

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus-West
South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Summer 2014

Registration Information



Program Registration Opens:

- for June on May 8 at 8:00 a.m.
- for July on June 12 at 8:00 a.m.
- for August on July 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Youth programs are **free**.

Some adult programs may have a materials fee.

Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

Pre-registration is required for all classes and programs.

There are 2 ways to pre-register for classes at The Outdoor Campus-West:

1. Surf to our website at www.outdoorcampus.org
Click "Rapid City".
2. If you have problems, call us at 394-2310.

Many programs fill quickly. **PLEASE** call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a class.

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we will add a class. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds and their adult partner

The goal of the Sprouts program is to introduce young children to the outdoors in a fun, active and non-threatening environment.



Catch it, Clean it and Cook it!

Experience fishing from start to finish! Come catch, clean, cook and eat a trout! Everything you need will be provided.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	June 11	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	June 13	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	June 14	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

I Am Lost! What Should I Do?

Helpful tips for youngsters and adults who spend time in the outdoors. Learn what to pack for hiking trips and how to use those items to be safe and help someone find you.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	June 25	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.
Friday	June 27	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

Rainbow Fish Painting

Join our volunteer, Kazumi, as she helps children make big rainbow fish by painting with their hands and feet!

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday	June 9	10-10:45 a.m.
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Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds & their adult partner

Damselflies and Dragonflies

Did you know that the pretty little blue dragonflies are actually damselflies? Learn the difference and go on a hike to find out where they live and see if we can catch some for a closer look!

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Saturday July 5 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

Saturday July 19 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

Frogs and Toads

Discover the differences between frogs and toads, where they live and what sounds they make. Go on a hike to try to find or hear them at the Campus. Make a craft and learn a song!

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday July 9 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

Friday July 11 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

Mud Ball

Join our volunteer, Kazumi, as she shares a Japanese art form with the children. Children will make soil balls by mixing sand, soil and water together. Who can make strongest or largest ball?

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday July 14 10-10:45 a.m.

Waterbugs

Discover what lives in the ponds and streams that fish love to eat. Learn what a dragonfly looks like before it learns to fly!

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday July 23 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

Friday July 25 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Age: 3-4 year olds & their adult partner

Let's Go Fishing!

Learn what fish like to eat, then try to catch one in our pond with rods just your size. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Participants must be accompanied by an adult partner.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday August 6 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Friday August 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday August 20 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Friday August 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Let's Go Pretend Fishing!

Children will make their own fishing poles with natural things and practice catching colorful paper fish. (No actual fishing in this class. Just pretend!)

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday August 11 10-10:45 a.m.

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Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library. We will read stories each month about animals, nature, children in the outdoors and lots more.

Age: 1-4 year olds with adult partner

Class dates:

Monday June 16 9-9:30 a.m. Bugs

Monday July 14 9-9:30 a.m. Turtles

Monday August 11 9-9:30 a.m. Fish



Young Naturalist Programs

Age: 5-7 year olds

Frogs and Toads

Discover the differences between frogs and toads, where they live and what sounds they make. Go on a hike to try to find or hear them at the Campus. Make a craft and learn a song!

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

Saturday July 5 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Friday July 25 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Waterbugs

Discover what lives in the ponds and streams that fish love to eat. Learn what a dragonfly looks like before it learns to fly!

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

Saturday July 19 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Camping Fun!

Set up tents, make fun camp foods, and play fun camping games. Learn how to pick a campsite and camping ethics.

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

Friday August 8 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Bird Watching Hike

Learn some bird identification tips to record in your journal and hike the Campus trails to see what we can find!

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

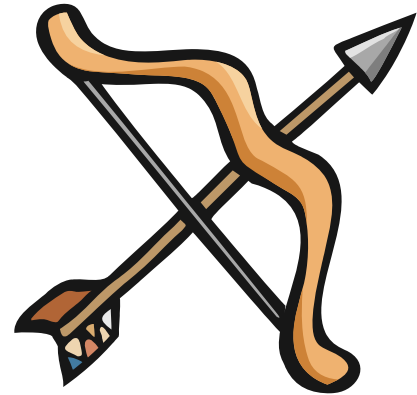
Friday August 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.



