



OUTDOOR Campus



The Outdoor Campus 2018-19 Winter Program Guide

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REGISTRATION

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Online at outdoorcampus.org
2. In person at The Outdoor Campus.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

COST

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

PRE-REGISTRATION

Preregistration is required of all classes and programs unless noted.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver is available on our registration site or in person at The Outdoor Campus.

CANCELLATIONS

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Our waiting list automatically fills from your cancellation.

WAITING LISTS

Do not be afraid to sign up on our waiting lists. People often cancel and if you're on the list your name will automatically move into the class and you will be notified by email.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling.

****WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY****

OUR HOURS

The Outdoor Campus is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays (April 1 to November 1) 1 to 4 p.m. We are closed on State and Federal holidays. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds for the most updated information.

NOTE TO PARENTS

When dropping off your children for our programs, please remember that you must come into the building to retrieve them at the end of class.

Please know that your child's safety is our greatest priority. Thank you!

Custom Rod Building

Join our experienced volunteer instructors as they lead you through the process of building a custom rod. Whether you use an ice fishing pole, a spinning rod or a fly rod, you can find the perfect rod by making it yourself. You may take this class whether you are new to rod building or have a little experience under your belt.

Please thoroughly read the following information about this class!

During the orientation, class participants will learn about the rod building process, rods that can be built (including spinning, spin casting and fly rods), elements of a rod and associated costs. At the end of the orientation, our instructor will have you order your rod from a catalog. You will be responsible for ordering your rod components and covering the cost of the components. A complete component set starts at approximately \$50.

The building classes will take you step-by-step through the process of building your rod. Be prepared to put in a little time in on your own at home between classes to ensure you complete your rod.

Adult, 16 and older

Class size of 10

Winter class

Tuesday, November 13, 7 to 9 p.m. orientation **OR**
Tuesday, November 27, 7 to 9 p.m. building day
Saturday, December 1, 12 noon to 4p.m. building day
Saturday, December 8, 12 noon to 4 p.m. building day
Saturday, December 15, 12 noon to 4 p.m. building day

Spring Class

Tuesday, February 26, 7 to 9 p.m. orientation
Saturday, March 16, 12 noon to 4 p.m. building day
Saturday, March 23, 12 noon to 4 p.m. building day
Saturday, March 30, 2 to 4 p.m. building day

Try Some Fly Fishing Experiences This Winter

Fly Tying

Dan Frasier is a well-known flyfisherman and author, specializing in chasing non-traditional warmwater fish species with a flyrod. He's fly-fished all over North America for everything from sailfish to carp to Artic char. Dan will teach you the general principles in fly tying as you tie beginner level multi species fly from his book, The Orvis Guide to Carp Flies.

Date Night on the Fly – Friday, January 25
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

OR

Family Fly Tying — Saturday, January 26,
1 to 3 p.m.

North American Flyfisher

Dan Frasier is a well-known flyfisherman and author from Sioux Falls. Having flyfished all over North America for everything from sailfish to tarpon to carp and gar, Dan's experience with many species of fish on the flyrod is extensive. Join Dan for a presentation about his adventures in flyfishing and information about flyfishing locally.

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m. OR
Saturday, February 23, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

“Writes” of Winter

Relax and write, becoming inspired with everything that is winter. Three winter evenings at The Outdoor Campus will mix winter skills and nature writing. If you are a seasoned writer or just want to test your talent with the pen, you'll truly enjoy finding how easy it is to express yourself. The class is about bettering your writing skills in a casual workshop setting in outdoor, nature and environmental writing. Naturalist Sandy Richter and writer Virginia Olson will guide you through the winter and writing experience.

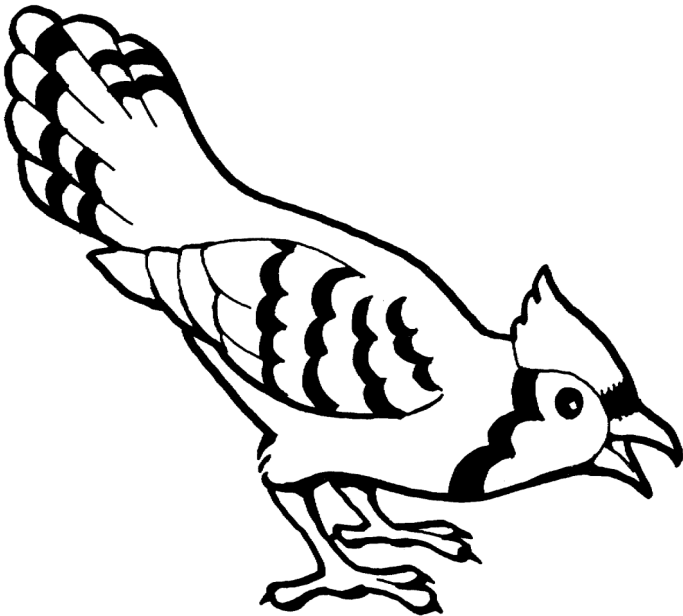
Age: Adults only, 16/up

Class size: 15

Class dates: (must be able to attend all three)

January 15, 22 and 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 includes a tracking guide, books and other resources to be used throughout the class.



