

**FREE PROGRAMS!**

**The Outdoor Campus-West**

South Dakota Department of  
Game, Fish and Parks

**Community  
and  
Group Programs**



**Summer 2016**

# Registration Information for Individuals & Families

## Program Registration Opens:

for June on May 12

for July on June 9

for August on July 11



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 programs.

## To pre-register for programs:

Surf our website at [www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org)  
Click "Rapid City". (A public use computer is available in our lobby.)

If you have problems, call us at (605) 394-2310.

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

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

# June Programs

*Registration Opens May 12*

## Nature Story Time

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

**Age:** 1-4 with adult partner

**Program date:**

Monday                      June 20                      9-9:30 a.m.                      Ponds



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

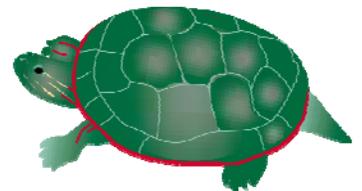
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**Program dates:** (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday	June 4	10-10:45 a.m.
Tuesday	June 7	10-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	June 8	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	June 9	10-10:45 a.m.



### Let’s Go Fishing!

Learn to identify 3 kinds of fish, then try to catch a fish 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

**Program date:**

Friday                      June 17                      10-10:45 a.m.

### “H” is for Hiking

Helpful tips for youngsters and adults who spend time in the outdoors. Learn what to pack for hiking trips and how to use those items to be safe and enjoy your hikes.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

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

# June Programs Cont...

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



## “H” is for Hiking

Helpful tips for youngsters and adults who spend time in the outdoors. Learn what to pack for hiking trips and how to use those items to be safe and enjoy your hikes.

**Age:** 5-7

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

Saturday	June 4	10-10:45 a.m.
Tuesday	June 7	10-10:45 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

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

Saturday                      June 4                      11-12:00 p.m. OR 1-2:00 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

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

Wednesday                      June 15                      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

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

Tuesday                      June 21                      1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

### **Get Lost Part 1**

Learn basic survival skills involving shelter building, proper clothing, weather forecasting and make your own paracord survival bracelet. This is the first in a 3-part program. You may attend one or all three.

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Friday                      June 24                      6-8:30 p.m.

### **Climbing**

Take your turn scaling our portable climbing wall. All safety equipment will be provided. No sandals! Hiking or tennis shoes only.

**Age:** 8-12

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

Tuesday                      June 28                      1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday                      June 29                      1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.



# June Programs Cont...

## Adult Programs

Age 18 and up. Please do not bring children.



### **Dutch Oven Cooking**

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

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      June 14                      5:30-8:00 p.m.

### **Basic Wilderness First Aid**

Learn to assess injuries and puncture wounds, how to control bleeding and apply bandages. Find out what you need in a hunter's or hiker's trauma kit. This is **NOT** a certification class. Practice essential first aid skills in a controlled environment.

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      June 21                      6-9:00 p.m.

### **Women's Shore Fishing 101**

Always wanted to learn to fish at the lake but didn't know how to begin? Learn 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 unintimidating atmosphere! Register with a friend and learn together.

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Program date:**

Thursday                      June 23                      6:30-8:30 p.m.

### **Fly Casting 101**

Fly casting is not as complex as it looks. Learn the skills needed to make a perfect cast. Equipment will be supplied. Once the cast is mastered, try fishing in the pond. A fishing license is encouraged.

**Age:** adult (no children)

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

Tuesday                      June 28                      6:30-8:00 p.m.

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# July Programs

*Registration Opens June 9*

## Nature Story Time

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**Age:** 1-4 with adult partner

**Program date:**

Monday                      July 11                      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? Come prepared to get wet as we explore their aquatic habitat and learn the differences.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Tuesday	July 12	10-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	July 13	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	July 14	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	July 16	10-10:45 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

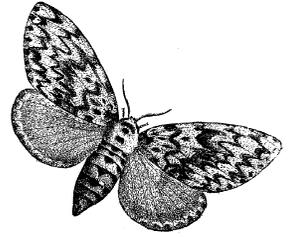
**Program dates:** (pick **one** of the following)

Tuesday	July 26	10-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	July 27	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	July 28	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	July 30	10-10:45 a.m.

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# July Programs Cont...

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



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**Age:** 5-7

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Jr. Naturalist Programs  
8-12 year olds.



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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

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

Wednesday	July 6	10-11:00 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-12:00 p.m.
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# July Programs Cont...

## Jr. Naturalist 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

**Program date:**

Thursday	July 7	10-11:00 a.m.	} Choose <b>ONE</b>
		11a.m. -12:00 p.m.	
		1-2:00 p.m.	
		2-3:00 p.m.	

### Climbing

Take your turn scaling our portable climbing wall. All safety equipment will be provided. No sandals! Hiking or tennis shoes only.

