



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —

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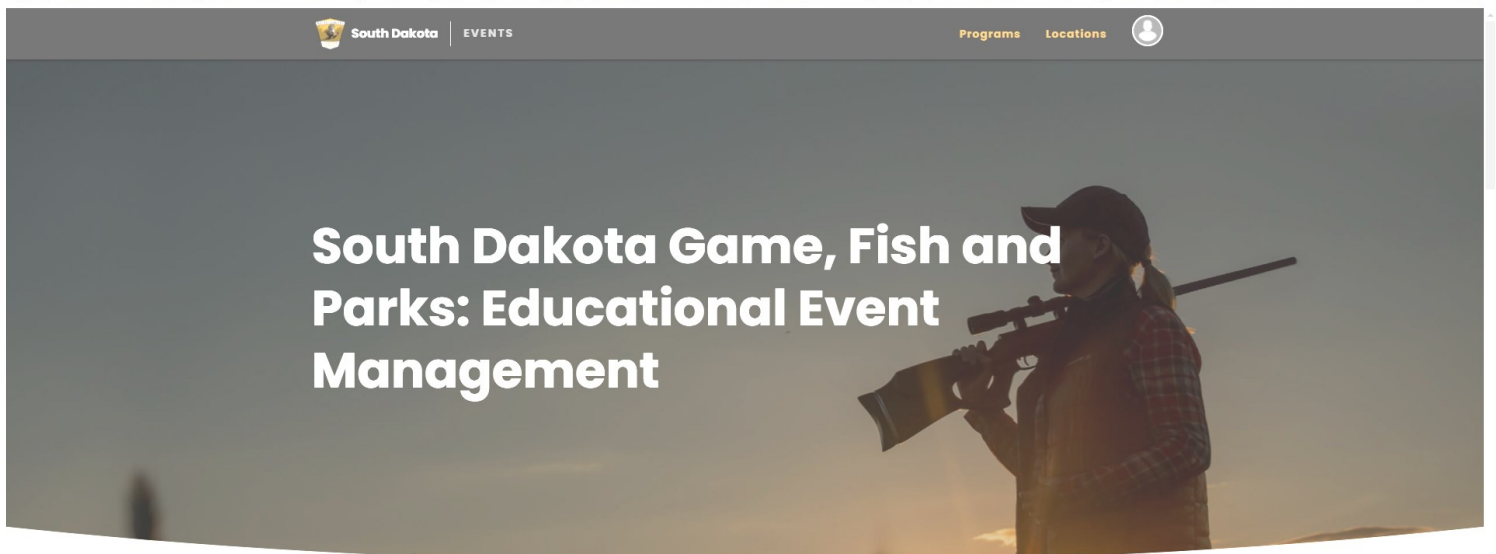


2022 | **FALL Community Program Guide**

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gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

New Registration System!



Welcome to our program registration site!

We are excited to work with Kalkomey and want to help you navigate through! We also have help from Kalkomey's customer service department!

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

1.800.684.9541 - support@southdakota.kalkomey.com

New Vocabulary :

Kalkomey—the name of the company that has created our new registration page.

Program – the collective group name for specific types of events, for example – Learn to Hunt, Learn to Fish, Outdoor Skills, Conservation

Event – the name of individual classes offered at a location

Linked Account – the tab used to add additional family members to your account

Search for events in your area under these program titles

🔍 Learn to Hunt

🔍 Conservation

🔍 Shooting Sports

🔍 Learn to Trap

🔍 Learn to Fish

🔍 Outdoor Skills

REGISTRATION & Information

FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

Wednesday, August 17, 8 a.m.

WINTER PROGRAM BOOKLETS AVAILABLE November 9

WINTER REGISTRATION November 16, 8 a.m.

TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Go to our website at: gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

COST

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

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required for all events (classes) unless noted.

WAIVER

All participants signed up for programs will be prompted to sign a waiver in order to participate. The waiver is available in person at The Outdoor Campus for open house activities.

CANCELLATIONS & WAITING LISTS

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. 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****

HOURS OF OPERATION

Open: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. &

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

Women only Upland Bird Hunting Camp

A fun three hour camp learning about upland game hunting, focusing on pheasants but also grouse hunting. We will discuss bird biology, safety, gear, walk a field and get hands-on learning cleaning and preparing pheasants.

Class size: 20

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Date: Saturday, September 10, 10:00 to 1:00p.m.

Where Can I Hunt?

Finding and Using Public Land (Part 1)

Curious about access to public land for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation? Learn how to use public atlases, online resources and apps to find your next hunting destination.

