



# OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



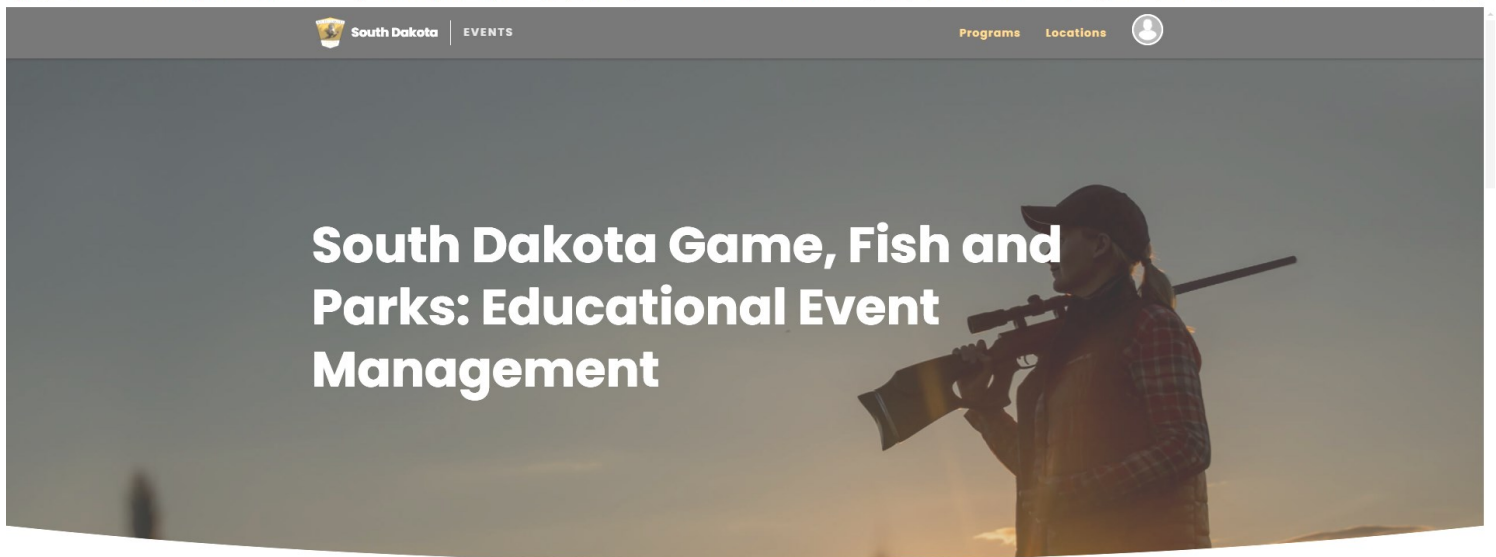
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## 2023-24 | **Winter Program**

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[gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)



# To Register



Kalkomey Customer Service Department  
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.  
1.800.684.9541 - support@southdakota.kalkomey.com

## ***Registration Site 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

# Find Us Online



**Facebook**  
outdoorcampusSF



**Instagram**  
@outdoorcampus\_siouxfalls



**Find our website**  
[gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)

# REGISTRATION & Information

## WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023

*SPRING PROGRAM BOOKLET Available January 31, 2024*

## 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 4:00 p.m.

**Closed:** Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

## **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 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 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? Bring your questions! 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:** Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. or  
Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

## **Deer Processing—Hind Quarter Break-Down**

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 the hind quarters of 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:** recommended age 12 up, youth with adults

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## **Wild Game Preservation—Canning Meat**

Pressure cooker canning meat is a shelf stable way of preserving your harvest. This class will discuss the safety, technique and equipment needed while giving participants hand-on experience. The class will also include an opportunity to taste recipes using canned meat.

**Age:** recommended ages 14 and up, youth with adults

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. to Noon



## **Deer Processing—Hind Quarter Break-Down (ADULT ONLY)**

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 the hind quarters of 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 (16 and up)

**Class size:** 10      **Date:** Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. to Noon

## **Wild Game Cooking — Venison Cuts (ADULT ONLY)**

What's for supper? After the hunt and after the butchering and processing is done. How do you prepare it? What are you going to use the roasts for and how do you prepare the steaks? This class will focus on making recipes using the cuts of meat from the hind quarter of the deer. Work up an appetite in the morning with breaking down the hind quarter and then learn some fun ways of preparing those cuts in the afternoon!