**Age:** 8-12

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

Friday	July 15	10-11:00 a.m. <u>OR</u> 1-2:00 p.m.
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### 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

**Program date:**

Saturday	July 16	1:30-3:00 p.m.
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### 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

**Program date:**

Thursday	July 21	1:30-3:00 p.m.
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### Get Lost Part 2

Further your survival skills and improve your chances of being rescued by learning basic signaling and first aid skills. Make your own survival kit and go on a trail sign hike.

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Friday	July 22	6-8:30 p.m.
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# July Programs Cont...

Family Programs  
All ages, unless otherwise listed.



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

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

Thursday                      July 7                      5-6:00 p.m. OR 6-7:00 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:** all

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

Thursday                      July 14                      6-7:00 p.m. OR 7-8:00 p.m.

## Wild Edible Plant Resources

There is a wonderful assortment of edible and medicinal plants indigenous to the Black Hills area to serve our needs. Come learn the benefits, identification, & proper planting techniques of these treasures from the Hills taught by landscaping expert, Keena Michelle.

**Age:** all

**Program date:**

Saturday                      July 16                      2-3:30 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.

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      July 19                      11 a.m.-12 p.m.

1-2 p.m.

2-3 p.m.

3-4 p.m.

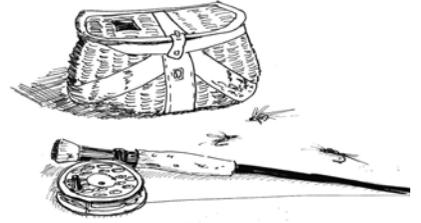
6-7 p.m.

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**ONE**

# July Programs Cont...

## Adult Programs

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



### **Shore Fishing 101**

Learn the basic equipment needed, 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 are provided. Fishing license encouraged.

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      July 12                      6-8:00 p.m.

### **Women's Introduction to Handguns**

Safe handling, use and storage of handguns will be the focus of this class. Learn how to safely handle and shoot handguns for hunting and recreation. Class will be taught by Lt. Chris Misselt, a certified firearms instructor and range safety officer for various police and citizen programs.

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Class date:**

Tuesday                      July 19                      6-9:00 p.m.

### **Fly Casting 101**

Fly casting is not as complex as it looks. Learn the skills needed to make a perfect cast. Equipment will be supplied. Once the cast is mastered, try fishing in the pond. A fishing license is encouraged.

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Program date:**

Thursday                      July 21                      6:30-8:00 p.m.

### **How to Pack Your Backpack**

Learn how to properly prepare for a long-distance hike. Find out what items are necessary and how to properly pack and use them. Topics discussed will include clothing, survival and first aid, water filtration and much more.

**Age:** adult (no children)

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      July 26                      6:30-8:00 p.m.

# August Programs

*Registration Opens July 11*

## Nature Story Time

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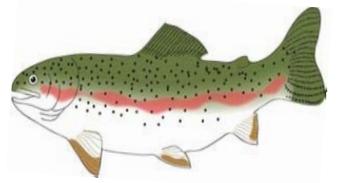
**Age:** 1-4 years with adult partner

**Program date:**

Monday                      August 1                      9-9:30 a.m.                      Ants



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### 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 program.**)

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Tuesday	August 2	10-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	August 3	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	August 4	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	August 6	10-10:45 a.m.

### Stream Detectives

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

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

Tuesday	August 16	10-10:45 a.m.
Wednesday	August 17	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	August 18	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	August 20	10-10:45 a.m.

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

# August Programs Cont...

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



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**Age:** 5-7

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Saturday August 6 10-11:00 a.m. OR 1-2:00 p.m.

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### Paddling

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Friday	August 5	10-11:00 a.m.	} Choose <b>ONE</b>
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		2-3:00 p.m.	

### Wild Plant Identification Hike

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**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Friday	August 12	1:30-3:00 p.m.
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### 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

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

Friday	August 19	1-2:00 p.m. <u>OR</u> 2-3:00 p.m.
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### Get Lost Part 3

Complete your survival journey by learning how to build a fire, cook in the outdoors, collect edible plants and purify water.

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Friday	August 19	6-8:30 p.m.
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# August Programs Cont...

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 must be accompanied by an adult

**Program date:**

Tuesday August 2 6:30-8:00 p.m.

## Paddling

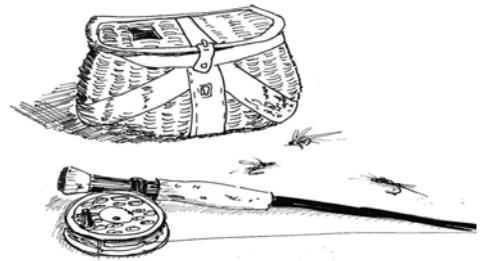
Ever wanted to learn paddling skills? Come to The Outdoor Campus to learn some basic skills and safety instruction. Practice on our pond. Both canoes and kayaks will be available, along with all necessary equipment. Bring clothes and shoes that can get wet.