Age: All ages, recommended 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

Date: Saturday, September 10, 10:30 to Noon

Waterfowl Hunting

Quack, Quack, Quack! Honk, Honk, Honk!

Learn the first steps to getting acquainted with duck and goose hunting in this hands-on camp. Proper calling, decoy and blind set up along with bird identification will be just a few of the tools participants will grasp.

Age: All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, September 24, 10:00 to 12:00p.m.

Pheasant Hunting Basics

A South Dakota hunting tradition, pheasant hunting is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the fall! Learn about pheasants and hunting safety with hands on activities.

Age: All ages, recommended ages 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Class Date: Saturday, October 8, 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. OR
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Ladies and Girls Only—Deer Hunting Camp

Led by the girls for the girls. Participants will learn the basics of deer hunting from our experienced staff focusing on safety, deer biology, ethical shots, blood trails and processing the meat.

Class size: 20

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Date: Saturday, October 22, 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Deer Hunting—Mentor and Apprentice Hunting

Learn about deer biology and management, along with equipment and advice to have a successful hunt. In addition, we will focus on the mentor and apprentice hunting rules and opportunities for youth and new hunters.

Age: All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, October 1, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30p.m.

Wild Game Cooking

w/ Homegrown Sioux Empire

The November Homegrown Sioux Empire and Outdoor Campus Series program will be Cooking With Wild Game. This hands-on program will give participants the opportunity to try a variety of wild game prepared using different cooking techniques and other tips and tricks.

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



Shooting Sports



Shot Gun Basics (off site program)

This class will give you hands-on learning in a safe environment with skilled instructors. This will be an excellent class for beginners, for those who need a refresher or a little extra help. All equipment will be provided. Shot Gun Basics will be held at the Crooks Gun Club.

Location: Crooks Gun Club,
2808 259th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Age: Adults, 18 and up

Class size: 5

Class Date: Tuesday, September 20, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Archery Basics

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction, proper stance and ethical shot placement will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range using 3-D targets.

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date:

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 5, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

BB Gun Basics

Firearm safety, eye dominance, stance style and other great tips and tricks for successful shot placement and ethical hunting are the goal of this program. All equipment will be provided.

Age: All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date:

Saturday, October 29, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Fish



Fishing

Fall time is fishing time. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need, practice knot tying and casting. Down at the pond, we will put our new skills to use and, with a little luck, bring in a big one!

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, September 15, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Fishing with the Littles

Fishing time is family time!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents and babysitters with younger kids with shorter attention spans. We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone!

Age: Recommended 3 to 5, with adult

Class size: 15

Date: Thursday, September 1 or 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 6 or 13, 10 to 11:00 a.m.

Fly Tying for Beginners

This intro to fly tying class will teach you a few tips and tricks for getting started in the exciting world of fly tying. We will be tying a few different flies for different predatory fish and will be extremely hands on. Don't forget your reading glasses!

Age: Ages 16 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 6 to 7:30p.m. OR

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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Find our website
gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/

Paddling—Canoes and Kayaks

Learn the difference between canoes and kayaks and the paddles that go with them. We will discuss and practice water safety, paddling strokes, how to get in and out and team building. Wear shoes that can get wet.

Age: All ages, recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, September 17, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Environmental Therapy

Learn how nature and your environment can help with mental health including anxiety, depression, and grief. This class will take place at the Outdoor Campus and will include discussions, activities and resources available in our area.

Please note, that our leaders are not professionals in the field of mental health, instead they are passionate individuals who want to share helpful resources to cope with mental illnesses in an outdoor setting. We want everyone to have some sort of way to cope—no matter where they are.

Age: All ages, 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Dates: Saturday, October 8, 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Outdoor cooking at its finest! The class will include the equipment and safety instruction you will need to cook in a Dutch oven along with some hands-on cooking practice with some of our favorite Dutch oven recipes.

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, October 15, 10:00 to 12:00p.m. or 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Outdoor Survival Camp

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. 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.

Age: All ages; recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, October 22, 10:00 to Noon or 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Food Preservation - Homegrown Sioux Empire and Outdoor Campus Series

What do you do after the harvest of your wild game, fruits and veggies? This program will cover a number of different preservation methods including hot water bath canning, dehydrating, pressure cooker canning and freezing along with tips and tricks for all of them and recipes that can be taste-tested. While this program will mainly be demonstrations there will be some hands-on options.



Age: All ages; recommended 12 and up, youth with adults

Class size: 20

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.



Conservation



Raising Monarchs

Learn about the lifecycle of the Monarch butterfly, how to raise the caterpillars, migration, tagging and what you can do to help increase their population.

Age: All ages, recommended ages 3 and up, youth with adult

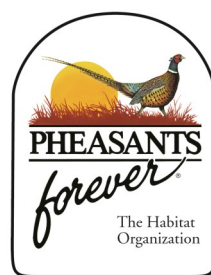
Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, September 8, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.

Seed Saving

Homegrown Sioux Empire and Outdoor Campus Series

Fall is the time for harvest, not only fruits and veggies but also seeds! This hands-on program will teach participants the value and method of collecting a variety of seeds from our



butterfly garden. Friends from our local Seed Library and Pheasants Forever will be helping with seed collecting and sharing valuable habitat information.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 4, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Bird Watching with Project Feeder Watch

The Outdoor Campus has participated in Project Feeder Watch for over 10 years. Project Feeder Watch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas and other locales in North America. Anyone can do it! Learn about backyard bird identification and how to get started with the University of Cornell project.

Age: All ages, recommended 4 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, November 5,
10:00 to 11:30a.m. OR
1 to 2:30 p.m.



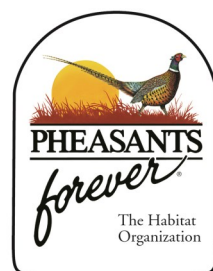
Habitat Help Desk

This class will focus on programs for landowners including CRP, EQUIP, GFP State Programs, and Every Acre Counts. If you have questions on what the best option you have as a landowner, this will be a great opportunity to hear and connect with professionals in your area.

Age: Age 16 and up, youth with adult

Class Size: 20

Date: Wednesday, November 9,
1:00 to 2:30 p.m. OR 6:30 to 8:00p.m.



Women Caring for the Land

This class will go over options for women who are landowners or enthusiastic caretakers. We will be focusing on how women view the land and connecting with professionals that will be able to answer questions you have about your operation. Come join our round table discussion and connect with professionals and women landowners. (lunch provided)

Age: Age 16 and up, youth with adult, Women Only

Class Size: 20

Date: Thursday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Catherine Beall is the Monarch and Pollinator Biologist for South Dakota Pheasants Forever. She's originally from South Dakota and attended USD for her degrees. Catherine is an outdoor enthusiast and loves teaching others about the importance of the little things around us.

Learn to Trap



Trapping 101 (2 day class)

Taylor Geerdes, Conservation Officer and Trapper will be presenting this program over 2 nights. Please be sure to be able to attend both nights.

Day 1—August 30th, please prepare for classroom attendance that will cover Furbearer/species identification, trap identification, trap usage, and the history of trapping.

Day 2 - August 31st, please prepare for an in-the-field experience where we will be outside learning about trap placement, furbearer location in the field and furbearer habits.

Age: All ages, recommended 12 and up, youth with adult (If a child under the age of 12 is wanting to attend, a parent is required to stay with them during the whole course.)

Class size: 15

Date: Tuesday, August 30, 6:30 to 8:00p.m. **AND**
Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

Trapping 201

Trapping 201 will include an indoor and outdoor experience that will briefly discuss furbearer identification, the trapping process from trap preparation to selling whole carcasses or skinned and prepared carcasses, and the process of skinning a furbearer. It is highly recommended to wear old clothes during this event.

Age: All ages, recommended 12 and up, youth with adult (If a child under the age of 12 is wanting to attend, a parent is required to stay with them during the whole course.)

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, October 1, 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

Hello, I am Conservation Officer Taylor Geerdes. I cover Turner and Hutchinson County in Southeastern South Dakota. I have a Natural Resource Management and Law Enforcement Degree from SDSU. I have been trapping since I was a little girl and am very passionate about the sport. I have trapped coyotes, beaver, muskrat, badger, racoon, mink, opossum, and skunks!



Be a Volunteer!

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.

How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/
- 2) Our volunteer coordinator, will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.
- 3) Once your interview and background check are completed, Paige 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.

