



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE | PIERRE, SD 57501

Youth Trapping Recruitment Program

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Introduction

These “Terms and Conditions” as written shall manage your participation in the Youth Trapping Recruitment Program (hereinafter “the Program”) provided by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

These “Terms and Conditions” will be applied fully and affect your participation in the Program. By participating in this Program, you agree to accept all terms and conditions written here. You will not participate in the Program if you disagree with any of these “Terms and Conditions”.

Restrictions

- The Program will run March 1 - July 1, 2026, for South Dakota resident youth under age 18 unless \$200,000 in eligible payments have been paid. Once \$200,000 has been paid, the Program is complete, and no more payments will be issued.
- Species eligible for the Program are raccoons, striped skunk, badger, opossum, and red fox.
- Participants must be residents of South Dakota as defined in SDCL 41-1-1.
- Participants will receive a \$10.00 per tail for eligible species. The tail bone and the entire tail must be presented to receive payment. Burnt or charred tails are not eligible. Tails with cut marks on both ends are not eligible. Tails from young animals not capable of living away from their mother or young opossum living attached to their mother or still living in the pouch are not eligible.
- Participants may submit up to \$590.00 worth of eligible tails per household.
- All eligible animals submitted for this Program must have been harvested (trapped or hunted) by youth participants in South Dakota from March 1- July 1, 2026.
- Roadkill animals are not eligible.
- License Requirements:
 - Participants under the age of 18 harvesting nest predators are not required to have a license.





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- Participants must comply with South Dakota trapping and hunting rules and regulations. Rules and regulations can be found in the current hunting and trapping handbook or online at <https://gfp.sd.gov/pages/regulations/>.
- To receive the payment for eligible tails, participants must be present when submitting tails and will need their parent/legal guardian to sign a legal affidavit on their behalf indicating the tails were obtained during the time period outlined above and that they came from an animal they harvested in South Dakota.

Limitation of Liability

Participants agree to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, liability, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, or other proceedings brought by or on behalf of any person that may arise out of or result from this Program. This section does not require participants to be responsible for or defend against claims or damages arising solely from errors or omissions of the State, its officers, agents or employees.

Severability

If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is found to be invalid under any applicable law, such provisions shall be deleted without affecting the remaining provisions herein.

Variation of Terms

The State is permitted to revise these Terms and Conditions at any time as it sees fit, and by participating in this program you are expected to review these Terms and Conditions on a regular basis.

Governing Law & Jurisdiction

These Terms and Conditions will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, and you submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in South Dakota for the resolution of any disputes.