



OUTDOOR Campus



2018 | The Outdoor Campus Outreach Programs Guide

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The goal of the outreach program is to provide outdoor activities to grades K-12 in towns across our 20 county region. If you are interested in setting up an outreach program with your school or group, please contact Jason Nelson at (605) 362-3524 or email at jason.nelson@state.sd.us

“In the Classroom” Programs

Mammals of SD

What kinds of animals live in South Dakota? This is a hands-on demonstration that can include furs, skull, tracks, scat, and live animals. (1hr)

Reptile and Amphibian Fun

Discover reptiles and amphibians that live in South Dakota. Learn about the lives of frogs, toads, salamanders, snakes, and turtles. You may even get to meet a few in person! (1hr)

The Migration Nation

Who flies south for the winter? Where do they go in the summer? Learn about migration and the role South Dakota plays in the annual migration. (30min – 1hr)

Food Chains and Adaptations

What's on the dinner plate of animals in South Dakota? Learn about food chains through games and hands-on activities. We will work together to learn about adaptations and how they help South Dakota animals survive (1hr)

Creatures of the Night

Learn about the animals that wake up when the sun goes down. Involves nocturnal animal identification, South Dakota bats show and tell and an owl component including owl pellet dissection. (1hr+)

Endangered to Invasive

What is disappearing from South Dakota's wildlife? What is the difference between threatened, endangered and extinct? Learn about disappearing species and what you can do to help! Learn about the different invasive species of South Dakota. Learn how they got here and how we can help to keep them under control. (1hr)

Firearm Safety and Hunting

Learn about gun safety. This includes the different types of firearms, safe handling, and proper use. Hunting topics can cover any type of hunting desired. (30min – 1hr)

“In the Field” Programs

Fishing Basics

Practice your casting and then go fishing! Must have access to fishable water. If access isn't available, just practice casting is still a great option! You only need room to cast a line (outdoors or empty gym). (1 – 1.5hrs)

Advanced Fishing

Learn the different types of techniques and equipment that can be used to catch fish. We will cover different types of rod and reel set ups, different kinds of line and learn a few different knots to use. We will also learn about different types of set ups, tackle and when to use them! This is an excellent knowledge building workshop but fishing can be added if fishable water is available. (1 – 1.5hrs)

Fly Fishing Basics

Learn the ins and outs of fly rods, reels, line and flies. You will learn proper casting techniques and get to practice casting. No water is required but will help in catching a lunker! (1hr)

Archery Basics

Learn the basics of using a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on 3D targets! Must have an open area to set up archery net. (1 – 1.5hrs)

BB Gun Basics

Learn firearm safety and accuracy techniques while shooting multiple targets from multiple positions with a BB gun. Must have an outdoor area suitable for a small shooting range. (1 – 1.5hrs) Great class to pair with Advanced Scoped Gun Shooting

Shotgun Basics

Learn firearm safety and accuracy techniques. You will be shooting clay pigeons from multiple positions. Must have access to a shooting range. Guns, clay pigeons and ammo will be provided. (1 – 1.5hrs)

.22 Rifle Basics

Learn firearm safety and accuracy techniques while using a .22 rifle. Can you hit the bullseye? Must have access to a shooting range. Guns, targets and ammo will be provided. (1 – 1.5hrs)

Advanced Scoped Gun Shooting

Learn to sight in a scoped gun. Learn proper shooting techniques and multiple shooting positions used in target shooting and hunting. Must have an outdoor area suitable for a small shooting range. (1 – 1.5hrs)

Snorkeling

Learn about the things that are happening under the water. Learn the proper techniques for using a dive mask, snorkel and fins. We will then take the plunge and explore the wonderful world under our South Dakota water bodies with a certified Master Diver. Mask, fins, snorkel and lifejackets are provided. A clear body of water is preferred. If you are looking for clear water, this class can be done at the Outdoor Campus! All you need is swimming clothes and a desire to be an adventurer! (1hr+) This class is limited to 10 participants but could accommodate more with adequate notice

NEW! Series Classes

To get more information or to register for one of the following series classes, you can send emails to jason.nelson@state.sd.us or call (605)362-3524. Please leave a message if there is no answer. Dates and times will be on The Outdoor Campus Facebook page as they are developed.

Family Fishing Club

This is a comprehensive four-evening class where we will learn all about shore fishing in South Dakota. Topics covered include tackle, knots, rod and reel set ups and fish ID. Fishing gear and bait are provided but you are encouraged to bring your own gear if you have it! We will fish in The Outdoor Campus pond, Family Park, Lake Alvin and Wall Lake.

TOC Shotgun and Rifle Club

This is a comprehensive three-evening class where we will cover air rifles, shotguns and high powered rifles. Proper shooting technique and safety will be the focus of this new class. This is an excellent opportunity for people new to firearms as well as those who just want to get out and shoot more. All firearms and ammo will be provided. Must be 18+ to register, We will shoot at The Outdoor Campus, the Crooks Gun Club and the Garretson Gun Club.

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. Don't miss out on this worthwhile endeavor that lasts a lifetime!

Borrow these Teaching Tools!

We have crates of teaching materials than you can borrow for up to two weeks by leaving or sending a security deposit of \$75. When the crate is returned and after a satisfactory inventory of its contents, the check will be destroyed or returned – your choice. These are the crate we currently have available:

Mammal Crates, Grasslands Crate, Tree Trunk, Prairie Crate, Bat Crate, Coyote Crate, Bird Box and Beaver Crate

You can find the inventory sheet for any of these crates on our website at www.outdoorcampus.org, calling the office at (605) 362-2700, or emailing our secretary at tonna.hartman@state.sd.us

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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.

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.