

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus-West
South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Summer 2015

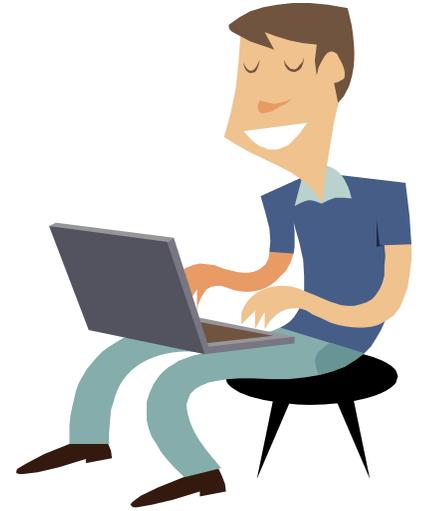
Registration Information

Program Registration Opens:

for June on May 14

for July on June 11

for August on July 9



Youth programs are **free**. Some adult programs may have a fee for materials.

Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.

To pre-register for programs:

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
Click "Rapid City". (A public use computer is available in our lobby.)
2. If you have problems, call us at 394-2310.

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

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll add a class. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

June Programs

Registration Opens May 14

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 with adult partner

Class date:

Monday

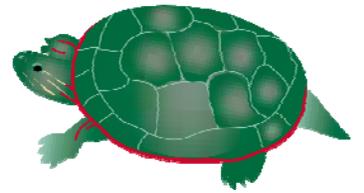
June 8

9-9:30 a.m.

Ponds



Sprouts Preschool Programs 3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



“T” is for Turtles

Learn more about this reptile that carries his home on his back! We will go outside to try to spot some turtles in the pond and investigate the colors and textures of turtle shells.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday June 9 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday June 10 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday June 11 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday June 13 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

“S” is for Snake

Snakes play a large role in our environment. Learn why we appreciate snakes, and how they swallow, hear and move. Participants will have a safe opportunity to touch our large and small snakes.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday June 20 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Tuesday June 23 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday June 24 10-10:45 a.m.

Thursday June 25 10-10:45 a.m.

Let’s Go Fishing!

Learn to identify 3 kinds of fish, then try to catch one in our pond with rods just your size. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Participants must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class date:

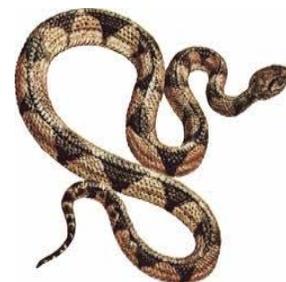
Friday

June 5

10-11:00 a.m.

June Programs Cont...

Young Naturalist Programs
5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to
stay and enjoy the program.



“S” is for Snake

Snakes play a large role in our environment. Learn why we appreciate snakes, and how they swallow, hear and move. Participants will have a safe opportunity to touch our large and small snakes.

Age: 5-7

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Tuesday | June 9 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | June 10 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Thursday | June 11 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Saturday | June 13 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |

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Age: 5-7

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Saturday | June 20 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Tuesday | June 23 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | June 24 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Thursday | June 25 | 11-11:45 a.m. |

Let's Go Fishing!

Learn to identify 3 kinds of fish, then try to catch one in our pond with rods just your size. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Participants must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Age: 5-7

Class date:

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| Friday | June 26 | 10-11:00 a.m. |
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June Programs Cont...

Jr. Naturalist Programs 8-12 year olds.



Cattail Investigation

Get up close and personal with a unique wetland plant. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy!

Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday June 6 11-12:00 p.m. OR 1-2:00 p.m.

Rubber Band Gun Competition

Engage in some friendly competition with our rubber band guns and fun targets. These are not just single-shot guns! Come check them out.

Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday June 13 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday June 18 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

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!

Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday June 23 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

June Programs Cont...

Family Programs
All ages, unless otherwise listed.



Paddling Skills

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 life jackets and all necessary equipment.

Age: 4-7 can ride with adult, 8 and up to ride alone

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday June 6 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11 a.m-12:00 p.m.

Fishing Basics

Learn how to rig and cast a pole, to identify fish, and learn basic fishing regulations. Bait and poles will be furnished for you to try your luck in our pond. Please bring a hat and sunglasses!

Age: 4 and up, under 16 with an adult.

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Friday June 19 11 a.m.-12 p.m. }
 1-2 p.m. } Choose
 2-3 p.m. } **ONE**
 3-4 p.m. }

Introduction to Archery

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child 8 and up

Class date:

Thursday June 18 6-7:00 p.m.

Waterbugs

Discover what fish food lives in the ponds and streams. Learn what a dragonfly looks like before it learns to fly! Fun activity that can be done on your next expedition into the Black Hills!

Age: All ages

Class date:

Saturday June 20 1-2:30 p.m.

June Programs Cont...

Adult Programs
Age 18 and up. Please do not
bring children under 18 to
these classes.



Women's Shore Fishing 101

Always wanted to learn to fish at the lake but didn't know how to begin? Learn the basics about equipment, what bait to use, how to tie knots and how to clean the fish you catch or the proper way to release them. Female instructors will teach you in an un-intimidating atmosphere! Register with a friend and learn together.

Age: Adult (no children please)

Class date:

Tuesday June 9 6-8:00 p.m.

Fly Casting 101

Fly casting is not as complex as it looks. Come learn how to look as good as Brad Pitt in "A River Runs Through It". Equipment will be supplied. Once you master the cast, try your luck on our pond. Fishing license is encouraged.

Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Friday June 19 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking and care of a Dutch oven. All materials will be supplied for some yummy recipes, so come hungry! Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult (no children please)

Class date:

Friday June 26 5:30-8:00 p.m.

July Programs

Registration Opens June 11

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 with adult partner

Class date:

Monday July 13 9-9:30 a.m. Hiking



Sprouts Preschool Programs 3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



Damselflies and Dragonflies

Did you know that the pretty little blue dragonflies are actually damselflies? Learn the difference and go on a hike to find out where they live and see if we can catch some for a closer look!

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Tuesday | July 7 | 10-10:45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | July 8 | 10-10:45 a.m. |
| Thursday | July 9 | 10-10:45 a.m. |
| Saturday | July 18 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |

Butterflies and Moths

Discover their differences by observing them up close. Go on a hike to try to find where they live and observe caterpillars that will turn into one or the other!

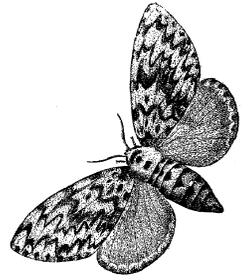
Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Tuesday | July 21 | 10-10:45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | July 22 | 10-10:45 a.m. |
| Thursday | July 23 | 10-10:45 a.m. |

July Programs Cont...

Young Naturalist Programs
5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.



Butterflies and Moths

Discover their differences by observing them up close. Go on a hike to try to find where they live and observe caterpillars that will turn into one or the other!

Age: 5-7

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Tuesday | July 7 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | July 8 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Saturday | July 18 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |

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Age: 5-7

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Wednesday | July 8 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Tuesday | July 21 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |

Jr. Naturalist Programs
8-12 year olds.



Nature Photography

Practice observation skills through photography to capture nature's alphabet. Participants will learn the basics of digital photography and practice by finding "letters" in nature.

Age: 8-12

Class date:

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| Saturday | July 18 | 1:30-3:00 p.m. |
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July Programs Cont...

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!

Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Tuesday | July 14 | 10-11:00 a.m. | } Choose ONE |
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| | | 1-2:00 p.m. | |
| | | 2-3:00 p.m. | |

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-12

Class date:

Wednesday July 15 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11-12:00 p.m.

Teen Programs 13-17 years



Map and Compass Reading

Why do I need this, you ask? What if your phone dies, or you lose it? This program will introduce you to various types of maps and how to use a compass with a map. Challenge your friends!

Age: 13-17

Class date:

Wednesday July 8 6-7:00 p.m.

Topo Maps

Learn how to read the lines on a topo map and how you can use it to plan a hike or hunting trip. How do you find yourself on the map if you get lost!? Learn from someone who has been there!

Age: 13-17

Class date:

Wednesday July 15 6-7:00 p.m.

July Programs Cont...

Rubber Band Gun Competition

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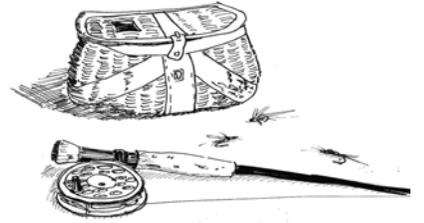
Age: all ages

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday July 30 6-7:00 p.m. OR 7-8:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

Age 18 and up. Please, **do not** bring children under 18.



Fly Casting 101

Fly casting is not as complex as it looks. Come learn how to look as good as Brad Pitt in “A River Runs Through It”. Equipment will be supplied. Once you master the cast, try your luck on our pond. Fishing license is encouraged. Materials are provided.

Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Thursday July 16 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Shore Fishing 101

Always wanted to learn to fish at the lake, or have kids bugging you to go, but didn't know how to begin? Learn the basic equipment, what bait to use, how to tie knots and how to clean the fish you catch, or the proper way to release them. Register with a friend and learn together. Materials provided. Fishing license encouraged.

Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Tuesday July 14 6-8:00 p.m.

Gun Care 101

Learn the basic skills needed to maintain and clean firearms, how to mount and bore sight a scope and how to deal with issues you may encounter in the field.

Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Tuesday July 28 6-9:00 p.m.

August Programs

Registration Opens July 9

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 years with adult partner

Class date:

Monday August 17 9-9:30 a.m. Ants



Sprouts Preschool Programs 3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



Waterbugs

Discover what lives in the ponds and streams. Learn what a dragonfly looks like before it learns to fly! Wear clothes that can get a little wet and muddy.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday August 13 10-10:45 a.m.
Friday August 14 10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday August 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Name This Fish!

Children will learn to identify several fish species by colors and shapes. Learn the parts of the fish, play a game and even get a chance to touch a fish. (**No fishing in this class.**)

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class dates:

Saturday August 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.
Wednesday August 26 10-10:45 a.m.
Friday August 28 10-10:45 a.m.

Mud Ball

Join our volunteer, Kazumi, as she shares a Japanese art form with the children. Children will make soil balls by mixing sand, soil and water together. Who can make strongest or largest ball?

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday August 17 10-10:45 a.m.

August Programs Cont...

Young Naturalist Programs
5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.



Waterbugs

Discover what lives in the ponds and streams. Learn what a dragonfly looks like before it learns to fly! Wear clothes that can get a little wet and muddy.

Age: 5-7

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Saturday | August 8 | 10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Wednesday | August 26 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Friday | August 28 | 11-11:45 a.m. |

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Age: 5-7

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Thursday | August 13 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Friday | August 14 | 11-11:45 a.m. |
| Saturday | August 22 | 10-10:45 a.m. |

Jr. Naturalist Programs
8-12 year olds



Archery Basics

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Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Saturday | August 8 | 10-11:30 a.m. <u>OR</u> 1- 2:30 p.m. |
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August Programs Cont...

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!

Age: 8-12

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

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| Wednesday | August 12 | 10-11:00 a.m. | } Choose ONE |
| | | 11-12:00 p.m. | |
| | | 1-2:00 p.m. | |
| | | 2-3:00 p.m. | |

Wild Plant Identification Hike

Explore the plant world with your senses! See, taste, smell and feel common plants. Draw them in your Campus journal to help remember them and share your new knowledge with others.

Age: 8-12

Class date:

Friday August 14 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Climbing

Take your turn scaling our portable climbing wall. All safety equipment will be provided. Sturdy shoes (no sandals!) such as hiking or tennis shoes only.

