



OUTDOOR Campus



The Outdoor Campus
2017-18 | Winter Program Guide

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REGISTRATION

PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

at 7 a.m. on November 8, 2017

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. Online at outdoorcampus.org
2. In person at The Outdoor Campus.
3. Call us at 605.362.2777

COST

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

PRE-REGISTRATION

Preregistration is required of all classes and programs unless noted.

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.

CANCELLATIONS

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a class. Our waiting list automatically fills from your cancellation.

WAITING LISTS

Do not be afraid to sign up on our waiting lists. People often cancel and if you're on the list your name will automatically move into the class and you will be notified by email.

SPECIAL NEEDS

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

OUR HOURS

The Outdoor Campus is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays (April 1 to November 1) 1 to 4 p.m. We are closed on State and Federal holidays. Watch our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds for the most updated information.

Wild Game Cooking

Join our volunteers and staff as they take you through the process of field to freezer. They will also prepare some of their favorite wild game recipes. Come for a fun and tasty experience; leave with recipe cards! We will have a variety of wild game entrées available for sampling.

Class date: Thursday, January 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

Small Game Cleaning and Cooking

Join us as we go over the basics on how to clean and cook small game. Depending on availability we may clean/cook waterfowl and/or pheasants.

Class Date: Tuesday December 5, 6 to 8 p.m.

Family Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a fun and easy way to explore the outdoors in winter – and get exercise too! Wear hiking or winter boots.

Class Dates: Saturday, January 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m.. OR Saturday, February 17, 1:30-3 p.m.

Family Cross Country Skiing

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails. All equipment is provided, but please dress for the weather.

Class date: Saturday, January 13, 10:30-noon. OR Saturday, February 17, 10:30-noon

Family Ice Fishing

Get a short introduction to ice fishing, and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment, but please dress for the weather, including warm boots.

Class date: Saturday, January 13, 1:30-3 p.m. OR Saturday, February 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Family Winter Adventure Camp

Spend the morning or afternoon at The Outdoor Campus as we introduce you to a multitude of activities that can be enjoyed during the South Dakota winters. We might try out luck on the pond searching for fish below the ice, cross country ski on our trails or trek through the drifts on snow shoes among other activities. Activities subject to change due to adverse weather conditions.

Class dates: Friday, December 29, 10 a.m.-noon OR Friday, December 29, 1 -3 p.m.

Sprouts - for Preschoolers and Adult Partners

Sprouts are a program designed for preschoolers and their adult family partner. The goal of the program is to introduce families with 3 and 4 year olds to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.

Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

F is for Frog

Hop on in to the campus as we learn all about frogs.

Class Dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, December 2, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, December 6, 10-10:45 a.m .

Saturday, December 16, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, December 20, 10-10:45 a.m.

G is for Goose

Come join our “gaggle” as we learn about the geese of South Dakota.

Class Dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, January 6, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, January 10, 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 20, 10- 10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24, 10-10:45 a.m.

H is for Hawk

Soar on over to learn all about the different types of hawks found in South Dakota.

Class Dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Wednesday, February 7, 10-10:45 a.m .

Saturday, February 10, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday, February 24, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

LIL ANGLER PROGRAMS



Lil Angler—for Preschoolers and Adult Partners

Our goal is to teach preschoolers and their adult partners about fishing skills and ethics. Under the supervision of our trained staff, kids and their adult partners will learn fishing skills first in the classroom and then on the water.

Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

Ice Fishing Basics

Learn the basics of what it takes to Ice fish in SD and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety, and ethics and "ice" fish indoors in our pool pond. (This class will take place entirely indoors)

Age: 3-4 year olds with adult

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)
Wednesday, December 13, 10 -11 a.m.

LIL HUNTER PROGRAMS



Lil Hunter—for Preschoolers and Adult Partners

Our goal is to teach preschoolers and their adult partners about hunting skills and ethics. The programs involve lots of fun, hands-on activities sponsored by our trained staff.

Age: 3 and 4 year olds with adult partners

Archery Basics

Come join us and learn how to safely handle and shoot a beginner's bow and arrow. We will practice our aim on our 3-D animal targets

Class date: Wednesday January 3, 10 -11 a.m.

Rabbit Hunting 101

Come join us as we learn all about rabbit hunting. We'll even shoot rabbit targets using our Nerf guns.

Class date: Wednesday February 28, 10—11 a.m.

YOUNG NATURALIST PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and resources.

Age: 5-7 years. *Parents may stay or go during these programs.*

Bison

Come join us as we learn all about the largest animal in South Dakota.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, December 2, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday, December 16, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Animal Senses

Seeing, hearing, smelling, touching and tasting, come learn about the senses animals have.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, January 6, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 20, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Nocturnal Animals

Just as we are going to sleep, lots of animals are just starting their day. Come join us as we learn about nocturnal animals.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, February 10, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday, February 24, 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

YOUNG EXPLORER PROGRAMS



The goal of the Young Explorer program is to introduce youth to fun outdoor activities under the supervision of trained staff members. **Age:** 5-7 years Parents may stay or go during these programs.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a fun and easy way to get around South Dakota's outdoors in the winter.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, January 20, 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 17, 1 to 2 p.m.

Cross Country Skiing

Get hands-on instruction in cross-country skiing and related equipment and head outdoors for guided practice on our trails.

Class dates: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, January 27, 11 a.m. to noon

Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m. to noon

Winter Adventure Camp

Think there is nothing to do during holiday break? Think again! Spend the day at The Outdoor Campus and we'll introduce you to a multitude of activities that can be enjoyed during the long South Dakota winters. We **might** try our luck on the pond searching for fish below the ice, cross country ski on our trails or trek through the drifts on snow shoes among other activities. Activities subject to change due to adverse weather conditions.

Class Date: (pick **one** of the following)

Thursday, December 28, 10 a.m. to noon

YOUNG ANGLER PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about fishing skills and ethics. Under the supervision of our trained staff, youth will learn fishing skills first in the classroom and then on the water.

Age: 5-7 years. *Parents may stay or go during these programs.*

Ice Fishing Basics

Learn the basics of what it takes to ice fish in SD and how to do it safely. We'll talk about basic equipment, safety, and ethics before heading out to the pond and dropping a line. Youth should bring warm winter clothes.

Class dates: (pick one of the following)

Saturday, January 6, 1 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2 to 3 p.m.

YOUNG HUNTER PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about hunting skills and ethics. Programs involve lots of fun, hands-on activities supervised by our trained staff.

Age: 5-7 years. *Parents may stay or go during these programs.*

Rabbit Hunting Basics

Come join us as we learn all about rabbit hunting. We'll even shoot rabbit targets using our Nerf guns.

Class date: Saturday, December 9, 10 to 11 a.m.



JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAMS



Our goal is to teach youth about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities as well as outdoor exploration.

Age: 8-12 years.

Predators

Lions, and tigers and bears, oh my. Come learn about the life of predators.

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, December 2, 1:30 -3 p.m.

Saturday, December 16, 1:30-3 p.m.

Animal Armor

Scales, fur and feathers. Come join us as we explore how animals protect themselves.

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, January 6, 1:30-3 p.m.

Saturday, January 20, 1:30-3 p.m.

Tracks

They come in all different shapes and sizes. Join us to find out who makes what kind of track.

Class date: (pick **one** of the following)

Saturday, February 10, 1:30-3 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, 1:30-3 p.m.

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Our goal is to teach youth about fishing skills and ethics. Under the supervision of our trained staff, youth will learn fishing skills first in the classroom and then on the water.

Age: 8-12 years.

Ice Fishing 101

Get a short introduction to ice fishing, and then go fishing on our pond. We provide the equipment, but please dress for the weather.

Class date:

Saturday, February 17 10 to 11 a.m. OR Saturday, January 27, 1 to 2 p.m.

JUNIOR HUNTER PROGRAMS



Our goal is to introduce youth to hunting skills and ethics. Programs involve lots fun and hands-on activities supervised by our trained staff.

Age: 8-12 years.

Rabbit Hunting Basics

Come join us for an action-packed morning as we learn all about the sport of rabbit hunting.

Class date:

Saturday, December 9, 1 to 2 p.m.

Predator Hunting Basics

Come join us as we learn the basics on hunting fox and coyotes. We will go over calling, locating and much more. Dress warmly as we will be going outside for this class.

Class date:

Saturday, February 3, 1 to 2 p.m.



Take aim at a new experience!

Volunteer Opportunities

By becoming a volunteer at The Outdoor Campus, you will experience a variety of opportunities that will increase your own and other's awareness of South Dakota's great outdoors!

Examples include:

- Program Assistance (fishing, paddling, outdoor cooking, etc.)
- Gardening
- Animal Care
- Special Events (Outdoor University, Women's Try-It Day, Halloween Hike, etc.)
- Front Desk Duty

Give back to your community



How To Get Started!

1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website.

www.outdoorcampus.org

2) Kyle, our volunteer coordinator will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.

3) Once your interview is completed and a background check is completed, Kyle will schedule an orientation to get you more familiar with The Outdoor Campus and what you'll be doing here!

4) Finally, after the orientation, you'll be ready to start volunteering! You will be able to sign up online for whatever available programs you choose.



Our volunteers are the best!

ABOUT THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS



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.

MISSION STATEMENT

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks provides sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities through responsible management of our state's parks, fisheries and wildlife by fostering partnerships, cultivating stewardship and safely connecting people with the outdoors.

2017 Full Time Staff

Thea Miller Ryan, director

Derek Klawitter, community and group program coordinator

Sandy Richter, special events naturalist

Shelly Pierson, school programs coordinator

Kyle Grogan, volunteer coordinator

Jason Nelson, outreach coordinator

Tonna Hartman, senior secretary

Lynn Purdy, night and weekend manager



FIND US ONLINE



Find us on Facebook @outdoorcampus

Our Facebook page is updated daily. Follow us for the latest in outdoor news, pop up classes and photos from our programs.



Find us on Twitter @outdoorcampus

We've always got something to say! Tweet with us. We tweet back!



Find us on Instagram @outdoorcampus

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



What ages can attend the HuntSAFE classes?

South Dakota's HuntSAFE (*Safety And Firearms Education*) courses are designed for persons age 12 through 15.

Persons who are 11 may participate, but will not be issued a Hunter Safety certification card until they turn 12, unless the card is clearly marked that the card is not valid in South Dakota until their 12th birthday.

If a student's 12th birthday falls on or between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, they may be issued a card and eligible to obtain a license and hunt beginning Sept. 1 of that year. Adults are also welcome and invited to attend.

Where do I find a listing of HuntSAFE classes in my area?

<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx>