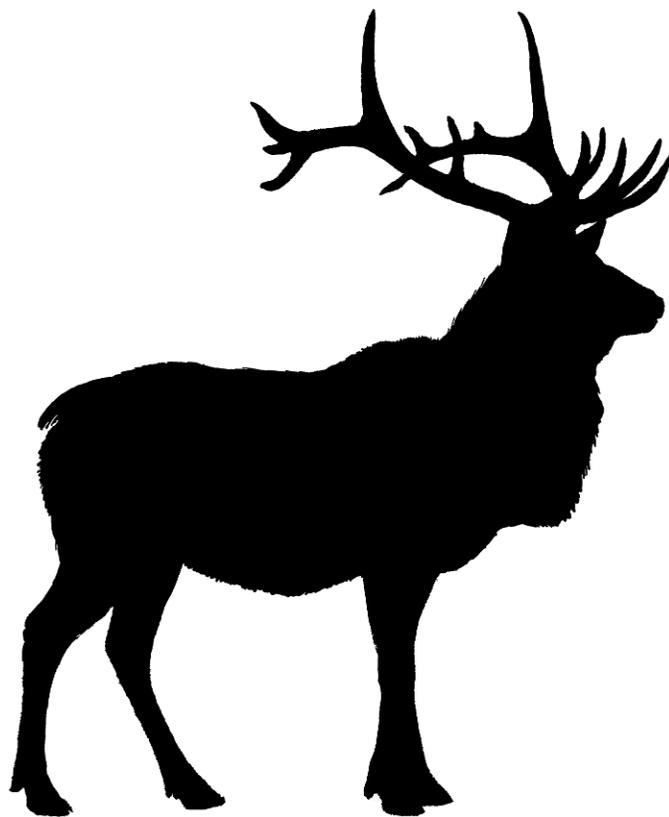


**FREE
PROGRAMS!**

The Outdoor Campus-West

South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Group Programs



Fall 2015

Registration Information



Group Registration Information

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from the programs in this brochure and calling 394-1753 for open dates and staff availability. Please be sure to read the below information regarding group requirements!

Program Registration Opens: 8:00 a.m. August 13

Groups will not be scheduled before this date. Call 394-1753 for information and scheduling.

- **Group size:** Minimum group size is 10 unless noted; maximum group size is 30 unless noted.
- **Other programs:** Groups of 9 or smaller should register for programs found in our community programs brochure.
- **Cost:** All programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!
- **How many programs?** Groups may schedule only one program per month 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 programmes must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian in order to participate. We will send the waiver form with the confirmation letter.
- **Chaperones:** We require at least one adult chaperone for each youth group, and one adult for each youth angler age 7 and under. 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 or health problems (including allergies) when scheduling.

Special Requests

If your group has a special program request, contact Keith Wintersteen. He will try his best to accommodate your needs for programs. keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us; (605) 394-1753

Group Programs Requirements

Group program requests require a 2 week notice before the desired program date.

Ages are estimates – programs can be adapted to meet the needs of your group.

Preschool through 2nd grade age group programs will typically last 45 minutes. Third grade through adult group programs will last 1-1.5 hours depending on subject.

Maximum group size (with exceptions listed in brochure) is 30 participants.

Groups of 30-60 people will be divided into 2 smaller groups with half taking part in the program while 1/2 are taking a self-guided tour. Groups will then switch.

There will be a limited number of dates for groups of 60-100 people who wish to participate in 4-5 hours of varying programming. Call for availability.

You may also choose a program topic from the Community Program brochure for a Group Program.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking with and caring for a Dutch Oven. We supply all materials; you supply the appetite and willingness to learn. Families with children welcome.

Age: 6 years to Adult

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 16



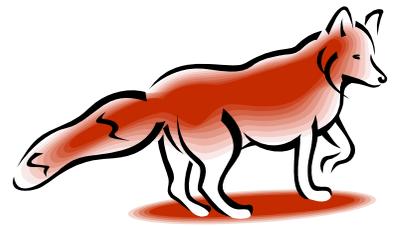
Introduction to Trapping

Learn the basic skills and equipment needed to harvest South Dakota's common furbearers. Topics covered will include trapping ethics, methods and common furbearers of South Dakota.

Age: 14 years to Adult

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Maximum program size: 8



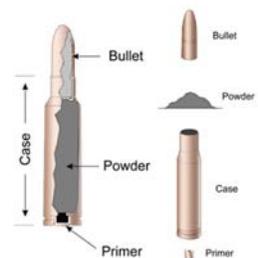
Cartridge Reloading

Learn basic rifle and pistol cartridge reloading. Topics covered will include reloading safety, gear to get you started, the rifle and handgun cartridge reloading process and how to read and use reloading manuals. All equipment will be provided. No live ammunition will be produced during the program.