Treats for Tweets

This class will contain basic backyard bird identification along with creating some delightful treats for our feathered friends to aid in winter survival.

Age: Adults only, 16/up

Class Size: 10

Class Date: Wednesday, January 16, 3 to 5 p.m.

Bee Keeping

Bee keeping basics is what will be included in this informative presentation on what you need to become

a success bee keeper. From where you get the bees, equipment you will need and benefits you will reap. We will cover it all. It's the bee's knees!

Class date : Thursday, January 3, 7 to 8:30pm

Age: Adult/Family recommended 12 and up, youth must be with adult

Class size: 50

Wild Game Cooking Class

This class is a great way to try something new in the wild game world. Learn about harvesting, processing, different preserving methods along with some tasting of a variety of different types of wild game.

Class Date: Thursday, January 10, 6 to 8 p.m.

Age: Adult/Family- youth must be with adult

Class size: 100

Predator Calling

Fur prices are rising! Learn some tips and techniques from the professional wildlife damage management specialists at Game, Fish and Parks! Everyone will receive a free predator call!

Class date: Thursday, January 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Age: Adult/Family recommended 12/up, youth must be with adult

Class size: 50

Just the Girls - Outdoor Winter Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in the South Dakota outdoors. Many topics will be covered including fire preparation, shelter building, first aid, and most importantly, being prepared. This class is incredibly hands on and is performed mostly outside. Dress accordingly.

Class Date: Saturday, February 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

AGE: Adults, 16/up

Class Size:10

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Class Date: Saturday, February 16, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Age: Families, recommended age 5/up, youth must be with adult

Class Size:25

Ice fishing

Learn about the differences in ice fishing compared to open water fishing. We will cover set ups, tackle and safety and then head out and fish the pond!

Class Date: Saturday, January 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Age: Families, recommended age 5/up, youth must be with adult

Class Size:25

Special Events:

Family Winter Break Open House Event

Join us from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and/or 2 to 4 p.m., December 26, 27 and 29 for an open house style of winter activities. Depending on the weather conditions, we will have indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family to participate in. NO registration required. All ages invited, recommended ages 5/up.

Snow Day!

Come dressed for the weather! A variety of indoor and outdoor activities will be available to help shake off some of that built up winter energy! Open house style, no registration, required. All ages invited, recommended ages 5/up.

Class Dates:

Friday, January 11, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, February 15, 1 to 4 p.m.

Interested in Snow Shoeing & Crosscountry Skiing?

Snow shoeing & crosscountry skiing TBD – Stay tuned for snow shoeing and cross country ski class dates and opportunities. We are just waiting for the snow!

Water Recreation Classes

Adventures in a Kayak

Are you planning your summer kayak adventures yet? Members of the South Dakota Canoe and Kayak Association (SDCKA) will teach us the similarities and differences between preparing for a kayak TRIP and a kayak RACE as well as discussing the right kayak for your adventure and how to outfit it to meet your needs.

Age: Adult, 16/up

Class Dates:

Thursday, February 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m. OR

Saturday, February 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

River Reading

Canoeing or Kayaking on the river will be different than a leisurely paddle on the lake. This class, led by members of the SDCKA, will lead you through the strainers and eddies along with other potential water hazards with ease ensuring your upcoming river adventures won't have too many unexpected surprises.

Age: Adult, 16/up

Class Dates:

Thursday, February 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

OR

Saturday, March 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m.



Planning Your Boundary Water Trip

A trip to the Boundary Waters can be an amazing vacation with memories to last a lifetime.

This class will get you ready, help you prepare your meal plans, sleeping arrangements, exploring and much more!

Age: Adult, 16/up

Class Dates:

Saturday, February 23, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

OR

Thursday, March 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Partnering with



Sprouts - for Preschoolers and Adult Partners

Sprouts are a program designed for preschoolers and their adult family partner. The goal of the program is to introduce families with 3 and 4 year olds to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.

Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

R is for Raccoon

Learn about Rocky Raccoon's special paws and other fun facts that make raccoons so amazing.

