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OUTREACH PROGRAM GUIDE

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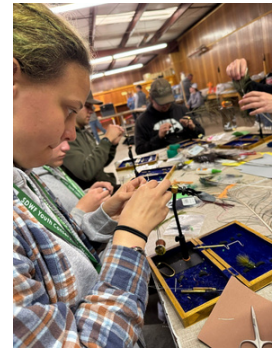
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OUTREACH PROGRAMS



The goal of the outreach program is to develop the understanding, appreciation, and engagement of South Dakota's diverse communities and stewardship of outdoor resources and opportunities across our 13-county western region. If you are interested in setting up an outreach program please contact KayCee Smith at 605.394.3354 or email at kaycee.smith@state.sd.us. If you would like to take advantage of one of these great opportunities but don't have the access or space needed, we can always make arrangements to do these classes at the Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City.



FISHING

Fishing Basics

This class starts with an overview of gear, safety, and fish identification. Then, you will be able to practice your casting and go fishing! Must have access to fishable water for the fishing portion. If access isn't available, just practice casting is still a great option! You only need room to cast a line (outdoors or empty gym).

Advanced Fishing

Learn the different types of techniques and equipment that can be used to catch fish. We will cover different types of rod and reel set ups, differences in line choices, and learn a few different knots to use. We will also learn about different types of set ups, tackle, and when to use them. Be prepared to bait your own hook. This is an excellent knowledge building workshop, but fishing can be added if fishable water is available.

Fly Fishing Basics

Learn the ins and outs of fly rods, reels, line, and flies. We will also discuss some of the terrestrial and underwater creatures many fish in South Dakota are eating. You will learn proper casting techniques and get to practice casting. No water is required but will help in catching a lunker!

Fly Tying

Learn how to tie your own flies to use during fly fishing trips. It's a great way to be more self-sufficient and cost effective. This class covers all of the introductory topics including entomology, tools, materials, and techniques and then you will learn how to tie a popular pattern for the current season.

Ice Fishing

Winter makes up a good portion of our state's changing seasons, meaning ice fishing is a great way to get out and explore the water in a new way. Learn techniques, set up, gear, safety considerations, and how to hit the ice for some winter fun. There are several opportunities to chase different species across the western areas of South Dakota.

FISHING (continued)

Explore Bow Fishing

This exciting class covers all things bow fishing! We will cover the specialized gear, the common species and regulations in South Dakota, and learn a few tips and tricks to have a successful outing. You don't need water to enjoy this class but an open area where archery can be safely shot is required.

Spearfishing

Spearfishing is a fantastic new offering where you can get face to face with some of South Dakota's underwater habitats and creatures. You will learn all about masks, snorkels, and fins along with some tips and tricks for proper fit. We will also discuss how to stay calm and relaxed while in the water. Lastly, we will cover safety, ethics, diver down flags, the buddy system, and optional gear before getting our feet wet. After some practice in shallow water, the adventure truly begins. After getting well acquainted with the gear and techniques of snorkeling, you will learn about the different types of spearguns and pole spears used in harvesting fish in South Dakota. Laws, regulations, limits, and more will also be covered in great detail before we safely re-enter the water in search of our quarry. This class is age restricted to 18+.

Regulations and Note

Valid SD fishing licenses required for those over 18 years of age. Off-site classes can vary around the area depending on location and regulations.



Shooting and Hunting Sports

Archery Basics

Learn the basics of becoming an archer using a compound bow. Topics covered include parts of a bow, maintenance, range safety, and proper shooting technique. You will then get to practice your marksmanship on 3D targets! Must have an open area to set up archery net.

Pellet Rifle Basics

Learn firearm safety and proper shooting techniques. You will get a chance to shoot multiple targets from multiple positions with a pellet rifle. Must have an outdoor area suitable for a small shooting range.

Shotgun and Rifle Basics

Learn firearm safety and proper shooting techniques using a shotgun or rifle. You will be shooting clay pigeons or targets from multiple positions. Everything from iron sights to how to sight in a scope to proper shooting techniques will be discussed. Must have access to a shooting range or be able to travel to an open range in the area. Guns, clay pigeons, ammo, hearing protection, and eye protection will be provided.

Explore Hunting

This comprehensive class is an introduction to hunting in South Dakota. We will cover gear, game, and what is needed to know to be successful. A few of the topics discussed will be wind, blinds, habitat, and tracking. This can be an indoor class but is much more hands-on if there is an outdoor area to do some activities. This class can be tailored for any species you are hoping to harvest.

Firearm Safety and Hunting

Learn all about gun safety. This includes the different types of firearms, ammunition, safe handling, storage, maintenance, and proper use. Hunting topics will cover each species appropriate for the current season. Hands-on learning and short videos also accompany the class where possible.

Trapping Basics

Learn about the different animals that can be trapped in South Dakota and the tools needed to be successful. This class will cover animals, tracks, furs, traps, and important safety information. An outdoor component can be added where the students can make their own sets.

HuntSAFE

This class is for students who have completed one of the online HuntSAFE class options. This course will contain the information on regulations, ethics, responsibilities, safety, gun handling, fence crossing, shooting, and test portion of HuntSAFE. Upon completion of this class, students will receive their Hunter Safety and Firearm Education (HuntSAFE) Certificate. During this class, students will practice and show proficiency in hands-on firearm handling skills.



Outdoor Skills

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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 can be done year round!

Paddling or Boating Basics

This is a basic course to introduce the basic parts of a canoe, simple paddling techniques, and water safety with a chance to try out your new skills. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets are provided. Be prepared to get wet! Can also be a great addition to on-location fishing. For boating basics, learn the proper techniques of safe boat handling on the water, plus practice loading and unloading boats onto trailers. You will become familiar with boating laws, various safety concepts, and operate a powerboat. NOTE: Children must be 7 years or older, weigh at least 50 lbs, and be accompanied by an adult.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn how to cook with and care for cast iron Dutch ovens. You will be making food, so come hungry! Supplies, recipes and samples will be provided. Closed-toed shoes are required for safety. Youth must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Canning and Dehydrating

Canning and dehydrating, especially game harvested throughout the year, is a great way to preserve fresh, delicious food for use year round. We will explore recipes to help you use your harvest to its potential all while learning a valuable and cost-effective skillset. Learn methods on how to preserve through dehydration and canning to make great hunting snacks, recipe-ready meats, hiking/camping supplies, and much more!.

Wild Game Processing

In this class we will show you how to butcher and process your deer, turkey, rabbit, and much more. Wild game will be butchered from start to finish during this class. We could be cutting steaks, roasts, grinding burger or preparing smaller game for other fare. This class can be adapted to follow-up first time hunting experiences. The whole family is invited!



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Find Us Online

Find us on Facebook - Game, Fish & Parks Outdoor Campus - Rapid City or on Instagram @outdoorcampus_rapidcity
Our pages are updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.

Find our website! outdoorcampus.org

Funding

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.

Borrow These Teaching Tools

We have crates of teaching materials than you can borrow for up to two weeks. These are the crates we currently have available: Bat, Cougar, Elk, Mammal, Macroinvertebrate, Grasslands, Raptor, Reptile and Amphibian, Wetlands, Horns and Antlers, and GPS/Navigation Crate

We also have the following loaner equipment: Fishing, Ice Fishing, and Snowshoes.

NOTE: Snowshoes may be reserved when the snow is at least 3 inches deep. Snowshoes are available in youth, medium and adult sizes. Snowshoes can be reserved by an adult for one week during GFP business hours.

If you would like to see the inventory sheet or have questions about any of the equipment listed above, please email tocwest@state.sd.us. or call 605-394-2310.

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