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The Outdoor Campus
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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:

June | May 10

July | June 14

August | July 12

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.

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!



ARCHERY SKILLS

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Archery Hunting Skills

Learn safety and shooting tips for archery shooting and hunting. Shoot for the vital areas on our animal targets. Pick up some archery hunting techniques.

Saturday	June 2	10-11:00 AM
Tuesday	June 12	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM
Wednesday	July 18	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM



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

WHO WE ARE



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.

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

TRY-IT PROGRAM SUNDAYS

Have family in town or are visiting the Black Hills or just need to get out but have limited time? Come see what we are offering at the Outdoor Campus! Check our website or Facebook page on Wednesday of that week to learn what the activity will be. **No registration required.**

Sundays 1-3:00 PM



HUNTING SKILLS



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.**

Tuesday	July 24	6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 25	6:30-8:00 PM
Thursday	July 26	6:30-8:00 PM
Thursday	August 9	6:30-8:00 PM
Friday	August 10	6:30-8:00 PM

ADULT

Need Help Applying for A Deer License?

Deadline to apply for Black Hills deer license is July 9. Staff will be available to assist you with the online application process. Get answers to your questions and help with entering the Unit you really want! Bring your Unit information with you and we will help. Be sure to visit with landowners to make sure you still have permission. You will need a credit card for online payment. Remind your friends. **No registration is required to attend.**

Wednesday	July 11	10-4:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective B: Enhance Hunting opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

FISHING SKILLS

SPECIAL EVENTS



YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Fishing Basics

Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

Saturday	June 2	10-11:00 AM
Wednesday	June 20	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM

Lure Making and Fishing

Make your own lures and try them out in our pond! Learn how to fish spinners and flies to make your fishing trips more successful!

Friday	June 15	10-12:00 PM 1-3:00 PM
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How to Trick a Fish!

Explore baits and rigs that can be used to attract different kinds of fish. Try them in our pond. Maybe you can trick one of our fish!

Tuesday	July 10	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM
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FAMILY FISHING TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn how to cast a rod, catch a fish, identify South Dakota fish, tie a fly, cast a fly rod and even clean a fish! Bring a lucky fishing hat and sunscreen! **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.**

Saturday	June 30	10-3:00 PM
Saturday	July 14	10-3:00 PM

SURVIVAL SKILLS TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn important skills and equipment to carry with you to help you survive if you get lost or need to spend a night alone in the woods. Great information for hunters and hikers of all ages. Information will be presented to help children understand what to do if they get separated from their group. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.**

Saturday	July 28	10-3:00 PM
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PRE-SCHOOL TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to cast a rod, shoot a bow, go on a "hunt," check out the camping area and more! Fun activities specifically for 3-7 year olds. **No registration required.**

Saturday	August 11	10-1:00 PM
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SPECIAL EVENTS

FISHING SKILLS



FAMILY CAMPING TRY-IT DAY

Explore stations to learn how to set up tents, start campfires, cook treats everyone will love, play camping games and learn tricks and tips to make your camping trip more enjoyable. Fun and learning for all ages! **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.**

Saturday	June 9	10-3:00 PM
Saturday	July 21	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. **Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.**

8 and up may paddle solo; those under 8 may ride in a canoe with an adult.

Saturday	June 16	10-3:00 PM
Saturday	July 7	10-3:00 PM
Saturday	August 4	10-3:00 PM

OUTDOOR UNIVERSITY

Bring your family and friends to try a variety of outdoor skills and learn how South Dakota's natural resources are managed. **Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.**

Saturday	June 23	10-3:00 PM
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FAMILY

Fishing Basics

Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish. After taking this basic class, sign up for an opportunity to later fish at a Black Hills lake with your family to try the skills you have learned! Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen! **Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Wednesday	June 20	2-3:00 PM 3-4:00 PM
Thursday	June 21	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM 2-3:00 PM

Catch It, Clean It, Cook it!

Fish for trout, learn to clean one and cook it! Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen! Everything else you need will be provided. **Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Tuesday	July 17	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective A: Enhance fishing opportunities Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

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Fly Casting Basics

Learn the art of fly casting and practice on our pond. Learn to cast, hook, land and identify different kinds of fish. After taking this basic class, sign up for an opportunity to fish at a Black Hills stream at a later date. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen!

No children please.

Friday	June 1	6:30-8:30 PM
Tuesday	June 5	6:30-8:30 PM
Wednesday	June 13	6:30-8:30 PM
Thursday	July 12	6:30-8:30 PM
Tuesday	July 17	6:30-8:30 PM

Shore Fishing Basics

Would you love to fish at the lake but need to learn how to cast and rig the rod, tie knots and choose bait? Practice casting after learning how to set your rod up for fishing. Identify different kinds of fish you may catch. After taking this basic class, sign up for an opportunity to fish at a Black Hills lake at a later date. Bring your lucky fishing hat and sunscreen! **No children please.**

Tuesday	July 31	6:30-8:30 PM
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Ages 18 and up. No children, please.

Sign up with your girlfriends!

Canoeing and Kayaking

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Participants can register for the opportunity to try your skills on a Black Hills lake at a later date.

Friday	June 15	6:30-8:00 PM
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Fly Fishing Basics

Explore the art of fly casting and try casting on our pond. Practice important knots needed and discover how to choose proper flies. Participants can register for the opportunity to try their skills on a Black Hills stream at a later date.