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

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

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

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



## Fly Casting 101

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**Age:** adult (**no children**)

**Program date:**

Thursday August 18 6:30-8:00 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:** adult (**no children**)

**Program date:**

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

# Registration

## Information for Groups

These are great options for scout groups, 4-H clubs, church groups, etc.

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 information below regarding group requirements!

**Program Registration Opens:** May 12 for June, July and August. Groups will not be scheduled before this date.

**Group size:** A minimum of 10 is preferred; maximum is 30. Some programs may have smaller class size. Groups of 9 or smaller are encouraged to register for programs found in our community programs brochure.

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

**Number of programs per group:** only 1 per month to insure equal program availability to all groups.

**Waiver:** All participants signed up for programs 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, 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, allergies or other health concerns 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](mailto:keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us); (605) 394-1753

# Group Programs

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

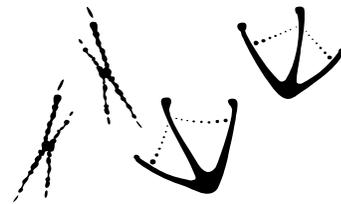
## Sprout Safari

Our youngest hunters can learn about firearms safety, game identification and hunting regulations before being issued a “license” to hunt 3D game targets with foam dart guns and bow and arrows.

**Ages:** 3 and above

**Time:** 45 minutes

**Maximum Class Size:** 18



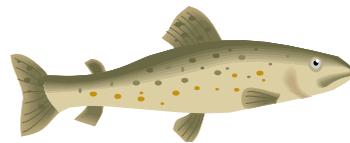
## South Dakota Fish

Hands-on activities to help you learn all about the fish of South Dakota.

**Ages:** 3-4

**Time:** 45 min

**Maximum Class Size:** 30



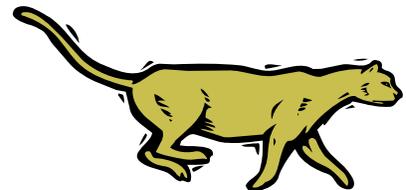
## I'm Not Lion

Test your mountain lion IQ. Learn about this fascinating Black Hills feline and where it fits in the food chain.

**Ages:** 3-adult

**Time:** 1 hour (45 min for 3-7 year olds)

**Maximum Class Size:** 30



## Camping with Kids

Learn valuable tips and techniques to make camping with kids of all ages fun. Participants **MUST** wear closed toed shoes (e.g. tennis shoes).

**Ages:** all

**Time:** 1-1.5 hours

**Maximum class size:** 16



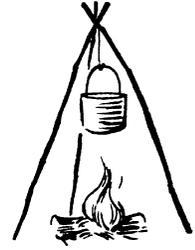
## **Dutch Oven Wild Game Cooking**

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. Closed toed shoes required.

**Age:** 6-adult

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum class size:** 10



## **Bow Fishing**

Learn the basic skills and equipment needed to harvest South Dakota's common rough fish with a bow and arrow. Bow fishing gear will be provided.

**Ages:** 16-adult

**Time:** 3 hours

**Maximum class size:** 6



## **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 class.

**Ages:** 16-adult

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum class size:** 8



## **Family Catch, Clean, Cook and Eat a Trout!**

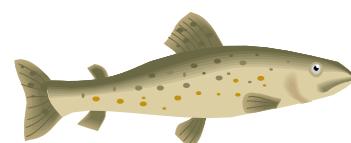
Families will learn how to catch, clean and cook a trout.

All materials will be provided. You bring the appetite. This program is open to adults supervised by at least one child.

**Ages:** 4-adult

**Time:** 1.5 hours

**Maximum class size:** 16



## **Survival Basics**

Learn basic survival skills to help you enjoy that unplanned overnight stay in the wilds of the Black Hills. Practice basic shelter construction, camp fire building techniques and other fun survival skills.

**Ages:** 16-adult

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum class size:** 12



## **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 Class Size:** 16



## **Introduction to Fly Fishing**

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

**Ages:** 12 years to adult

**Time:** 1-1.5 hours

**Maximum class size:** 4



## **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.

**Ages:** adults:18 and up

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum class size:** 10



## **Lure and Tackle Making**

Students will learn how to make their own fishing lures and spinners. All equipment is provided. Students keep the gear they make after testing it in our fishing pond. All fish caught must be released.

**Ages:** 10-adult

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum class size:** 8



## **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-adult

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum Class Size:** 12



## **Introduction to Archery**

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

**Ages:** 10-adult

**Time:** 1-1.5 hours

**Maximum class size:** 8



## **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 sporting clays shooting.

**Ages:** 18 years and up

**Time:** 2 hours

**Maximum class size:** 5

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## **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](mailto:keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us);  
(605) 394-1753

# 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 25                      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 9                      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!



Thursday                      July 21                      4:30-7:30 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                      July 30                      10 a.m.-3 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

- Apply online for volunteer service at [www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org)
- Pick up a paper application at The Outdoor Campus-West
- Call to schedule an interview
- Complete volunteer orientation and training

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