Junior Naturalist Programs

Age: 8-12 year olds

The goal of the Junior Naturalist program is to teach students about South Dakota's natural environment and its inhabitants through interactive games and activities. Trained staff will teach fishing and hunting skills and ethics, and nature programs, first in the classroom and then students will practice them outside.



Catch it, Clean it and Cook it!

Experience fishing from start to finish! Come catch, clean, cook and eat a trout! Everything you need will be provided.

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class date:

Saturday June 7 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Wild Plant Identification Hike

Explore the plant world with your senses! See, taste, smell and feel common plants. Draw them in your Campus journal to help remember them and share your new knowledge with others.

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class date:

Saturday June 21 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Paddling

Learn the basics of flat-water paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes, and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet!

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class date: (pick one of the following)

Thursday June 26 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Junior Naturalist Programs

Age: 8-12 year olds

BB Gun Basics

Learn basic gun safety, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8–10 years in a.m. 10-12 years in p.m.

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

Thursday July 3 10-11:00 a.m. OR 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Friday August 15 10-11:00 a.m. OR 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-10 year olds in a.m., 10-12 year olds in p.m.

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

Saturday July 5 10-11:00 a.m. OR 12:30-1:30p.m.

Climbing

Take your turn scaling our portable climbing wall. All safety equipment will be provided. Sturdy shoes (no sandals!) such as hiking or tennis shoes only.

Age: 8-12 year olds

Class date: (pick one of the following times)

Saturday July 19 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Introduction to Fishing

Learn to identify SD fish and what fish eat, then try to catch one in our pond. Please wear a hat and sunglasses for your safety. Fishing equipment is provided.

Age: 8-12 year olds

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

Saturday August 2 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11-12:00 p.m.

1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Teen Adventure Programs

Ages: 13-17 year olds



Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow?

Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday June 11 6-7:30 p.m.

Catch it, Clean it and Cook it!

Experience fishing from start to finish! Come catch, clean, cook and eat a trout! Everything you need will be provided.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday June 18 6-7:30 p.m.

Camping Skills

Learn basic needs for a successful camping trip. Topics covered will be tents, picking a good site, food, fire building and fun! Learn some fun knots for putting up tarp shelters, and much more.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday June 25 6-7:30 p.m.

Fly Fishing

Learn the basics of fly fishing, from gear to catching the fish! Topics covered will include knots, choosing correct flies, casting basics, fish ID, and how to properly handle the fish. After some instruction, you will try your luck on our pond! All equipment is supplied.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday July 2 6-8:00 p.m.

Teen Adventure Programs

Ages: 13-17 year olds year olds

Climbing

Take your turn scaling our portable climbing wall. All safety equipment will be provided. Sturdy shoes (no sandals!) such as hiking or tennis shoes only.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday July 9 6-7:30 p.m.

Outdoor Survival

Learn what you need to survive a night in the Black Hills. Topics covered will be clothing, shelter building, fire starting, and signaling techniques. Build a survival bracelet and practice building a shelter with a tarp.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday July 16 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Paddling

Learn the basics of flat-water paddling in canoes and kayaks. Course includes basic safety, paddling strokes, and hands-on practice at our pond. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet!

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday July 23 6-7:30 p.m.

Great Outdoor Challenge

Find a buddy and test your outdoor skills in the fun two-person competition. Teams will compete in climbing, casting, paddling and more.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday July 30 6-8:00 p.m.

Geocaching

Go high-tech in this modern scavenger hunt. Use our GPS units to discover hidden treasure on Campus.

Age: 13-17 year olds

Class date:

Wednesday August 6 6-7:30 p.m.

Family Programs

Age: all ages, unless otherwise listed



Camping Fun!

Learn basic needs for a successful camping trip. Topics covered will be tents, picking a good site, food, fire building and fun! Learn some fun knots for putting up tarp shelters, and much more.

Age: 8 year olds to adult

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

Saturday June 7 10-11:30 a.m. OR 1-2:30 p.m.

Introduction to Archery

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child 8 years old and up

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

Friday June 13 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday July 8 6-7:30 p.m.

Paddling Skills

Ever wanted to learn paddling skills? Come to The Outdoor Campus to learn some basic skills and safety instruction. Practice on our pond. Both canoes and kayaks will be available, along with life jackets and all necessary equipment.

