



# OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —

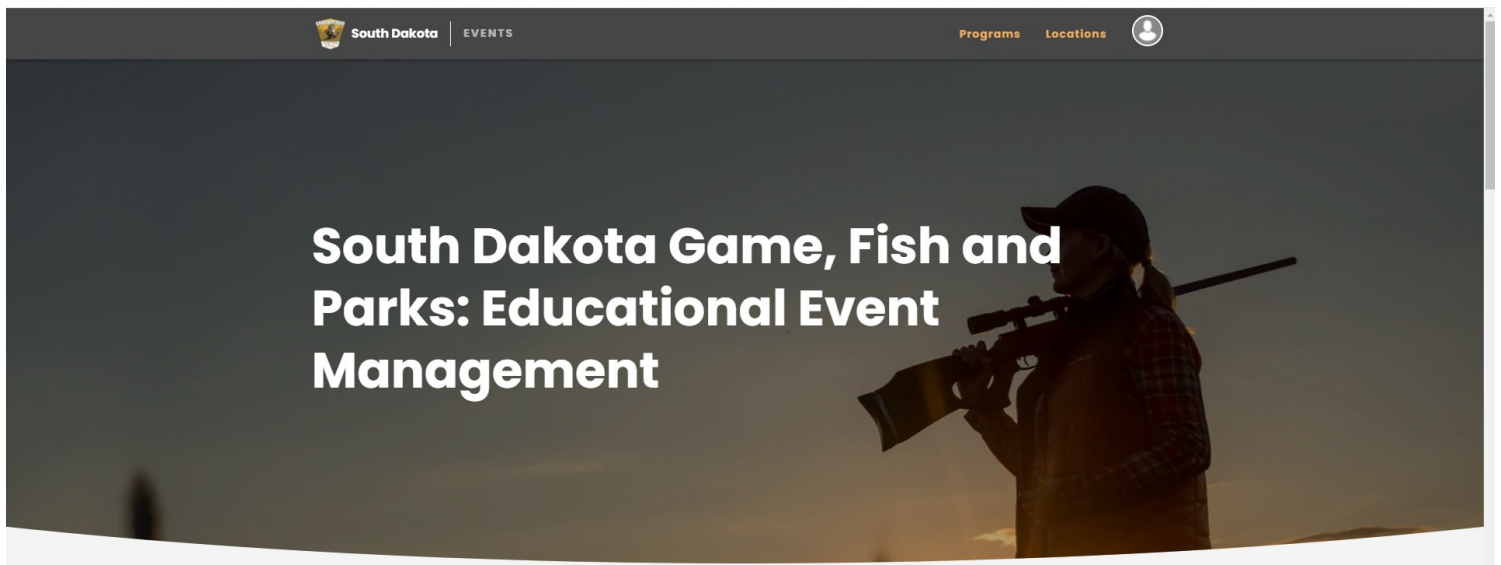


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## 2022-23 | **Winter Program**

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# 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, 9a.m. to 12 a.m.

1.800.684.9541 - [support@southdakota.kalkomey.com](mailto: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

**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

☼ Shooting Sports

☼ Learn to Fish

☼ Outdoor Skills

☼ Conservation

☼ National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP)

☼ Learn to Trap

☼ Fish SD

☼ Project Wild

☼ Project Learning Tree

# REGISTRATION & Information

## WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022

*SPRING PROGRAM BOOKLET Available February 1, 2023*

## TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Go to our website at: [gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://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\*\***

## HOURS

Open: Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. &  
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Closed: Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

## Winter Pheasant Hunting Basics

A South Dakota hunting tradition, pheasant hunting is a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the fall and the winter! Learn about what challenges you may face with winter pheasant hunting and then practice cleaning and preparing a recipe or two.

**Age:** all ages, recommended ages 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Class Date:** Saturday, December 3, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30p.m.