Age: 8-12

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday August 18 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 19 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed



Family Geocaching

Learn how to use a GPS unit to find hidden treasure on Campus. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes (no sandals) for this high-tech scavenger hunt. GPS units will be provided.

Age: all; under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult

Class date:

Saturday August 8 2-3:30 p.m.

August Programs Cont...

Paddling

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. Bring clothes and shoes that can get wet.

Age: 4-7 can ride with adult, 8 and up can ride alone

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Friday August 14 5-6:00 p.m. OR 6-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday August 18 5-6:00 p.m. OR 6-7:00 p.m.

Basic Plant Identification

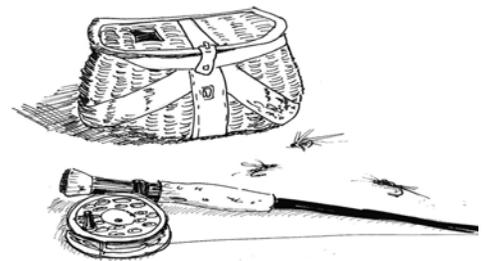
Learn some of the common plants and how to recognize poison ivy. Do leaf rubbings, sketch drawings, or write descriptions in a field journal to help you remember some of the plants!

Age: all ages

Class date:

Thursday August 20 6-7:30 p.m.

Adult Programs
18 and up. Please, **do not**
bring children under 18.



Fly Casting 101

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Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Wednesday August 19 6:30-8:00 p.m.

August Programs Cont...

Wild Edible and Medicinal Plant Hike

Explore plants using your sense of feel, taste, smell and sight. Bring your camera and a journal to record all the special plants you will be introduced to on this hike.

Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Saturday August 22 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Paddling

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. Bring clothes and shoes that can get wet.

Age: 18 and up (no children please)

Class date:

Friday August 28 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We are always adding new and fun classes that are scheduled after this booklet is released! Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up classes!

NOTE: Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!

Special Events

no pre-registration required

International Mud Day!

Come prepared to get dirty as we learn about archaeology, art, gardening, soil, underground creatures and more! We'll provide a hose to rinse off, but you should bring a change of clothes.

Saturday June 27 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Outdoor University

Try a variety of outdoor skills like archery, BB gun shooting, canoeing & kayaking and more at this free family event.

Game, Fish & Parks biologists and staff will have stations for you to try some hands-on activities that showcase the tools GF&P uses to manage your fish and wildlife resources.

Saturday July 11 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Women's Night Out

Call a friend or come meet some new friends. Try a variety of outdoor skills at this free event just for the ladies. All equipment will be provided. Please bring shoes and clothes that can get wet, and sturdy, closed-toed shoes for climbing. (tennis shoes or hiking boots are great!) This is for women 18 and up.

Friday July 17 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Women's Try-It Day

Try a variety of outdoor skills at this free event just for the ladies. All equipment will be provided. Please bring shoes and clothes that can get wet, and sturdy, closed-toed shoes for climbing (tennis shoes or hiking boots are great!). This is for women 18 and up.

Saturday August 15 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Preschoolers Try-It Night

Come prepared to get dirty and have fun trying out all kinds of fun activities specifically for 3-5 year olds. Cast a rod, shoot a bow, go on a "hunt," check out our camping area and more! Everything is just the right size!

Friday August 21 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Give Back...

Volunteer at

The Outdoor Campus-West

Become a member of South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' large and diverse volunteer team at The Outdoor Campus-West.

Benefits Of Volunteering!

- Education Opportunities
- Develop New Skills
- Make New Friends
- Provide a Positive Impact for Our Community
- Earn Written Reference for Continuing Education and Scholarships
- Receive School Credit
- Register Early for Programs

Opportunities Available

- Program Assistant
- Special Events
- Information Desk
- Gardening
- Roving Interpretation
- Landscaping
- And much, much, more...

To Become a Volunteer

1. Apply online for volunteer service at www.outdoorcampus.org OR pick up a paper application at The Outdoor Campus-West
2. Call to schedule an interview
3. Complete volunteer orientation and training

For more info, contact Luke Mickelson at
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