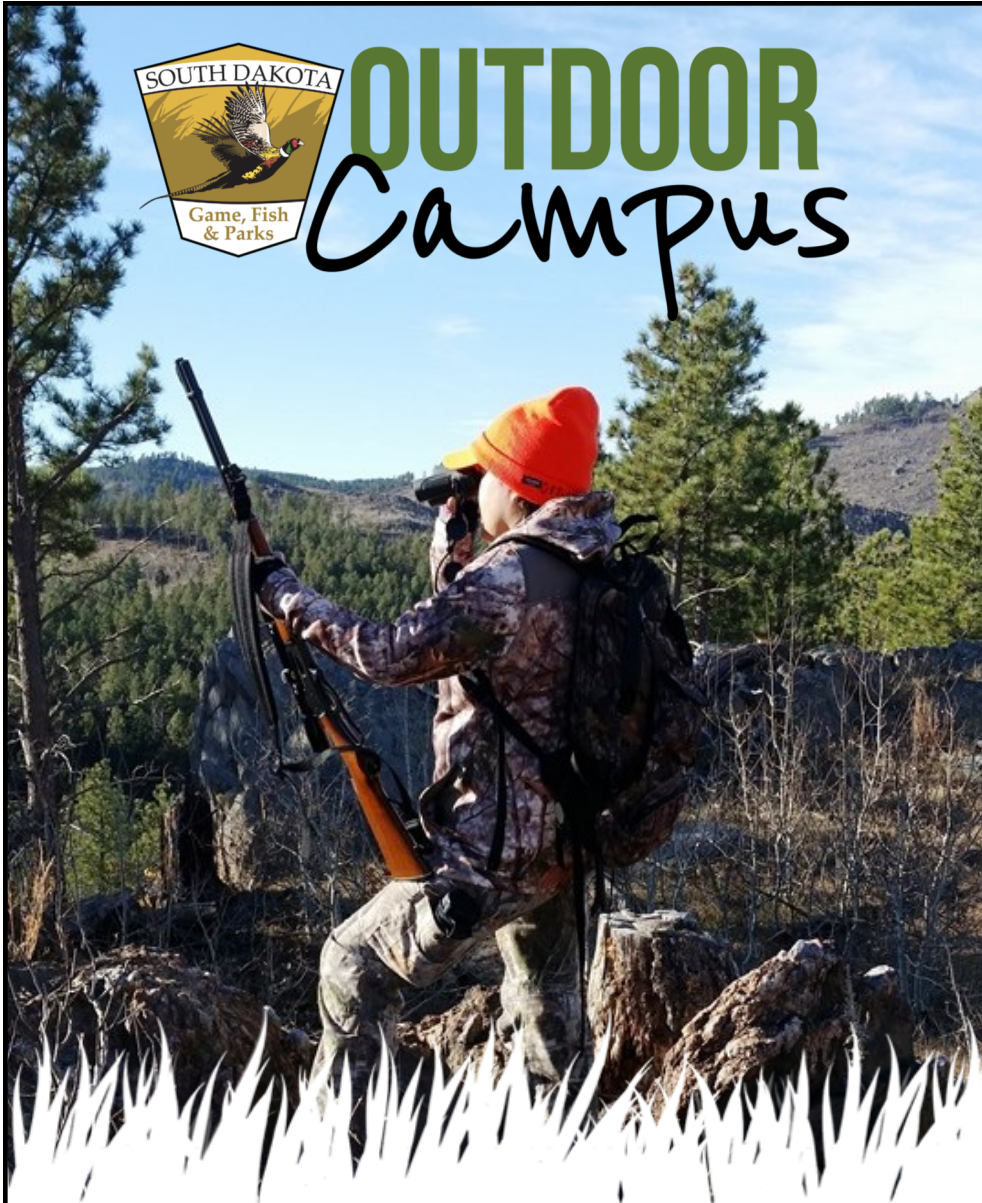




OUTDOOR Campus



2019 | The Outdoor Campus Fall Program Guide

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SURVEY SAYS...

A survey sent out to South Dakota residents gave us information about what people are really looking for in programming at The Outdoor Campus or in their rural areas.

Addressing ideas compiled from that survey helped us change our programming.

You will notice there are registration dates and times in this brochure. However, if those dates do not work for you, get a group together and call us to set up a time for any program listed in this brochure. We will do our best to try to accommodate a time that works for you. For groups in rural areas, we will do our best to come to you, if you cannot make it to The Outdoor Campus.

