



2026 Turkey Hunting 101 – Outdoor Campus Sioux Falls

Application Deadline

Must be received by 4 PM March 13, 2026

Requirements

- South Dakota Resident
- Mentor hunters must be 12+ years old
- Parent or Guardian written permission
- Accompanied by a GFP employee/volunteer
- Attend a range day to demonstrate shooting proficiency
- Purchase the appropriate tag (Spring Mentored Turkey or Spring Prairie Turkey

The Hunt

Will be for turkey and be scheduled according to your availability. Hunts can occur on either weekdays or weekends.

Will include education on safety, turkey hunting tactics, how to use turkey calls and decoys, how to properly care for and process a harvested turkey, and the hunt.

All necessary equipment will be provided by GFP

Selection Process

The selection process will occur following the end of the application deadline. The selection process will be a lottery system and those chosen via the lottery system will be contacted via phone or email.

Those Selected

The selected hunters will be required to:

- Demonstrate shooting proficiency
- Purchase a \$5 mentor Spring Turkey Permit or draw a Spring Prairie Turkey Tag.
- Provide a 1 page summary following the hunt.

Other FAQs

- Season Dates: April 11 – May 31, 2026
- Lottery Chosen applicants will have to qualify with a crossbow and shotgun after some lessons and instructions from GFP Staff prior to the hunt.

Application Instructions

1. Fill out the attached Application and Questionnaire
2. Email the application to Derek Klawitter (Derek.Klawitter@state.sd.us)

Or

Return to the Region 3 Game, Fish, and Parks Office addressed as follows:

Game, Fish, and Parks
ATTN: Hunting 101- Turkey Hunt
4500 S. Oxbow Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Region 3 Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Contact us with questions:

Phone
605-362-2700



Turkey Hunting 101 Application

Note: This hunt is available for first time hunters 12 years and above.

Participant's Full Name: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Guardian's Full Name (If Youth): _____

Participant or Guardian's (if youth) Email Address: _____

Participant or Guardian's (if youth) Mailing Address: _____

Guardian's Phone Number: (____) - _____ - _____

Have you completed hunt safe (check one): yes no

Questionnaire for Participant:

1. Why do you want to participate in this hunting opportunity?

2. What are you hoping to gain from this experience?

I affirm that I am eligible for this type of hunt and that the information above is true.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Guardian's Signature (For Youth Hunt Only): _____ **Date:** _____