Age: 4-7 year olds can ride with adult, 8 years old and up to ride alone

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

Saturday June 21 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Thursday July 17 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday August 12 6-7:30 p.m.

The Great Outdoor Challenge

Find a buddy and test your outdoor skills in the fun two-person competition. Teams will compete in climbing, casting, paddling and more.

Age: Pair of one adult and one child 8-14 years of age

Class date:

Saturday July 26 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Family Programs

Age: all ages, unless otherwise listed

Fishing Basics

Learn how to rig and cast a pole, to identify fish, and learn basic fishing regulations. Bait and poles will be furnished for you to try your luck in our pond.

Age: 4 year olds and up, under 16 year olds with an adult.

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

Wednesday	July 16	11 am-12 pm	} Choose ONE
		12-1 pm	
		1-2 pm	
		2-3 pm	
		3-4 pm	

Survive A Night in the Black Hills

Learn what you need to survive a night in the Black Hills. Topics covered will be clothing, shelter building, fire starting, and signaling techniques. Build a survival bracelet and build a shelter with a tarp.

Age: 8 year olds to adult

Class date:

Thursday	August 7	6:30-8:30 p.m.
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Family Geocaching

Learn how to use a GPS unit to find hidden treasure on Campus. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes (no sandals) for this high-tech scavenger hunt.

Age: all; under 8 year olds must be accompanied by an adult

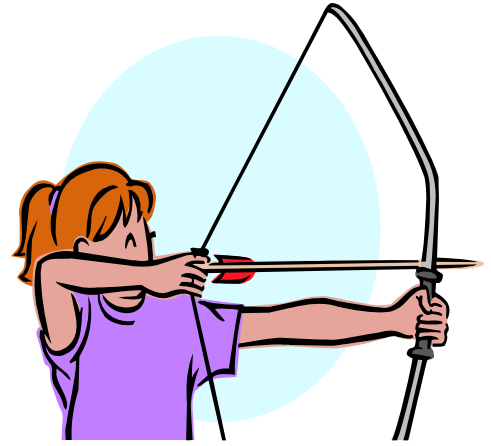
Class date:

Friday	August 1	6-7:30 p.m.
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We are always adding new and fun classes that are scheduled after this booklet is released! Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up classes!

Adult Programs

Age: 18 year olds and up. Please, do not bring children under 18.



Fly Fishing 101

Learn the basics of fly fishing in this **4 week class**. Participants are encouraged to attend **all 4 classes**. Topics covered will include basic equipment, tying and choosing correct flies, casting basics, fish ID, and how to properly handle the fish. The last class will discuss how to “read the water” and then you will try your luck on our pond with the flies you tied! All equipment is supplied. Fishing license is encouraged.

Age: 18 year olds and up

Class dates: (attend **ALL** of the following)

Tuesday	June 3	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Basic Equipment
Tuesday	June 10	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Fly Tying
Tuesday	June 17	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Casting Basics
Tuesday	June 24	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Fishing!!

Archery Basics

Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 18 year olds and up

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

Tuesday	June 3	6-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	June 24	6-7:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 10	6-7:30 p.m.

Survive A Night in the Black Hills

Learn what you need to survive a night in the Black Hills. Topics covered will be clothing, shelter building, fire starting, and signaling techniques. Build a survival bracelet and build a shelter with a tarp.

Age: 18 year olds and up

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

Thursday	June 5	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 1	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday	August 5	6:30-8:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Age: ages 18 and up. Please **do not** bring children under 18.

Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking and care of a Dutch oven. All materials will be supplied for some yummy recipes, so come hungry! Class will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: Adult (no children please)

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

Thursday	June 26	5:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 24	5:30-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 21	5:30-8:00 p.m.

Fly Casting 101

Fly casting is not as complex as it looks. Come learn how to look as good as Brad Pitt in "A River Runs Through It". Equipment will be supplied. Once you master the cast, try your luck on our pond. Fishing license is encouraged.

Age: 18 year olds and up

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

Thursday	June 19	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 15	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 19	6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wild Edible and Medicinal Plant Hike

Explore plants using your sense of feel, taste, smell and sight. Bring your camera and a journal to record all the special plants you will be introduced to on this hike. Herbalist Jodi Niggemann will be leading this hike.

Age: Adult (no children please)

Class date:

Sunday	June 22	2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
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Adult Programs

Age: ages 18 and up. Please **do not** bring children under 18.

Women's Shore Fishing 101

Always wanted to learn to fish at the lake but didn't know how to begin? Learn the basics about equipment, what bait to use, how to tie knots and how to clean the fish you catch or the proper way to release them. Female instructors will teach you in an unintimidating atmosphere! Register with a friend and learn together.

Age: Adult (no children please)

Class date:

Tuesday July 1 6-8:00 p.m.



NOTE: Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!

HuntSAFE Programs

Registration information can be found online at:
<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/>

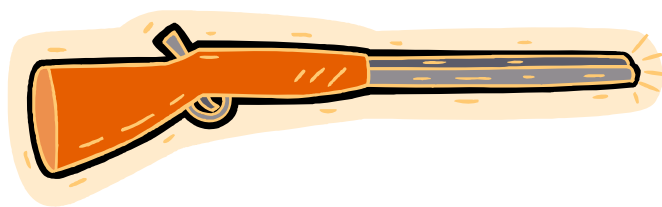
Online HuntSAFE Field Day

This 4 hour field day class is for those who have completed the IHEA online HuntSAFE course. Those enrolled must bring a printed copy of their completed online course chapter tests. Students must have the last 4 digits of their SSN and date of birth to obtain their Hunter Safety card after successfully completing the field day at The Outdoor Campus-West in Rapid City.

Age: 12 years to adult

Class date:

Saturday August 23 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



HuntSAFE Classes

State law requires that juveniles 12 through 15 years of age successfully complete a HuntSAFE course before obtaining a SD hunting license. The course is open to both youth and adults. All materials and firearms will be provided. Students will receive a HuntSAFE completion card. Students **MUST** attend the 3 dates at The Outdoor Campus-West **and** the Saturday date at the Rapid City Trap Club.

Age: Participant must be age 12 by 12/31/14

Class dates: pick **one** of the following. **MUST attend all 4 dates.**

Tue-Thurs August 12 5:30-9:00 p.m.

August 13 6-9:00 p.m.

August 14 6-9:00 p.m.

Saturday August 16 **8 a.m.-12 p.m. (At the Trap Cub)**

Tue-Thurs August 26 5:30-9:00 p.m.

August 27 6-9:00 p.m.

August 28 6-9:00 p.m.

Saturday August 30 **8 a.m.-12 p.m. (At the Trap Cub)**

Registration information can be found online at:
<http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/>

Special Events

no pre-registration required

Pollinator Week

Stop into The Outdoor Campus to learn what pollinators are and why they are important to everyone including hunters, anglers and birdwatchers. Activity stations will be set up for you to explore from Tuesday to Sunday. Registration is not necessary for this event.

Join us Friday night for a movie!

When: Tues-Sat June 17-21 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Sunday June 22 1-3 p.m.

International Mud Day!

Come prepared to get dirty as we learn about archaeology, art, gardening, soil, underground creatures and more! We'll provide a hose to rinse off, but you should bring a change of clothes.

When: Saturday June 28 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Outdoor University

Try a variety of outdoor skills like archery, BB gun shooting, canoeing & kayaking and more at this free family event. Game, Fish & Parks biologists and staff will have stations for you try some hands-on activities that showcase the tools GF&P uses to manage your fish and wildlife resources.

When: Saturday July 12 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Special Events

no pre-registration required

Women's Try-It Night

Try a variety of outdoor skills like archery, pellet gun shooting, canoeing & kayaking, and rock climbing at this free event just for the ladies. All equipment will be provided. Please come prepared with shoes and clothes that can get wet, and sturdy shoes (ex. hiking or tennis shoes for climbing).

When: Saturday July 18 5:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Fun Day for Preschoolers!

Come prepared to get dirty and have fun trying out all kinds of fun activities specifically for 3-5 year olds. Cast a rod, shoot a bow, go on a "hunt", check out our camping area and more! Everything is just the right size!

When: Saturday August 9 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.





Contact Information

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