



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



2023 | Summer Community Program Guide

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New Registration System!



South Dakota | EVENTS

Programs Locations

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks: Educational Event Management



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

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS FOR

June Classes: Wednesday, May 10, 8 a.m.

July Classes: Wednesday, June 7, 8 a.m.

August Classes: Wednesday, July 5, 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 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 & 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.

Deer Hunting for 8 to 12 year olds

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: 8 to 12 years old, youth with adult

Date: Friday, June 9, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Where Can I Hunt? Finding and Using Public Land

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: 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

Date: Thursday, June 15, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 13, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Exploring Bow Hunting Camp

Learn the skills to become a successful bow hunter through a variety of hands on activities that will teach you about hunter ethics, shot placement and technique.

Class size: 25

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Date: Thursday, June 22, 9:00 to Noon OR

Thursday, August 10, 9:00 to Noon

5 Things to Do with Wild Game Burger

Running out of ideas for what to do with ground meat? This class will highlight 5 different ways to prepare and enjoy wild game burger. Everyone will get a chance to help grind fresh wild game and learn different preparation techniques, including making jerky and sausage.

Class size: 20

Age: All ages; youth with adult

Date: Thursday, July 6, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

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 topics participants will grasp.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, July 13, 10:00 to Noon OR 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Turkey Hunting for 8 to 12 year olds

Turkey hunting is challenging and fun! Along with learning about the gear and clothing you will need, you will get the chance to practice turkey calling, setting up a blind, scouting and much more!

Class size: 20

Age: 8 to 12 years old, youth with adult

Date: Thursday, July 20, 10 to Noon OR 1 :00 to 3:00p.m.

Upland Bird Hunting Camp

Come to learn about upland game hunting, focusing on pheasants and including 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: 8 and up, youth with adult

Date: Thursday, August 3, 10 to Noon OR 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Watch for Pop-up classes!

New classes added throughout the summer.

**Featured on our Facebook page
and registration site.**

Shooting Sports



Archery Basics for 8 to 12 years old

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: 8 to 12 years old, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, June 8, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.,
Thursday, July 6, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Archery Basics for Families

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: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Thursday, June 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 6, 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 for target shooting and ethical hunting are the goal of this program. All equipment will be provided.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Friday, August 4, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

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

Fishing

Summer time is fishing time. 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: Thursday, June 8, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 6, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 3, 1:00 to 2:30p.m. OR 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

Fishing with the Littles

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

Age: recommended 3 to 5 years old, with adult

Class size: 15

Date: Thursdays, June 8, July 6, August 3, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Fly Fishing

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: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Thursday, June 15, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 5, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Fly Fishing (Adults only)

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: Thursday, June 15, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

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

June—Outdoor Adventure Camp for 8 to 12 year olds

Participants will rotate through 3 stations including fishing, archery and orienteering. At each station, instruction, technique and safety will be discussed along with plenty of hands on fun!

Age: 8 and 12 years old, youth with adult

Class size: 45

Date: Friday, June 16, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Fly Tying for Beginners (Adults only)

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: Thursdays June 27, July 11, August 24, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Kayak and Canoe Fishing

Learn tips and tricks for paddling and fishing at the same time on our pond. Instruction for both fishing and boating will be provided with an emphasis on safety.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, June 29, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

Bow Fishing

Learn the basics of bow fishing including the equipment you will need, safety and regulations. Participants will get hands on learning as they aim and shoot at a variety of targets in and out of the water.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 8

Date: Friday, July 28, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Learn to Fish



Outdoor Adventure Camp for 5 to 7 years old

Participants will rotate through 3 stations including fishing, archery and a nature hike. At each station, instruction, technique and safety will be discussed along with plenty of hands on fun!

Age: age 5 to 7, youth with adult

Class size: 36

Date: Friday, June 30, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Hook 'em & Cook 'em (Adults only)

We'll start with an introduction to fishing and the equipment you will need before testing the waters at our pond. With any luck, the fish will be biting and we will learn how to prepare and cook them! It doesn't get any fresher than that!

Age: Adults only, 16 and up.

Class size: 20

Class date: Thursday, June 29, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Catch it, Clean it, Cook it

The complete package of catching a fish, cleaning it and proper preparation so you can enjoy all that you have learned.

Age: all ages, recommended age 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 28, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Outdoor Skills



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: Friday, June 9, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Friday, August 4, 10:00 to 11 :30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.



Women's Try It Night w/ Callie Russell

Callie Russell is an ancestral skills instructor, wilderness experience guide, and goat herder that lives nomadically throughout the American Mountain West. She is passionate about learning skills that allow her to live directly from the land and helping others to feel at home in nature through Caprakhan's wilderness courses. Callie is known from her performance on the History Channel's "Alone" show, where she survived alone and unassisted in the Canadian Arctic for 89 days.



Website: Caprakhan.com

Instagram: @Caprakhan

Youtube: @Caprakhan

Women's Try It Night w/ Callie Russell

A fun ladies night is planned for you! This year special guest Callie Russell will start out the evening by presenting

89 days Alone in the Wilderness: finding Joy in Hardship

Following the presentation, participants will be divided into groups, rotating through a four outdoor skill stations including a fire starting session led by Callie, where she will demonstrate several methods of fire making, (ferro rod, bow drill, and hand drill).