Ages: 16 years to adult

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 8



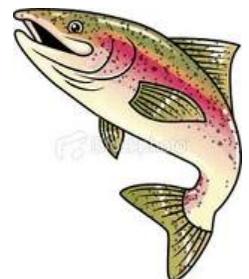
Hook'em, cook'em and eat'em!

Families will learn how to catch, clean and cook a trout. Fishing, fish cleaning and cooking gear will be provided. You bring the appetite. This program is open to individuals, families and adults supervised by at least one child.

Ages: 4 to adult

Time: 1.5 hours

Maximum program size: 16



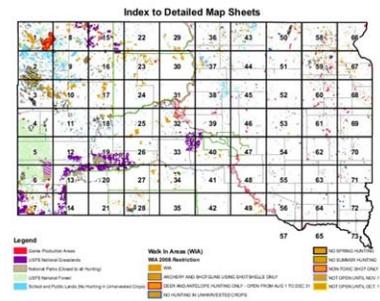
Finding a Place to Hunt

Western South Dakota has over 2.5 million acres of land open to public hunting. This program will help you locate those areas and identify the types of hunting available on them.

Ages: 16+

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 20



Shotgun Shooting Skills

Learn to safely operate, clean, store and shoot a shotgun. Graduates of this program will have the option of travelling to a local range for live fire training.

Ages: 18+

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 10



Rifle Shooting Skills

Learn shooting techniques to improve your field accuracy. Instruction will include rifle safety, basic shooting positions, use of slings, bipods and shooting sticks as well as improvised shooting rests. Graduates of this program will have the option of travelling to a local range for live fire training.

Ages: 18+

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Maximum program size: 10



Handgun Safety for Women

This course is designed to safely introduce women to handguns. Topics covered will include handgun action types as well as safely loading, unloading and storing handguns. Practice shooting full size pellet guns. Graduates of this program will have the option of travelling to a local range for live fire training.

Ages: 18+

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 20



Paddling

Learn the basics of flat-water 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!

Ages: 8 years to adult

Time: 1-1.5 hours

Maximum program size: 16



Fly Fishing Basics

Get a hands-on introduction to fly fishing equipment, knots and casting. Practice casting on our lawn, then do the real thing on our pond! Bring your own hat and sunglasses to keep you safe! A valid SD fishing license is encouraged for participants age 16 and older. This includes all adults and chaperones.

Ages: 12 years to adult

Time: 1-1.5 hours

Maximum program size: 6



Smoking Wild Game

Learn techniques of preserving wild game and fish through the ancient art and science of smoking and jerky making. Instruction will cover preparation of game and fish for smoking and recipes for jerky and smoked wild game.

Ages: 12 years to adult

Time: 1-1.5 hours

Maximum program size: 10



A Night in the Wild

Our naturalists and trained volunteers will teach you basic survival skills to help you enjoy that unplanned overnight stay in the wilds of the Black Hills. Learn basic shelter construction, campfire building techniques and other fun survival skills.

Ages: 12 years to adult

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 30



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, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.

Ages: 8 years to adult

Time: 2 hours

Maximum program size: 12



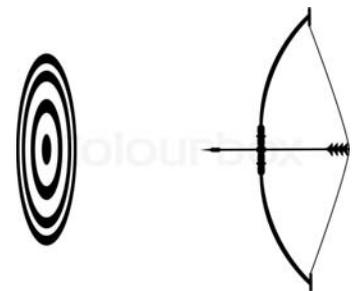
Introduction to Archery

Experience archery at The Outdoor Campus-West! We will learn about safety and archery equipment, then use our Bows to try your skills with bullseye and 3D targets.

Ages: 8 years to adult

Time: 1 - 1.5 hours

Maximum program size: 8



Air Rifle Basics

Join us on The Outdoor Campus-West BB gun range as we learn basic safety, shooting positions, and techniques and firearms safety. Improve your accuracy with every shot while learning the basic shooting positions.

Ages: 8 years to adult

Time: 1.5 hours

Maximum program size: 10



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Other Options at The Outdoor Campus-West

Self Tours for Groups

Groups may visit our habitat displays, aquarium and grounds on their own. This option is popular with groups who are not able to schedule a program led by our staff.

- **You must call and schedule your group in advance!** This prevents conflicts with other groups and programs at The Outdoor Campus-West.
- Plan 45 minutes to 1 hour for visits to The Outdoor Campus-West habitat displays and aquarium.
- Take time to walk the trails! We have short trails, long trails and trails in between! See all kinds of South Dakota habitats including short grass prairie, ponds, creeks, pine and deciduous forests, western riparian areas and many kinds of wildlife!

Borrow These Teaching Tools

We have crates of teaching materials you can borrow for up to two weeks by leaving or sending a security deposit of \$75. We are not able to take credit cards. When the crate is returned and after a satisfactory inventory of its contents, we will destroy or return your check. These are the crates we lend:

Cougar Crate
Elk Trunk

Critter Crates
Fishing Kit

Swift Fox Box
Bat Trunk

To reserve these crates, contact staff at 605.394.2310 or tocwest@state.sd.us.





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