



OUTDOOR Campus



The Outdoor Campus
2018 | Spring Home School Programs

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HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Nature awareness programs for all ages of home schooled children. The goal of this program is to introduce children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening educational environment.

Register for Home School Programs:

- Registration opens Wednesday, February 14 at 7 a.m. for home school programs.
- Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.
- All participants must sign a waiver prior to attending class.

There are three ways to register for classes

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
2. Sign up in person at The Outdoor Campus. We have a computer available for your use Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

Cancellations

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Thank you!



March

Snowshoe Orienteering

Navigate our orienteering trails on snowshoes. We will also learn how to set up a temporary orienteering course. Be sure to wear boots and dress warmly—the class will be outside. **Friday, March 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Animal Adaptations

How do animals survive in the wild? Learn about these life-saving adaptations that help animals survive. **Thursday, March 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Birds and Bird Feeder Construction 101

Learn about beaks, feet and feathers. Take home a homemade bird feeder. **Friday, March 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Wildlife ID

What is the difference between a coyote and a fox? Or a whitetail deer and a mule deer? Learn ways to identify South Dakota wildlife. Tracks, color and even scat will be discussed. **Tuesday, March 20, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

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April

Turkeys and Turkey Hunting

Learn all about the wild turkey. We will learn tricks for hunting South Dakota's wild turkeys. **Friday, April 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Seeds and Plants

Spring is the growing season. We will look into the process of a seed turning into a plant. We will plant some seeds, too. **Wednesday, April 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Spring Nature Hike

Join us for an age-appropriate tour and learn about the wildlife and plants along our trails. We might see rabbits, beavers, ducks or geese, too! Come dressed for the weather. **Friday, April 20, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Fishing Fun

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in South Dakota and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety and ethics before heading out to the pond and dropping in a line. **Tuesday, April 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

May

Archery Basics

Learn how to safely handle and shoot a youth-sized bow and arrow. Practice aiming at our 3-D animal targets and learn how to take an ethical shot. (Younger children may need parent/guardian assistance.) **Friday, May 4, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

BB Gun and Air Rifle Basics

Learn the basics of safely operating BB guns and air rifles. Spend time on the range, practicing your shot. (Younger children may need parent/guardian assistance.) **Friday, May 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Fishing Fun

Learn the basics of what it takes to fish in SD and how to do it safely. We will discuss equipment, safety and ethics, then head out to our pond to fish. **Tuesday, May 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Paddling Basics

Learn about paddling canoes and kayaks on our pond. We will cover safety and techniques to make you a safe paddler. (Younger children may need parent/guardian assistance.) **Wednesday, May 23, 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Deadline April 1, 2018

NEW!

Hunting with Derek

Greetings Home School Families!

This year I will be starting a new program for home school youth ages 10 to 16. I will be personally training and guiding them on a variety of hunts. We will be doing some classroom instruction going over all the basics and benefits of hunting including how to get started, along with some time at the gun range and processing.

A lot of this program will actually be spent in the field, hunting. We will start off this spring, turkey hunting, This fall we will continue with some duck hunting, pheasant and deer hunting. This class will be ongoing throughout the year and will be a bit of time commitment with early mornings and late evenings.

The goal of this class is to introduce and/or make students/families more comfortable hunting in hopes of building a lifelong passion for hunting. I will be looking for only a handful of families that are interested in participating and will set up a time to interview and answer any questions you may have.

The reason for the age restrictions is that youth those ages are guaranteed mentored and youth tags. Parents/guardians are required to attend, and may be able to hunt for turkey and deer if they can draw a tag.

If you think this is something that may interest you, please contact me directly at 605.362.2732 or email me at derek.klawitter@state.sd.us.



Home School **Life Science Fair**

A green leafy branch with three leaves.A glass jar with a bee illustration on it.

April 10, 2018—1 to 4 p.m. (set up 1 to 1:30)

The Outdoor Campus is hosting its second annual Home School Life Science Fair!

Students grades K-12 are eligible to participate in our event. Topics should be fun, exciting and relate to nature in South Dakota. One of the greatest factors in this competition is creativity. Participants will want to take a unique topic and find all the “dirt” on it. We hope you enjoy educating yourself as well as the audience members. Be prepared to give a short presentation of your topic to the judges. There will be prizes given for the individuals with the best presentation.

How to Register: The registration process is a brief, two-part process that can be done at The Outdoor Campus or online. Fill out the form for entry and submit registration by April 1.

Age Categories:

K-4
5-7
8-12

Team Size:

Teams can have
up to three
individuals.

Cost:

There is no cost to
participate in the
Science Fair. You
supply your own
materials to make
the exhibit.

For more information call Derek at 605.362.2732 or stop by to pick up an information and registration brochure.