



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —

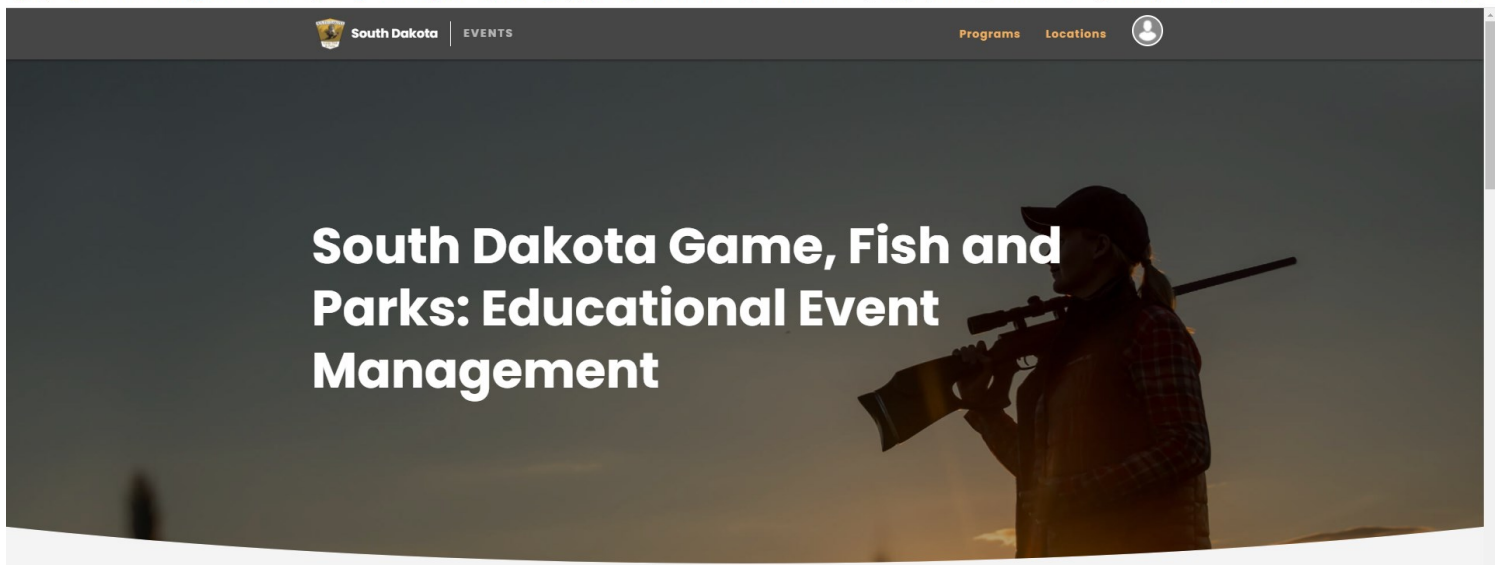


2023 | **Spring Community Program Guide**

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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

SPRING PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2022

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 of all events (classes) 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

Open: Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. &
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

Turkey Hunting

This family program will go over the basics of getting ready for spring turkey season. We will discuss hunting tactics, set up decoys and practice your turkey calls so that you are ready for a successful hunt.

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

Class size: 20

Date: Saturday, March 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Turkey Hunting (Adult Only)

Learn the basics of spring turkey season. We will discuss hunting tactics, set up decoys and practice your turkey calls so that you are ready for a successful hunt.

Age: Adult (age 16 and up)

Class size: 15

Date: Saturday, March 4, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Track Hike with the Littles

Let's go exploring for animals and their tracks on the trails! Enjoy the crispness of spring with a short hike perfect for you and your littles, learning where animals live, play and eat. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

Age: recommended 3 to 5, with adult

Class size: 15

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.,

Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or

Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 to 11:00a.m.

Date Night—Wild Game Cooking Demo

A night out with the Outdoor Campus presenting a wild game cooking demo themed "Into the Outdoors Dining Experience." The evening will include smoked pike from the water, venison from the plains and mulberries from the forest.