Other stations will include fishing, archery and paddling.

Registration is required for this event.

Watch for more details on the event!

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 60

Date: Thursday, June 22, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.



Outdoor Skills



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: 25

Date: Thursday, June 15, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Friday, July 21, 10:00 to 11:30 a.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 adults

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, July 13, 9:30 to 11:30a.m. OR 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

July Outdoor Adventure Camp for 8 to 12 years old

Rotate through our favorite outdoor skills including paddling, BB guns and making survival bracelets. The adventure is on!

Age: 8 to 12 years old, youth with adult

Class size: 45

Date: Friday, July 14, 9:00 to Noon OR 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

Dutch Oven Cooking (Adults only)

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: Adult only, 16 and up

Class size: 20

Date: Thursday, August 10, 6:00 to 8:00p.m.

Outdoor Skills



Backpacking for Beginners

Backpacking for beginners is a class for people of all ages who are interested in learning more about the activity. Led by SD Master Naturalist Tristan Tupy, this class will cover how to research a trip, what gear is needed, backcountry safety, and places in South Dakota to start backpacking.

Age: 12 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

Date: Saturday, July 22, 10:00 to 1130 a.m.

Backpacking for Beginners (Adults only)

Backpacking for beginners is a class for people of all ages who are interested in learning more about the activity. Led by SD Master Naturalist Tristan Tupy, this class will cover how to research a trip, what gear is needed, backcountry safety, and places in South Dakota to start backpacking.

Age: 16 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 30

Date: Saturday, August 5, 10:00 to 1130 a.m.

HUNTING & FISHING GEAR GIVEAWAY

Is the cost of gear a constraint to getting started hunting or fishing? Stop by the Hunting & Fishing Gear Giveaway to pick out some gently used hunting and fishing gear for your closet and enter to win door prizes.

DATE: August 12, 2023

TIME: 9:00-12:00 pm



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Rhubarb Leaf Bird Baths for adults

Add a new water feature to your bird viewing area by creating your own unique bird bath design using rhubarb leaves. All equipment and instruction will be supplied. This is a 2 day class. Please be sure to be able to attend both dates in each option before signing up.

Age: adults only, 16 and up

Class size: 10

Date: Must be able to attend both days

Option 1: Thursday, June 8, 6:00 to 8:00p.m. and Saturday, June 10, 1:00 to 3:00p.m.

Option 2: Thursday, June 15, 9:00 to 11:00a.m. and Thursday, June 22, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.



Raising Monarchs

Learn about the lifecycle of the Monarch butterfly, how to raise the caterpillars 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: Friday, June 16, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30p.m

Thursday, July 20, 10:00 to 11:30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30p.m

Waterfowl ID



Many species of waterfowl call South Dakota home. This class will help you with classification by being able to notice identifying markers. You will leave this class confident in your identification skills for at least 10 waterfowl.

Age: 8 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, June 23, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles

Let's go exploring for animals and their tracks on the trails! Enjoy the excitement of summer 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: Thursdays, June 29, July 20, August 24, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Bat Appreciation—Bats of South Dakota

Learn about the 13 different species of bats that call South Dakota home. These flying mammals are ferocious mosquito eaters, each eating 1000's every night! We will learn what we can do to support our bat population, keeping our pest insect populations low.

Each family will build and leave with their own bat house!

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Friday, July 7, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Wet and Wild!

Come to inspect the pond, oxbow and river edges looking for small aquatic invertebrates. These creepy crawlies are adult and larva forms of insects and crustaceans that determine water quality. The more diversity, the healthier the habitat. Let's grab the nets and puddle boots and go explore!

(nets and puddle boots are provided)

Age: all ages, age 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size: 20

Date: Friday, July 7, 10 to 11:30a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.



Project **WILD**®



project **WET**

Project WILD, Project Wet, & Project Learning Tree Workshop

This 15 hour workshop will feature at least one lesson from each Project Wet, Project WILD and Project Learning Tree guide book for elementary, middle and high school students. Participants can receive graduate or undergraduate credit or 1 CEU along with hands-on experience incorporating accredited environmental education lessons. Complimentary copies of each guide will be provided to participants. are also available.

Age: Adults, 18 and up

Class size: 15

Date: Thursday and Friday, August 3 and 4.

For more information contact

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Joe Salvati, 605.362.2777, joseph.salvati@state.sd.us

Open House *(at Outdoor Campus)*



Super Summer Saturdays

Learn the basics of canoeing and kayaking, archery and fishing on Saturdays this summer. These open house style programs are easy for participants with limited time. All equipment is provided. Open to all ages, youth must be with an adult. Paddling—age 5 and up to canoe, 8 and up to kayak.

June 10, Fishing

June 24, Archery

July 8, Paddling

July 22, Paddling

August 5, Archery

August 12, Fishing and Archery

10 to Noon & 1 to 3p.m.

Open House *(off-site)*



Fishing @ Family Park

Sioux Falls Park and Rec and The Outdoor Campus have partnered again this year to offer a free, open house style fishing opportunity at Family Park located at 300 North Ellis Road, a half mile north of West 12th Street for 7 Saturdays this summer. All equipment will be provided.

Age: all ages, youth with adult

Dates:

Saturdays, ***only***,
June 10 to July 22
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration **not**
required.



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. Ages 12 and up can apply!
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.