## Wild Game Cooking– Part 1

We will be preparing Venison Egg Rolls, Pheasant Tortellini and Goose Poppers. 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:** 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Thursday, December 15, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

## South Dakota Animals and Trail Hike

Learn about a variety of South Dakota's fur-bearers and explore the trails looking for tracks and signs they left behind.

**Age:** all ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, December 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## Rabbit Hunting

Cottontail rabbit hunting season continues through the end of February giving hunters an opportunity to enjoy the briskness of winter. This class will go over the basics of rabbit hunting, cleaning and preparing.

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

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, December 10, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. or  
Saturday, January 7, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.



## **Predator Calling and Hunting—Virtual Online Program**

The coyote diet is adaptable to the food that is available throughout the year and can consist of small game, fawns and livestock. Coyote hunting can help control the population, but can be challenging. Learn



some tips and techniques from the professional wildlife damage management specialists at Game, Fish and Parks! Zoom information will be sent out after registration.

**Age:** All ages; recommended 12 and up, youth must be with adult

**Class size:** 25

**Date:** Thursday, January 26,  
6:30 to 8 p.m.

## **Deer Processing—Breaking Down the Quarters**

When the hunt ends, the fun begins. What are you going to do with all of that game meat? Let's break it down! This class will be elbows-deep in cleaning, cutting, packaging and preserving deer. We will learn about which cuts of meat make the best steaks, roasts, burger and how to use and package as much of the animal as possible with the least amount of waste. This is not a cooking class but you will leave hungry... hungry to try out your new skills after your next hunt!

**Age:** Adult only

**Class size** 6

**Date:** Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. or  
Saturday, January 28, 1:00 to 3:30p.m.

## **Wild Game Cooking – Odd Bits & Pieces**

Liver, heart and tongue are just a few of the odd bits and pieces we will be cooking up to tease your taste buds. In an effort to use as much of a harvested animal as possible, we have been exploring tasty recipes using the less commonly used parts. Please come with an open mind and a hungry belly. Will you be able to guess which chili has the liver in it??? Will you even know that the dark chocolate brownies are made with lard?

Susan Luschas, our new volunteer instructor, has spent over a decade figuring out how to get her husband and kids to eat ALL the odd bits!

**Age:** all ages, recommended 5 and up, youth with adults

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, February, 21, 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

# Learn to Fish



## Ice Fishing with the Littles

Fishing time is family time, even on the ice!! This shortened fishing class is perfect for parents, grandparents and baby sitters with younger kids with shorter attention spans. Sign up for one or all three! We'll keep it basic and fun for everyone! **Be sure to dress for weather!**

**Age:** recommended 3 to 5, with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Thursday, January 12, Thursday, January 26 or  
Thursday, February 16, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Ice Fishing

Let's go fishing! Yes, even in the winter, we love to go fishing, ice fishing that is! No, we aren't fishing for ice, we are fishing for fish through the ice! This class will begin inside discussing ice fishing tackle, gear, fish species and most importantly, ice safety. At the frozen pond, our staff and volunteers will be there to demonstrate and help bait hooks and cheer you on as you reel in your catch, while creating memorable ice fishing experiences. **Please remember to dress for the weather, including coats, hats, gloves and boots.**

All fishing equipment will be provided.

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

**Class size:** 25

**Date:** Saturday, January 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 4, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.



# Learn to Fish



## Ice Rod Building

While waiting for the ice to thicken up on the lakes and ponds, start getting your tackle and gear ready for ice fishing and build your own ice rod! New this winter, we will guide you through building your own medium action ice fishing rod. Imagine catching your first fish through the ice this season with a rod you made! This class will only be making ice rods. Please be sure you can attend both build days. Participants will be responsible for rod kit costs.

**Age:** 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 8

**Dates:** Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, December 10, 9:00 to 12:00p.m.

## 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 stuff. All fly tying tools and supplies are provided.

**Age:** 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Saturday, December 3, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.,  
Thursday, January 19, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. and  
Thursday, February 16, 6:00 to 7:30p.m.



## Fly Rod Building

Build your own fly rod with our experienced volunteers from Dakota Trout Unlimited and Project Healing Waters. This class will only be building fly rods and will include a rod kit expense. The building class will be held over a series of evenings with the opportunity to work on it at home as well.

**Age:** 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 5

**Date:** Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25 and  
Feb 1, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.



## Spinning and Casting Rod Building

Build your own spinning or casting rod for yourself or a friend! We will walk you through the process of building your medium action rod over a series of class times. The instruction is free but the participants will be responsible for the rod kit costs.

**Age:** 12 and up, *youth must have adult*

**Class size:** 5

**Date:** Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



# Outdoor Skills



## Cross Country Skiing

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails. All equipment is provided, but please dress for the weather. **(class is dependent on proper snow conditions)**

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

**Class size** 20

**Date:** Saturdays, January 21, 1 to 2:30 p.m. and February 18, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## Snow Shoeing **(class is dependent on proper snow conditions)**

Learn how to walk in snowshoes and explore the park!

Dress for weather and bring on the snow!

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

**Class size** 20

**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, February 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**Be sure to watch our website and Facebook page for additional classes when the snow falls!**

# Conservation



## Purdy's Birdies with the Littles

Beaks, feet and feathers make up a bird. This class will help the littles explore how birds eat, move and survive the winter. Our bird expert, Lynn, will be joining us with a couple of her feathery friends!

**Age:** 3 to 5, youth with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Thursday, December 15, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

## Raptor Rhapsody

Raptors, AKA birds of prey, are fascinating birds! Meet live raptors, Ace the Kestrel and Ollie the Eastern Screech Owl, while learning about some of their special adaptations, including casting pellets and silent flight.

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

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, December 17, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. OR  
1:00 to 2:00p.m.,





# Conservation Special Event



## Raptor Rendezvous

The Outdoor Campus is excited to host **two** shows from the Minnesota Raptor Center for our Raptor Rendezvous event! The presenters will introduce us to a variety of live raptors, including a Bald Eagle, while discussing their special adaptations. Registration is required—space is limited.

**Age:** All ages, youth with adult

**Date:** Friday,  
February 3, 5:00 to 6 p.m.  
OR 7:00 to 8 p.m.

**REGISTER ONLINE @**  
[gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)



Join us for additional  
raptor-themed activities in between shows, from 6:00-7:00pm.

# Learn to Trap



## 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. This class will be led by Conservation Officer Taylor Geerdes.

Learn more about her below.

**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, January 14, 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!*



## Find Us Online



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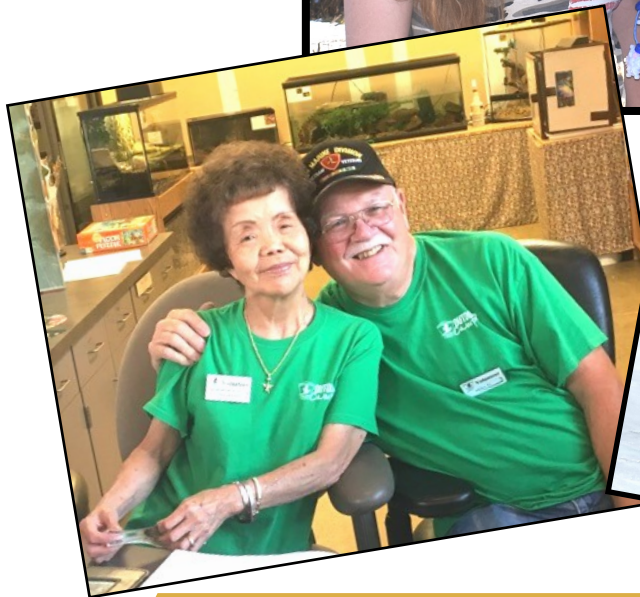
# Be a Volunteer!