Class date:

Wednesday, December 12, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.



S is for Snow!

It's just my most favorite time of the year! Come play in the snow with us while learning about these tiny crystals! We will try to go outside if everyone is dressed for the weather, otherwise this will be an indoor class.

Class dates:

Saturday, January 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, January 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

T is for Tails

Some tails go "swish!" and some are curled. Some tails are flat and some are skinny! Learn about the special adaptations that tails provide animals.

Class dates:

Saturday, February 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, February 13, 10 to 10:45 a.m. OR 11 to 11:45 a.m.

YOUNG NATURALIST PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.

Age: 5-7 years. *Parents may stay or go during these programs. Dress for the weather.*

What Do Insects Do in the Winter?

Depending on what kind of bug, you may be surprised what they do and where they go in the winter time.

Class date:

Saturday, January 5, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Owls

Did you know that an owl's hearing is so good that it can hear a mouse moving under the snow? Or that their feathers don't make a sound when they are flying? Come learn about why these silent flyers are so awesome!

Class date:

Saturday, February 9, 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.

JUNIOR NATURALISTS PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities as well as outdoor exploration. *Dress for the weather.*

Age: 8-12 years.

Animal Survival

How do animals survive the brutal winters in South Dakota if they don't migrate or hibernate? Learn what local wildlife does to make it through the long winter months.

Class Time:

Saturday, January 5, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Raptors

This group of animals not only includes owls and eagles but also vultures and hawks and falcons! Explore the fascinating world of these magnificent creatures!

Class Time:

Saturday, February 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

HEY, TEACHERS!



Learning in Nature

A Continuing Education Course for Preschool Through 12th Grade Teachers

This workshop will train participants to use Project Wild outdoor education programs and qualify participants to receive resource guides and materials.

It is a nature-based program that relates to South Dakota Content Standard requirements.

Saturday, March 2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, March 4, 4 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 7, 4 to 8 p.m.



To get more information about available credit, register online
<https://tinyurl.com/yd3xzkar>



What is 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.

HarvestSD presents:

Small Game Meat Processing

Come and learn about the exciting craft of meat processing. We will discuss tools, tactics, and taste! This is a hands on class and we will be working with real cuts of game meat.

Class Date: Saturday, January 12, 1 to 3 p.m.

AGE: adults, 16/up

Class Size: 10

Date Night: 5 Things to Do with Elk Burger

Running out of ideas of what to do with ground meat? This class will highlight 5 different ways to prepare and enjoy elk burger: jerky, loaf/meatball, casserole, burger and sausage.

Class Date: Thursday, January 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

AGE: adults, 18/up

Class Size:10

Family Class: 5 Things to Do with Elk Burger

Running out of ideas of what to do with ground meat? This class will highlight five different ways to prepare and enjoy elk burger: jerky, loaf/meatball, casserole, burger and sausage.

Class Date:

Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

AGE: adults, kids recommended 5/up. Youth must be with an adult

Class Size:10

Bone Broths and Stocks

Sample and learn how to make bone broths and stocks and the impact both can have on your health and recipes.

Class Date:

Saturday, February 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Age: adults, 16/up

Class Size 25



Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and other's awareness of South Dakota's great outdoors!

Give back to your community



Examples include:

- Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Special Events (Outdoor University, Women's Try-It Day, etc.)
- Front Desk Duty

How To Get Started!

1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.

www.outdoorcampus.org

2) Brynn, our volunteer coordinator, will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.

3) Once your interview is completed and a background check is completed, Brynn will schedule an orientation to get you more familiar with The Outdoor Campus and what you'll be doing here!



4) Finally, after the orientation, you'll be ready to start volunteering! You will be able to sign up online for whatever available programs you choose.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

2018-19 Full Time Staff

Thea Miller Ryan, director

Derek Klawitter, group and home school program coordinator

Sandy Richter, community program coordinator

Shelly Pierson, school programs coordinator

Brynn Muir, volunteer coordinator

Jason Nelson, outreach coordinator

Jean Olson, senior secretary

Lynn Purdy, night and weekend manager



FIND US ONLINE



Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

Our Facebook page is updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.



Find us on Twitter @outdoorcampus

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



What ages can attend the HuntSAFE classes?

South Dakota's HuntSAFE (*Safety And Firearms Education*) courses are designed for persons age 12 through 15.

Persons who are 11 may participate, but will not be issued a Hunter Safety certification card until they turn 12, unless the card is clearly marked that the card is not valid in South Dakota until their 12th birthday.

If a student's 12th birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, they may be issued a card and eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year. Adults are also welcome and invited to attend.

Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?

<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx>