



OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



The Outdoor Campus 2023 | Spring Group Program Guide

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GROUP PROGRAMS

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from the programs in the GROUP PROGRAMS section of the brochure. Group programming can include scouts, church groups, clubs, offices and other groups 10 or larger.

To Register for Group Programs:

Call Derek at 605.362.2777 for open dates and staff availability. Please read the below requirements for group programming. **Registration opens at 8 a.m. on February 15.**

GROUP SIZE:

Minimum group size is 10; maximum is 20.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

Groups of 9 or smaller should register for programs found in the community programs section of this brochure.

COST:

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

HOW MANY PROGRAMS CAN WE ATTEND?

Groups may schedule only one program per season to insure equal program availability to all groups.

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.

CONFIRMATION LETTER:

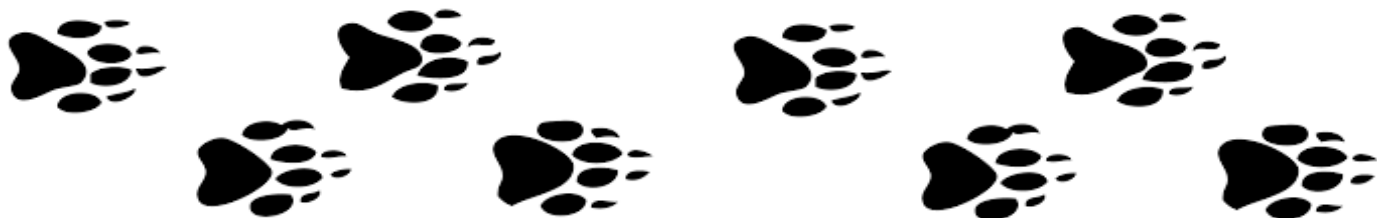
After scheduling with Derek, we will send the group leader a confirmation letter with instructions and a waiver if the program requires it. Please read this information thoroughly.

CHAPERONES:

We require at least one adult chaperone for each youth group, and one licensed adult for each youth angler age 5 and under.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns, allergies or other health concerns when scheduling.



Group Programs



Fishing Fun!

Kids get a fun introduction to fishing and safety. This program has games, basic fish ID, casting practice and hands-on fishing at our pond.



Hunting Basics

Pheasant, waterfowl or deer—join us to learn the basics from start to finish on being safe and successful in the field. We will go over equipment, gaining permission, safety and more.

Introduction to Archery

Experience archery at The Outdoor Campus. We will learn about safety, archery equipment, and how to archery hunt ethically. Try your skills with our 3-D targets on our range.

Spring Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and plants along our trails. You'll often see frogs, beavers, ducks and toads.

BB Gun Basics

Join us on the BB gun range to learn safety, shooting positions and techniques used while shooting and hunting. Improve your accuracy with every shot and take home a target riddled with holes.

Trapping 101

Come learn all of the basics of trapping. We will cover and go over species to trap, trap location, types of traps, etc. Come learn a fun and potentially profitable hobby.

Orienteering

Orienteering is a fun activity for all ages. Younger participants can hone map reading skills on the beginning map courses. Older participants can learn how to use the map and compass together to navigate the backcountry hiking, in orienteering meets, adventure races or hunting.

GPS and Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how to use them while in the outdoors or out hunting or fishing. Get outdoors and use a GPS receiver to navigate several GPS courses.



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Paddling

Learn the basics of paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet.

South Dakota Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Join us to discover what wild animals call this state home.

Hop, Slither, Crawl: Animal Movements

Hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake and crawl like an opossum. Learn about animal movements with a game, craft, hike and more.



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Other Options at The Outdoor Campus

Critter Crates

Critter crates are resource trunks filled with furs, skulls, activities and more. Please contact Jean, TOC Secretary at 605.362.2777 or email Jean.Olson@state.sd.us for information.

Permanent Orienteering Course

The Outdoor Campus has several introductory and intermediate orienteering courses set up in our park. Your group may borrow orienteering maps and compasses from The Outdoor Campus for use on your own. You may borrow the maps Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you prefer some instruction beforehand, your group may schedule an orienteering class with one of our Naturalists, or you can sign up for one of our community classes. There is no cost. Two courses are handicap accessible. *Pre-registration is required for the Permanent Orienteering Course Maps.* Call us at 605.362.2777 to insure the maps and compasses will be available.