Age: Adults, 16 and older

Class size: 20

Date: Friday, March 24, 6:30 to 8 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: Family, ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

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

BB Guns

Firearm safety, eye dominance, stance style and other great tips and tricks for successful shot placement for target shooting 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, May 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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: Saturday, May 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Learn to Fish



Fly Tying for Beginners

This introduction to fly tying class will feature a different fly each month, so be sure to sign up for each one. Instructors will explain and demonstrate the tools and supplies needed for each fly, while you tie along with them! Be sure to bring your reading glasses if you need help seeing small things. All fly tying tools and supplies are provided.

Age: 16 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Thursday, March 16, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 25, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Fishing (Adults)

Get your spring started off right with a little fishing. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need and 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: 20

Date: Saturday, April 22, 10:00 to 11 :30a.m.

Fishing (Family)

Get your spring started off right with a little fishing. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need and 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: Saturday, April 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m.,

Saturday, May 13, 10 to 11 :30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Fish



Fly Fishing (Adults)

Fly Fishing is a fun way to change up your regular fishing routine. We'll start with a basic introduction to a fly rod and the equipment and gear needed. We will discuss safety, then learn the finesse of presenting a fly and how to land a fish.

Age: Adult (16 and up)

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, April 29, 10 to 11 30a.m.

Fly Fishing (Family)

Fly Fishing is not like regular fishing! We'll start with a basic introduction comparing casting / spinning rods to fly rods then learn the finesse of presenting a fly and how to land a fish.

Age: recommended 10 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, April 29, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Fly Fishing Series (Adult 3 nights)

Special thanks to our Dakota Trout Unlimited Volunteers for helping coordinate and lead this special series class! Each night will help you gain knowledge and build your confidence in the finesse of fly fishing.

Age: Adults, ages 16 and up

Class size: 10

Class Dates: 6:00 to 8:00p.m.

(must be able to attend all 3 days)

Wednesdays:

May 10, Fly fishing equipment / casting instruction

May 17, Where to fish/ What to fish for/ Fishing on the pond

May 24, Entomology and flies/ Fish Behavior/ Fishing on the pond



Learn to Fish



Ted Ellenbecker, multi-species angler, multiple world record holder, nationally renowned speaker and developer of “The Theory Of Three,” will be presenting three individual seminars. Register for one or all three!

Age: All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 50

Date: Saturday, March 18

- * 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Locating Fish! Any Fish...on Any Water
- * 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Catching Channel Catfish
- * 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Walleye Fishing with Lure Color Techniques

Self-Led & Information Stations



Be sure to check the front and back door areas of The Outdoor Campus building. There are brochure racks with GFP hunting and fishing information and handbooks in the front, scavenger hunt sheets and orienteering maps at the back door to guide you on the trails. We will rotate the activities throughout the year.



Outdoor Survival

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, March 11, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Orienteering

Join us for one of our classic orienteering classes. Learn basic map reading skills while you explore our permanent course. Exercise both your body and your mind in this fun activity!

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, March 18, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to
2:30 p.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, March 25, 10:00 to 12:00p.m. or
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Conservation



The Outdoor Campus is proud to partner with Catherine Beall, Monarch and Pollinator Coordinating Wildlife Biologist, of Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever for the following series of classes this Spring.



Incorporating Pollinator Plots in your Garden

Learn how to include healthy pollinator plants and where to start in your vegetable garden! Add a pop of color and have beneficial insect activity for this years plants.

Age: Adults (age 16 and up)

Class size:20

Date: Thursday, March 23, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Native vs Cultivar – Does it matter to the pollinators?

Let's discuss native plants and what to look for to ensure your pollinators are getting the best option for them. Does the color of flower really matter? Let's discuss!

Age: Adults (16 and up)

Class size: 20

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.

Mom, Me and Monarchs

Come enjoy some fun activities to learn more about pollinators and monarchs and how we can help them thrive – even in your own backyard!

We will learn what citizen science projects your family can help with in the summer of 2023!

Age: 5 and up with adult

Class size: 25

Tuesday, May 16, 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 10:00 to 11:30a.m.



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!

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.