Outdoor Campus programs are NOT just for kids! Families are encouraged to learn together. We would love to teach retired first-timers, grandparents and grandkids, women, families and seniors. The Outdoor Campus and trails are ADA accessible. These groups were all suggestions in the survey.

The only program suggested that we don't have staff available for is competitive boomerang building!

If you would like us to come talk to your group about programs available, please call us at 394-2310.

PROGRAMS ARE FREE!

**THANK A HUNTER OR ANGLER FOR SUPPORTING
OUR EDUCATION EFFORTS!**



SCHEDULE GROUPS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing options in this brochure and calling or emailing for open dates and staff availability.

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GROUP SIZE

A minimum of 4, maximum of 24.

COST

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

WAIVER

All participants 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.

**Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for
special additions.**

HOW TO REGISTER

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS:

September | August 15
October | September 12
November | October 10
December | November 14

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.

All programs are **FREE**. Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!
Many programs fill quickly. Please cancel as soon as possible if you cannot attend a program.

Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for 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!



Opportunities Goal | Objective D: Expand and promote diverse recreational opportunities,. Confidence Goal | Objective A: Enhance citizen awareness of agency mission, services and programs.

HUNTING SKILLS

Getting Ready for Big Game Season

Go to a rifle range to learn how to sight in rifles. Bring your own rifle or use one of ours. Ear and eye protection and ammo are provided free of charge. Ages: 12 to adult (under 16 with adult)

Monday September 9 5:30-8:00 PM

Introduction to Trap Shooting

Meet at the Rapid City Trap Club to learn basic shotgun shooting skills. Shotguns, ear and eye protection and ammo are provided free of charge. Ages: 12 to adult (under 16 with adult)

Monday September 16 5:30-8:00 PM

Getting Ready for Grouse and Pheasant Season

Meet at the Rapid City Trap Club to learn methods that can help you become a more successful bird hunter. Shotguns, ear and eye protection and ammo are provided free of charge. Ages: 12 to adult. (under 16 with adult)

Monday September 30 5:30-8:00 PM

Shooting Positions

Practice safe shooting skills and shooting positions using pellet guns. Ages: 8 to adult

Friday November 8 6-7:00 PM

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HUNTING SKILLS



Elk Cleaning and Processing

Learn tips and equipment needed to properly field dress and care for the meat of this huge animal! Ages: 12 to adult

Wednesday October 2 5:30-7:30 PM

Game Bird Cleaning and Processing

Learn techniques and equipment needed to properly field dress game birds. You will have the opportunity to actually try it yourself! Ages: 8 to adult (under 12 with adult)

Wednesday September 25 5:30-7:30 PM

Big Game Skinning and Butchering

Learn tips and equipment needed to properly skin and butcher big game. Ages: 8 to adult (under 12 with adult)

Wednesday September 18 5:30-8:30 PM

Jerky Making

Learn tips and techniques for making your wild game into jerky. Practice cutting and seasoning. Taste testing will be a bonus. Ages: 12 to adult

Wednesday November 20 5:30-7:00 PM

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GAME COOKING

Wild Game Dutch Oven Cooking

Bring friends for a special night of cooking recipes you can try at home with your harvested game. Prepare and sample various types of game. Ages: 4 to adult (under 12 with adult)

Friday September 13 5:30-8:30 PM

Smoking Wild Game

Learn the techniques for smoking big game and small game. Ages: 12 to adult

Wednesday December 4 5:30-7:00 PM

Try Dutch Oven Cooking!



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ARCHERY SKILLS



Introduction to Archery

Even if you are not a hunter, archery may be a skill you might enjoy. Bring a friend to learn how to shoot with bows that are easy to use. Ages: 8 to adult (under 12 with adult)

Monday October 21 6-7:00 PM

Wednesday October 30 6-7:00 PM

Archery Trail Walk

Learn safety and tips for archery shooting and hunting. Shoot for the vital areas on our animal targets. Walk the archery trail to try realistic shooting scenarios. The walking field course includes stations ranging from 11 to 80 yards. You may bring your own equipment or use ours. Ages: 8 to adult (under 14 with adult)

Saturday September 14 10-12:00 PM

Try the Field Course!



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ARCHERY PARK

Our outdoor archery park is open for public use! This area is free for anyone to use from sunrise to sunset every day. The practice range has stations ranging from 20-80 yards. The walking field course includes stations ranging from 11 to 80 yards.