Friday	July 20	6:00-8:30 PM
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Introduction to Archery

Even if you are not a hunter, archery may be a skill you may enjoy. Bring a friend to learn how to shoot with bows that are easy to use. Cheer each other on as you get better and better by the end of the program!

Friday	August 17	6:30-8:00 PM
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Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities, Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

Ages 18 and up. No children, please.

Bring your date for a night away to try some new skills!

Camping Skills

Want to try tent camping but not sure how to start? Already a tent camper, but want to learn some trips and tips? This is the class for you! Bring your tent for tips on setting up a great campsite for an enjoyable outing.

Friday	June 8	6:30-8:00 PM
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Fly Casting

Learn the basics of fly casting, knot tying and fly selection. All materials provided. Participants will be able to register for an additional program to try their skills on Rapid Creek at a later date.

Friday	July 13	6:30-8:30 PM
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Canoe and Kayak Skills

Learn basic skills to help you enjoy a beautiful evening on the pond. Try out our canoes and kayaks to see which one you like best. Participants will be able to register for an additional program to try their skills on another area lake at

Friday	August 10	6:30-8:30 PM
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Tips and Tricks for Fishing with Small Children

Would you love to take some children fishing but are afraid of ending up with piercings in places you did not intend? Learn what you can do and take along to make your trip a fun and “successful” one. Your little anglers’ expectations are much different than yours. **No children at this program please. (You can try it out on them later.)**

Tuesday	July 24	6:30-8:30 PM
Thursday	July 26	6:30-8:00 PM

Learn To Fish!



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

BOATING SKILLS

YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Practice what you learn on our pond. Life jackets are provided. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet. Hats and sunscreen are recommended.

Tuesday	June 19	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM
Wednesday	July 25	10-11:00 AM 11-12:00 PM 2-3:00 PM 3-4:00 PM

FAMILY

Paddling Skills

Learn paddling techniques and small water craft safety. Participants can register for the opportunity to go try your skills on a Black Hills lake at a later date. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** 8 and up may paddle solo; those under 8 may ride in a canoe with an adult.

Thursday	June 28	6-7:00 PM 7-8:00 PM
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OUTDOOR SKILLS



Orienteering

Practice basic map and compass skills as you explore the Outdoor Campus for treasure! Learn how to measure and count your paces just like the old treasure hunters did!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday	July 19	10-12:00 PM 1-3:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM
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ADULT

Wild Edible Plant ID

Identify plants that can safely be eaten and which plants to avoid. Take a hike to find some of the plants on the Outdoor Campus! **No children please.**

Wednesday	June 27	1:30-3:30 PM
Friday	July 6	6:30-8:30 PM

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OUTDOOR SKILLS

FAMILY

Knot Tying

Learn knots that are useful in everyday life or in survival for building or connecting things. Practice the knots and then try them out on a hike on the trail. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Wednesday	July 11	6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday	July 18	6:30-8:00 PM
Friday	July 27	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM

Wild Edible Plant ID

Identify plants that can safely be eaten and which plants to avoid. Take a hike to find some of the plants on the Outdoor Campus! **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Friday	June 29	2-4:00 PM
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Hiking Essentials

Hiking can be a fun family outing until someone gets separated from the group. Learn what to do if that happens and many fun things to look for and do on your hike. Discuss what you need to take along and what can stay home. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

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CAMPING SKILLS



FAMILY

Family Camping

Would you like to tent camp but don't know where to begin? This is the program for you! Set up different kinds of tents, learn how to set up a campsite, how to start a campfire, and what you need to take along to make your trip enjoyable. Day camping will be discussed as an alternative to overnight camping. Play games that could be played at your campsite. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Thursday	June 14	2-3:30 PM
Friday	June 15	6:30-8:00 PM
Tuesday	June 26	6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday	June 27	10-11:30 AM

Campfire Cooking

Make and sample some easy camping meals and treats that are fun for the whole family to make. Learn how to build a campfire and campfire safety tips! **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Friday	June 29	6:30-8:00 PM
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Beginning Camping

New to tent camping? Want to camp but have no idea what you need to get started? This program is for you! Come learn how to set up various tents, start a campfire, foods to take along and many tips and tricks for making your trip enjoyable. **No children please.**

Thursday	June 14	6:30-8:00 PM
Wednesday	June 27	6:30-8:00 PM

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking with a Dutch oven and the special care needed for cast iron cookware. All materials will be supplied for some yummy recipes, so come hungry. Program will include taste testing of recipes. **No children please.**

Thursday	July 19	5:30-8:00 PM
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YOUTH 8-12 YEAR OLDS

Introduction to Climbing

Learn rock climbing techniques on our rock wall.

Tuesday	June 19	1-2:00 PM 2-3:00 PM
Thursday	June 28	10-11:00 AM 2-3:00 PM
Tuesday	July 10	10-11:00 AM 1-2:00 PM 2-3:00PM
Tuesday	July 31	10-11:00 AM 1-2:00 PM

Knot Tying

Learn knots that are useful in everyday life or in survival for building or connecting things. Practice the knots and then try them out during a hike on the trail.

Thursday	July 26	10-11:30 AM 1-2:30 PM
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