## 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.

## Get Started!

Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.  
[gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)



**Our volunteers are the best!**

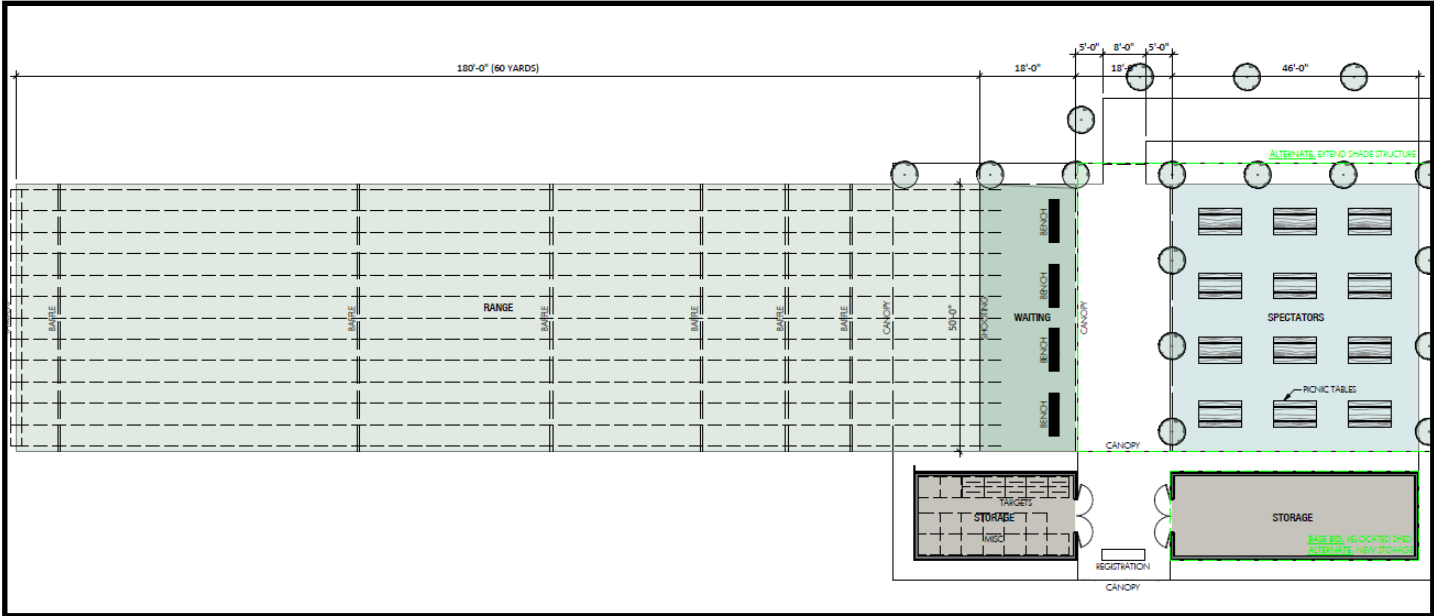
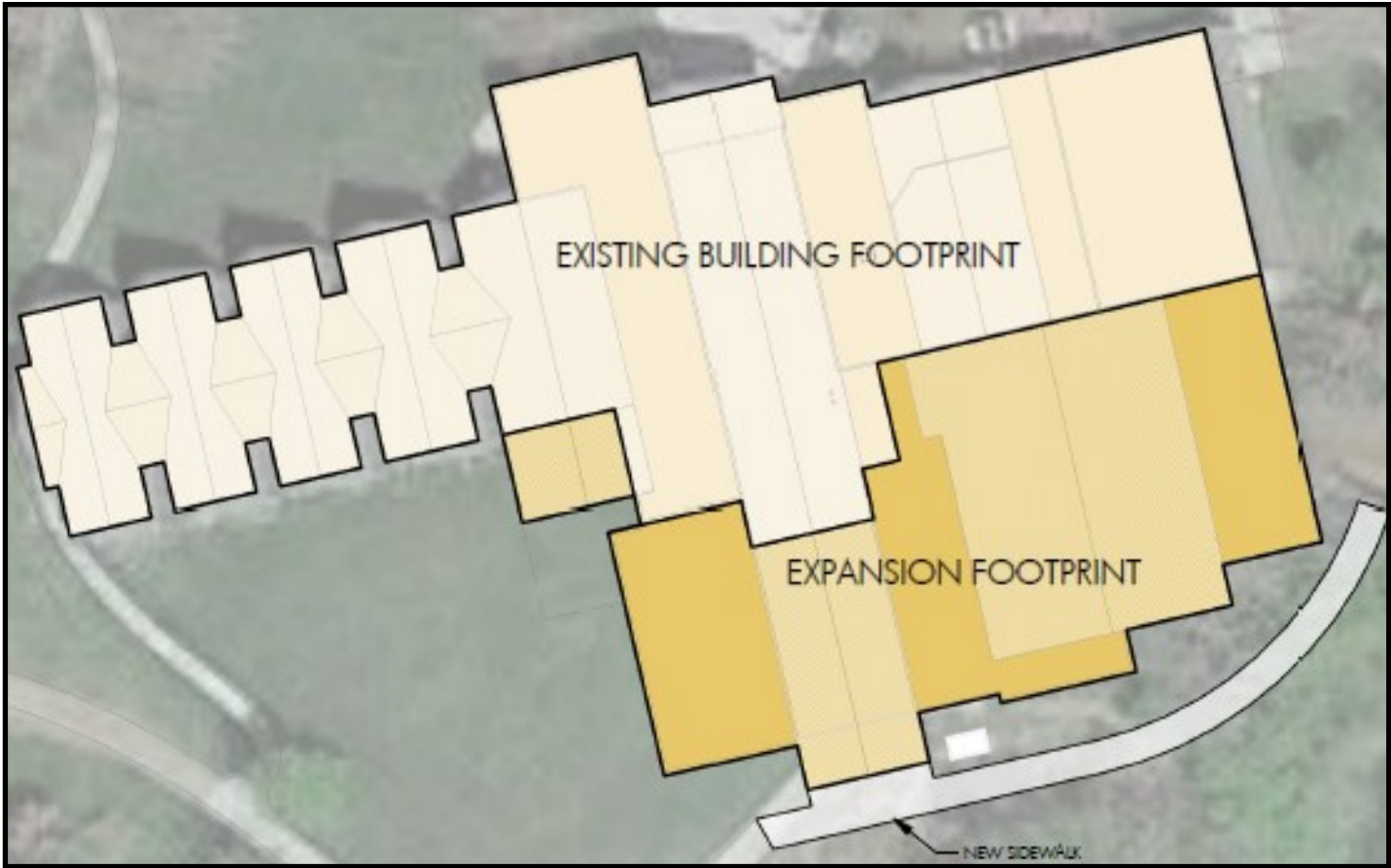






# South Dakota Parks & Wildlife

***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.***





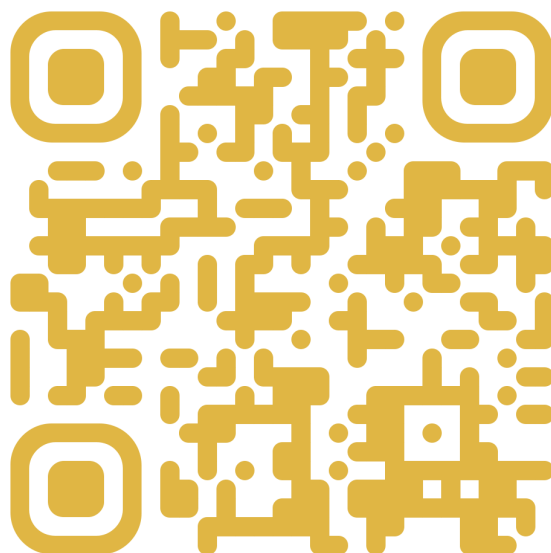
## INDOOR EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT

- 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.