

2017 | The Outdoor Campus Fall Outreach Programs

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The goal of the outreach program is to provide outdoor activities to grades K-12 in towns across our 20 county region. If you are interested in setting up an outreach program with your school group please contact Jason Nelson at (605) 362-3524 or email at jason.nelson@state.sd.us

"In the Classroom" Programs

Animals of South Dakota

What kinds of animals live in South Dakota? This is a hands-on demonstration that can include furs, skulls, tracks, and live animals. (1-1.5hr)

Amphibian Fun

Discover amphibians that live in South Dakota. Learn about the lives of frogs, toads, and salamanders and meet them in person! (1-1.5hr)

Invasive Species

Learn about the different invasive species of South Dakota and how they got here. (1hr)

The Migration Nation

Who flies south for the winter? Where do they go in the summer? Learn about migration and the role South Dakota plays in the annual migration. (1hr)

Food Chains

What's on the dinner plate of animals in South Dakota? Learn about food chains and food webs through games and hands-on activities including owl pellet dissection! (1-1.5hr)

Going, Going Gone!

What is disappearing from South Dakota's wildlife? What is the difference between threatened, endangered, and extinct? Learn what you can do to help! (1hr)

Under the Sea (lakes and rivers)

Take a look at what is going on beneath the waves of our South Dakota lakes and rivers. Nothing is off limits in this experience. We will discuss anything from water and plant ecology to habitat to fish identification. We are going to need a bigger boat!



"In the Field" Programs

Fishing Basics

Learn the different types of techniques and equipment that can be used to catch fish. Practice your casting and then go fishing! Must have access to fishing. If access isn't available, just practice casting is still an option. You only need room to cast a line (outdoors or empty gym)(1=1.5hr)

Archery Basics

Learn the basics of using a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on 3D targets! Must have field to set up archery net. (1-1.5hr)

BB Gun Basics

Learn firearm safety and accuracy techniques while shooting multiple targets with a BB gun. Must have an outdoor area suitable for a small shooting range. (1-1.5hr)

Shotgun Basics

Learn firearm safety and accuracy techniques while practicing with a 20 gauge youth shotgun. Must have access to a shooting range. Guns, clay pigeons, and ammo will be provided. (1-1.5hr)

.22 Rifle Basics

Learn firearm safety and accuracy techniques while using a .22 rifle. Can you hit the bullseye? Must have access to a shooting range. Guns and ammo will be provided. (1-1.5hr)

GPS/Geocaching Basics

Learn the basics of using Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and then take that knowledge outside to learn the exciting activity of geocaching!

Borrow these Teaching Tools!

We have crates of teaching materials than you can borrow for up to two weeks by leaving or sending a security deposit of \$75. When the crate is returned and after a satisfactory inventory of its contents, the check will be destroyed or returned – your choice. These are the crate we currently have available:

Mammal Crates, Grasslands Crate, Tree Trunk, Prairie Crate, Bat Crate, Coyote Crate, Bird Box and Beaver Crate

You can find the inventory sheet for any of these crates on our website at <u>www.outdoorcampus.org</u>, calling the office at (605) 362-2700, or emailing our secretary at <u>tonna.hartman@state.sd.us</u>

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We post a lot of photos. Want to see what's happening out here? This is the place to look!



Find us on Snapchat @outdoorcampus

Snapchat take-overs by interns? YES! Watch some of our activities as they happen here!



Find our blog! outdoorcampus.wordpress.com

Our blog is a great way to find the story behind the story. Meet people, animals, see behind the scenes photos of Game, Fish and Parks at work.



Find our website! outdoorcampus.org

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.