.2777 for open dates and staff availability. Please read the below requirements for group programming.

When: Groups may schedule programs in June, July and August .Group program times fill quickly, and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Group size: Minimum group size is 10; maximum group size is 20.

Other programs: Groups of 9 or smaller should register for programs found in our community programs brochure.

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

How many programs? Groups may schedule only one program per season to insure equal program availability to all groups.

Confirmation letter: After scheduling, we will send the group leader a confirmation letter with instructions and a waiver if the program requires it. Please be sure to read this information thoroughly!

Waiver: All individuals signed up for classes must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian in order to participate. We will send



Fishing Fun!

Kids get a fun introduction to fishing and safety! This program has games, basic fish ID, casting practice and hands-on fishing at the pond.

Hunting Basics

Pheasant, Waterfowl or Deer – come join us to learn the basics from start to finish on being safe and successful in the field. We will go over equipment, gaining permission, safety and much more.

Introduction to Archery

Experience archery at The Outdoor Campus! We will learn about safety, archery equipment and how to hunt ethically. Try your skills with 3D targets on our range.

BB Gun Basics

Join us on the Outdoor Campus BB gun range as we learn basic safety, shooting positions and techniques used while shooting and hunting. Improve your accuracy with every shot and take home a target riddled with holes.

Paddling

Learn the basics of paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes, and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet!

Orienteering

Orienteering is a fun activity for all ages. Younger participants can hone map reading skills on the beginning map courses. Older participants can learn how to use the map and compass together to navigate in the backcountry, hunting, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.

GPS and Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how to use them while in the outdoors or out hunting or fishing. Get outdoors and use a GPS receiver to navigate several GPS courses!

Summer Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and plants along our trails. Stumble across frogs, beavers, ducks, or toads. Who knows what you'll see on the trail!

Outdoor Cooking

S'mores and hotdogs are great campfire foods but they aren't the only foods you can cook in the great outdoors. Learn fire safety, practice useful cooking techniques, and eat delicious food. Remember, everything tastes better when you eat it outside!

South Dakota

Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Come join us while we discover what animals call this state home.

Hop, Slither, Crawl: Animal Movements

Hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake and crawl like an opossum. Join us as we learn about animal movements with a game, craft, hike and much more!



Super Senses

We will learn how animals have developed their super senses in nature through a game, craft and sensory hike. We will compare our senses of hearing, touching, tasting, seeing, and smelling to our furred and feathered friends.

Living on the Edge: Endangered Species

Learn about what it means for animals to be endangered, threatened, rare, or extinct. We'll play games, do a craft, and find out what you can do to help the population of our critters.



Wet and Wild

Learn the importance of wetlands to wildlife and humans. We will stomp through the water, slash through the trees and get down and dirty with some of South Dakota's itty bitty wildlife. Be prepared to get wet and dirty, this is going to be a filthy good time.

Habitat 101

Learn what animals need to have for a home. Food, water, shelter and space are the main components for any animal's habitat. We will be hiking and exploring for animal habitats.

Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and others 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

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How To Get Started!

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

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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!

FIND US ONLINE



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

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. You can also volunteer for us! Fill out our volunteer form online or call Kyle at 605.362.2777.

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.