Youth under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Archers should bring their own equipment to use on these ranges.



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FISHING SKILLS



Fishing Basics

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

Ages: 4 to adult (under 8 with adult)

Friday September 27 6-7:00 PM

Friday October 11 6-7:00 PM

Tackle Box and Angling Tips

Learn to tie knots, rig the rod properly, make lures and decide what should be in your tackle box. Ages: 8 to adult

Monday September 23 6-7:30 PM

Ice Fishing Basics

Learn about ice safety conditions and practice with the equipment needed for ice fishing. 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!

Ages: 4 to adult (under 8 with adult)

Friday November 22 6-7:30 PM

Monday December 2 6-7:30 PM

Saturday December 14 10-11:30 AM

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

FISHING SKILLS

Ice Fishing Lure Making

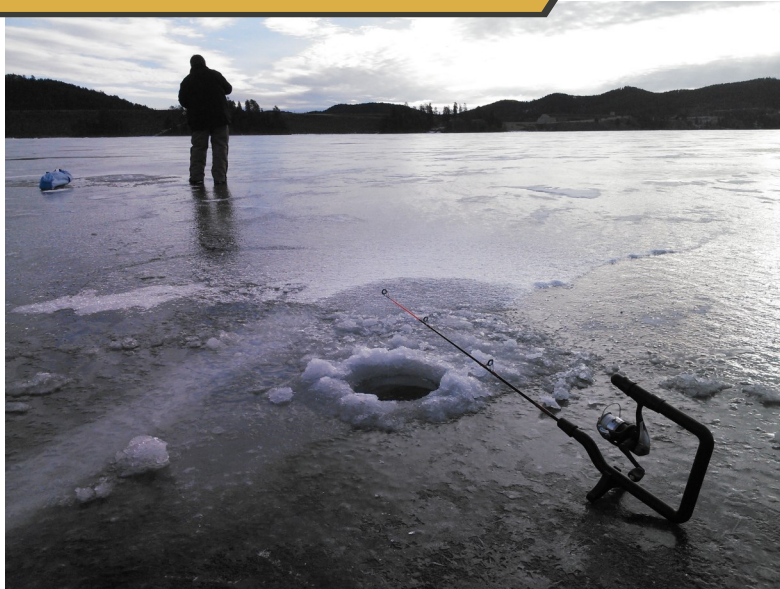
Make your own lures to use ice fishing this winter! All materials will be provided and the lures can be used on your jiggle sticks or other ice fishing rods! Fish will love them! Ages: 4 to adult (under 8 with adult)

Friday

December 6

6-7:30 PM

Learn How To Ice Fish!



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OUTDOOR SKILLS



Snowshoe Hiking

If we have snow, we will strap them on and go for a hike on our trails. If not, we will demonstrate and discuss how to check out snowshoes for hiking in the Hills! Dress warm! Ages: 4 to adult (under 8 with adult)

Saturday December 21 10-11:30 AM

Monday December 30 10-11:30 AM

Outdoor Survival Tips

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. Ages: 8 to adult

Wednesday December 11 6-7:30 PM

Friday December 20 6-7:30 PM

Using a Map and Compass

Learn how to read a topographic map and use a compass to help navigate using a map. Your phone GPS does not always work when you are out in the Black Hills! Ages: 8 to adult

Wednesday October 23 6-7:30 PM

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SPECIAL EVENTS

No Pre-Registration Needed for these events!

LEAVE NO TRACE

Learn the 7 principles of Leave No Trace and how they can make you better stewards of our natural resources. Hands-on activities will teach you how to Plan Ahead and Prepare; Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces; Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out); Leave What You Find; Minimize Campfire Impacts. Respect Wildlife; and Be Considerate of Other Visitors.

Saturday September 7 10-2:00 PM

FAMILY PADDLING TRY-IT DAY

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

Saturday September 21 10-3:00 PM

HALLOWEEN HIKE

Wear your costumes to Outdoor Campus-West for fun, games, crafts and an evening hike. For the whole family, with hikes for both young and older children and adults. (No scary haunted house!)

Friday October 25 5-8:00 PM

TURKEY TRIVIA TRAIL

Hike through the exhibits and along our outside trails to learn some interesting Turkey Trivia! This is a great way to walk off those Thanksgiving treats!

Saturday November 30 10-3:00 PM

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 DO WE BELIEVE?

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.



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