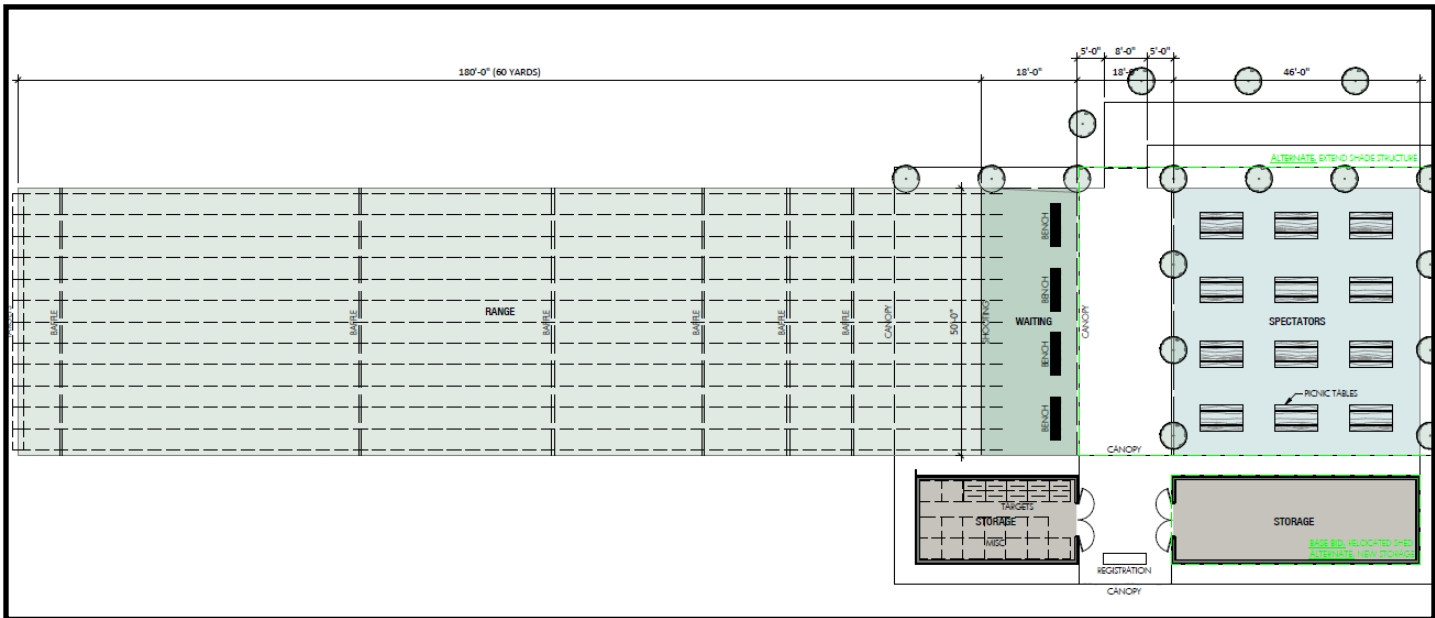


Our volunteers are the best!



South Dakota Parks & Wildlife

South Dakota Parks & Wildlife Foundation helped pave the way for nearly 500,000 residents to build their skills at the Outdoor Campus - Sioux Falls since opening its doors in 1997.



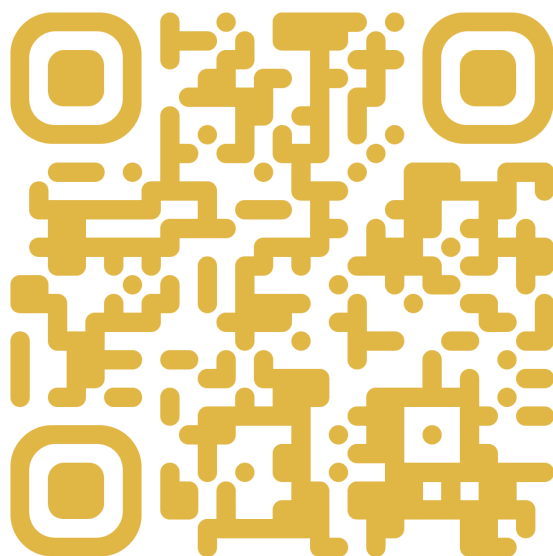
INDOOR EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT

- 5,000-square-foot indoor range spectator viewing area
- Addition of 2 new classrooms and remodel of the original 2 classrooms
- Dedicated intern office space
- Public nursing mothers room
- Game processing space with walk in cooler
- Updated restrooms and family restroom
- Partner storage area by the range
- Outdoor meat smoking and grilling space
- Improved bird viewing area with aerated and heated pond

OUTDOOR EXPANSION

- 60-yard range covered by a canopy for Campus archery and bb gun classes and public use
- Spectator area behind the firing line with picnic tables

**Preserving our outdoor heritage can
happen with a gift of any size.**



**One dollar, one program,
one new outdoorsman at a time.**

About The Outdoor Campus



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.

Founded by GFP in 1997



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.