**Age:** Adult only (16 and up)      **Class size:** 10

**Date:** Saturday, December 16, 1:00 to 3:00 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, January 6, 10:00 to 11:30 a.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:** all ages, recommended age 5 and up

**Class size:** 20      **Date:** Saturday, January 6, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Wild Game Cooking– Part 1 (ADULT ONLY)**

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:** Adult, 16 and up

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 to 8:00 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:** 100

**Date:** TBD



## **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 will feature different recipes from last year using the less commonly used parts. Please come with an open mind and a hungry belly.

Susan Luschas, 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 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



# Learn to Hunt



## Wild Game Cooking - Canada Goose

This wild game cooking class will feature a variety of recipes using Canada Goose, a plentiful game meat that you can either love or hate. Preparation techniques will include cooking a plucked bird, canned meat recipes, brining and of course poppers.

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

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 to 8:00 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:** 12 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 8

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

## Rod Building—Decorative Diamond Wrap

Learn how to personalize your fishing rod with a decorative diamond wrap using colors of your choice.

Bring your own casting, spinning, fly or ice rod or learn the technique on one of ours.

**Age:** Adults, (16 and up)

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Tuesday, December 12,  
6:00 to 8:00 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:** 8

**Date:** Wednesdays, January 3, 10 and 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## 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 the weather!**

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

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Tuesdays, January 16, and February 13, 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 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 3, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.





## Darkhouse Spearfishing

Participants will learn the ins and outs of darkhouse spearfishing including the opportunity to spearfish! Equipment needed, target species, where to fish along with laws and regulations will also be covered. This program will meet at the Outdoor Campus promptly at 9 for an introduction before shuttling to the fishing location. Dress for the weather, layers and waterproof gear, all other equipment will be provided.

**Age:** 12 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 6

**Dates:** Saturday, January 20, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

## Fly Rod Building

Build your own fly rod with our experienced staff and volunteers. This class will only be building fly rods and will include a rod kit expense. The building class will be held over 2 Saturdays, with the opportunity to work on it at home. Please bring a lunch or snacks as we will be “working through lunch.”

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

**Class size:** 8

**Date:** Saturdays, February 3 and 10, 10:00 to 3:00 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:** Saturday, January 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m. or  
Saturday, February 10, 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 the weather and bring on the snow!

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

**Class size** 20

**Date:** Saturday, January 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or  
Saturday, February 10, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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

# Conservation



## **Nature Track and Traces Hike with the Littles**

Let's go exploring for animals and their tracks on the trails! Enjoy the briskness of winter 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:** Tuesdays, December 19, January 30, February 27,  
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.





The Outdoor Campus is excited to host the screening of *Green Fire—Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*.

View the trailer at

<https://www.aldoleopold.org/teach-learn/green-fire-film/>.

Included after the viewing of the film, will be a reading and reflection of one of Leopold's essays led by Aldo Leopold Foundation alumnus, Kenna Hammons.

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

**Date:** Thursday, February 15 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

*A former Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation, Kenna Hammons grew up in Wisconsin and now resides in South Dakota where they have worked for numerous conservation organizations. Currently, Kenna is a Biologist with Ducks Unlimited, working directly with farmers and ranchers in private lands conservation.*



## Backyard Trapping

Do you live inside the city limits? Do you have a nuisance critter you would like to remove? This class will cover the delicate topic of trapping in your backyard. It will include do's and don'ts and be very interactive. Dress for the weather as there will be an outside portion as well.

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

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Saturday, January 20, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

## Trapping 101 with Taylor

The class will begin with a morning session discussing popular fur bearers in South Dakota, their habits and habitats. The conversation will include why people trap and what traps can be used.

The afternoon session will get the participants outside applying their newly gained insight into trapping looking for animal signs, setting and caring for traps.

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

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Saturday, February 24, 10:00 to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

*Hello, I am Conservation Officer Taylor Etherington. 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!*







## 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 be eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year. Adults are also welcome and invited to attend.

## When are HuntSAFE classes offered?

2024 HuntSafe classes and field days will be offered beginning in March.

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

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

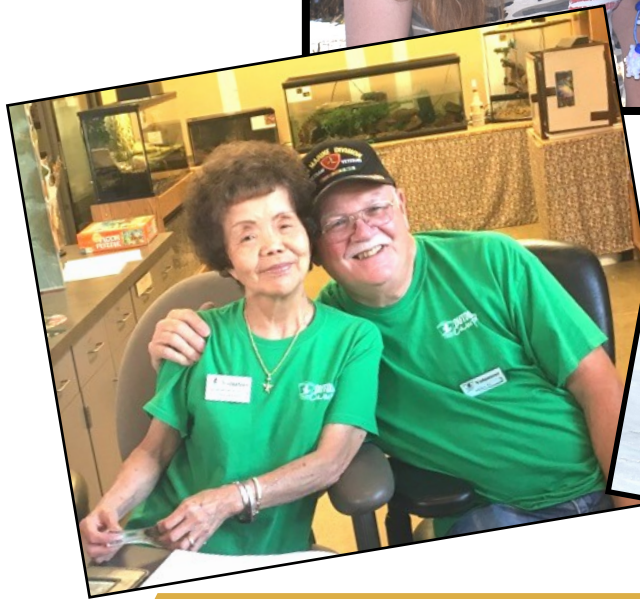
# Be a Volunteer!

## 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!**

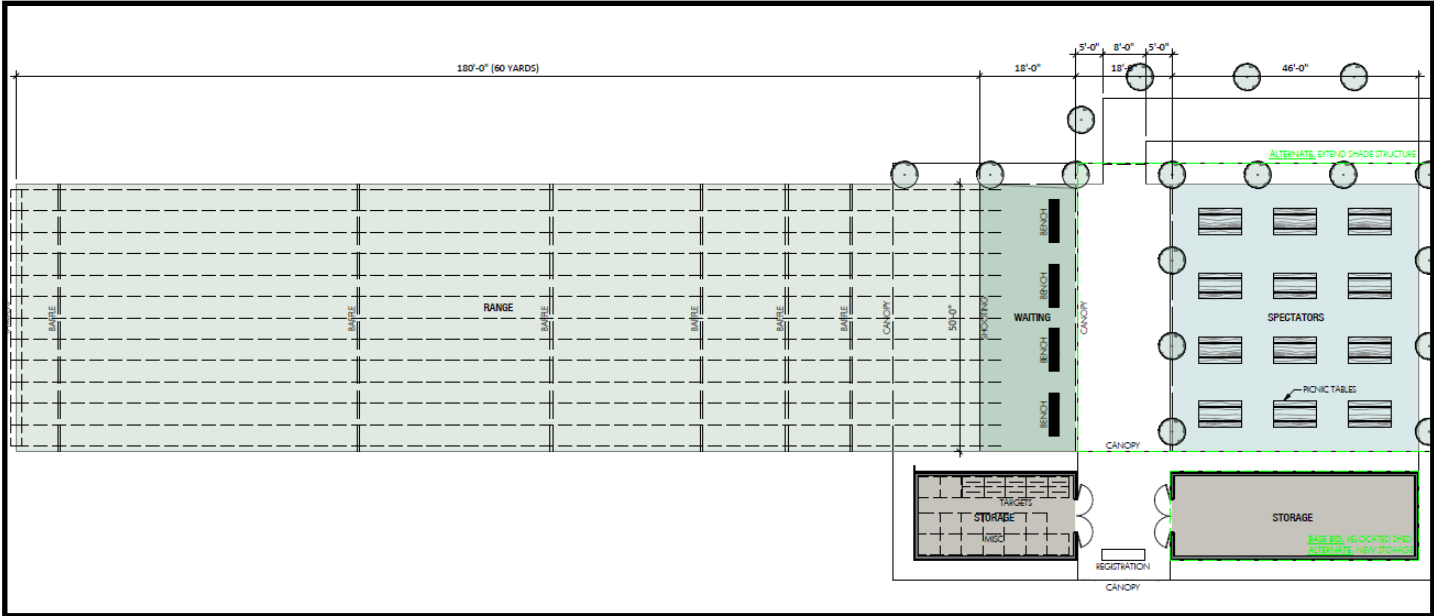
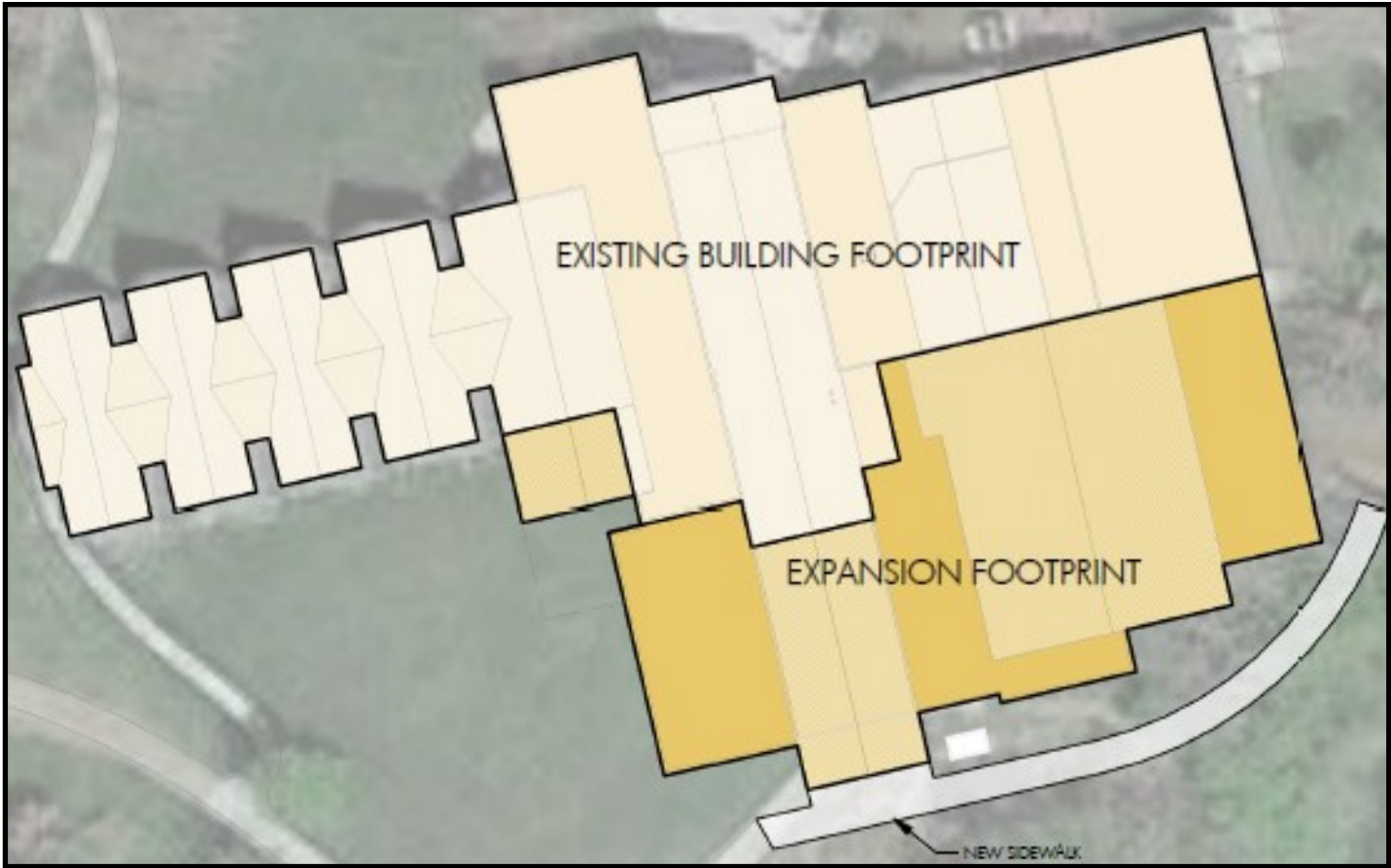






# South Dakota Parks & Wildlife

***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.***





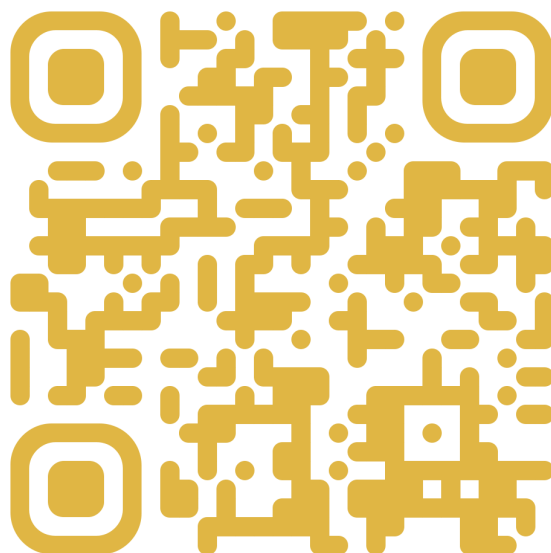
## INDOOR EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT

- 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.