



# OUTDOOR CAMPUS

— SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA —



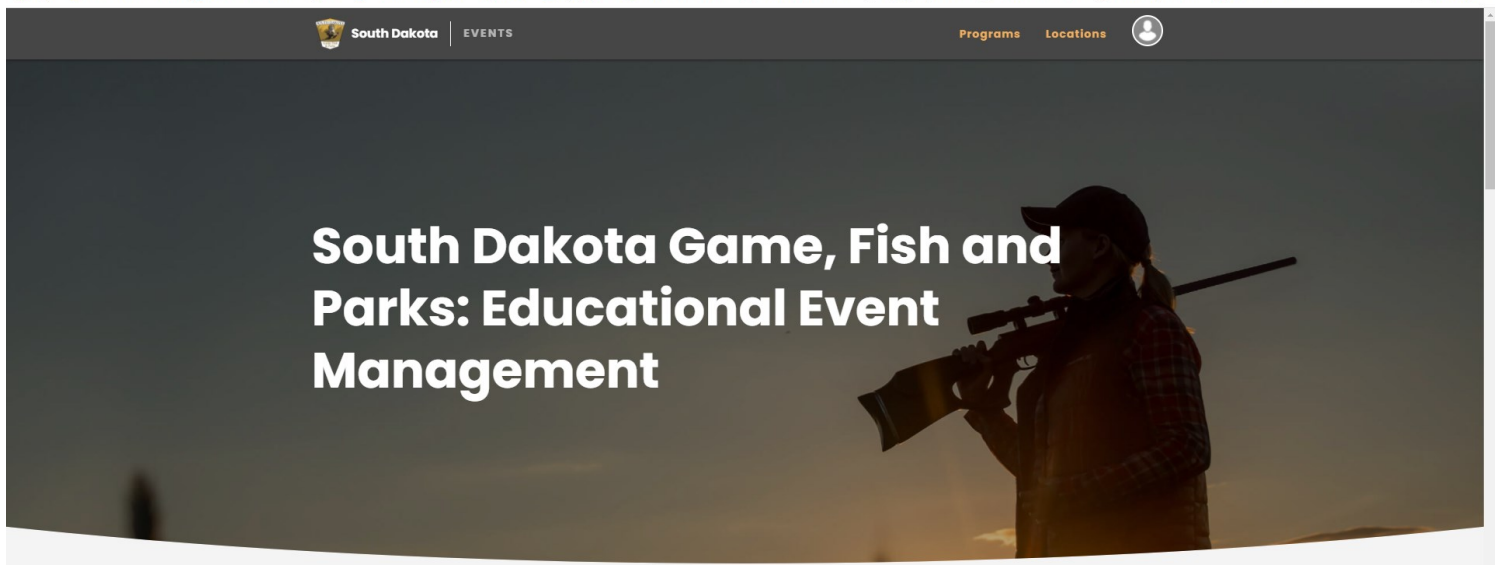
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## 2022 | **Spring Community Program Guide**

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# New Registration System!



## Welcome to our program registration site!

We are excited to work with Kalkomey and want to help you navigate through! We also have help from Kalkomey's customer service department!

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

1.800.684.9541 - [support@southdakota.kalkomey.com](mailto:support@southdakota.kalkomey.com)

### New Vocabulary :

**Kalkomey**—the name of the company that has created our new registration page.

**Program** – the collective group name for specific types of events, for example – Learn to Hunt, Learn to Fish, Outdoor Skills, Conservation

**Event** – the name of individual classes offered at a location

**Linked Account** – the tab used to add additional family members to your account

## Search for events in your area under these program titles

🔍 Learn to Hunt

🔍 Conservation

🔍 Shooting Sports

🔍 Learn to Trap

🔍 Learn to Fish

🔍 Outdoor Skills

# REGISTRATION & Information

## **SPRING PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS**

at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022

## **TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES**

Go to our website at: [gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)

## **COST**

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

## **PRE-REGISTRATION**

Pre-registration is required of all events (classes) 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.

**\*\*WE ARE NOT A PEANUT FREE FACILITY\*\***

## **OUR HOURS**

**Open:** Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. &  
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4p.m.

**Closed:** Sundays, State and Federal holidays.

## **Turkey Hunting**

This family program will go over the basics of getting ready for spring turkey season. We will discuss hunting tactics, set up decoys and practice your turkey calls so that you are ready for a successful hunt.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Track Hike with the Littles**

Let's go exploring for animals and their tracks on the trails! Enjoy the crispness of spring with a short hike perfect for you and your littles, learning where animals live, play and eat. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

**Age:** recommended 3 to 5, with adult

**Class size:** 15

**Date:** Wednesday, March 23, 10 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday, April 13, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 10 to 11a.m.

## **South Dakota Animals**

### **in American Sign Language and Hike**

Learn how to sign the name of animals that live in South Dakota. Katie, our ASL leader, will lead the class through the alphabet, animal names; and a nature hike on the trails. This class will be inside and outside. Please come dressed for the weather!

**Age:** All ages; youth must be with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Wild Game Cooking Demo Date Night**

The May Outdoor Campus and Home Grown Sioux Empire monthly series class will have a wild game cooking demo featuring locally sourced foods that are available in the area.

**Age:** Adults, 16 and older

**Class size:** 20 **Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



# Shooting Sports



## Archery Basics

Learn how to shoot our compound and long bows. Equipment, safety instruction, proper stance and ethical shot placement will all be discussed and demonstrated at our archery range using 3-D targets.

**Age:** Family, ages 5 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, April 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## Shot Gun Basics (off site program)

This class will give you hands-on learning in a safe environment with skilled instructors. This will be an excellent class for beginners, for those who need a refresher or a little extra help. All equipment will be provided. Shot Gun Basics will be held at the Crooks Gun Club.

**Location:** Crooks Gun Club, 2808 259<sup>th</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

**Age:** Adults, 18 and up

**Class size:** 5

**Class Date:** Saturday, May 14, 10 to 11 a.m.

## BB Guns

Firearm safety, eye dominance, stance style and other great tips and tricks for successful shot placement for target shooting and ethical hunting are the goal of this program. All equipment will be provided.

**Age:** All ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, May 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.

# Self-Led & Information Stations



Be sure to check the front and back door areas of The Outdoor Campus building. There are brochure racks with GFP hunting and fishing information and handbooks in the front, scavenger hunt sheets and orienteering maps at the back door to guide you on the trails. We will rotate the activities throughout the winter.



## **Locating Fish! Any Fish...on Any Water**

Guest Speaker, Ted Ellenbecker, multi species angler and multiple world record holder, will guide you through ***Fish Structure***, helping you understand what works and why other structure don't.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 50

**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

## **Flathead Catfish Special Seminar**

Guest Speaker, Ted Ellenbecker

A true heavy weight in the state of SD and the most structure oriented fish you will chase. Learn the secrets that can make your next outing a success and understand the mistakes most anglers make.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 50

**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.

## **Channel Catfish Special Seminar**

Guest Speaker, Ted Ellenbecker

A great fish to target for the serious angler as well as for the family outing! Readily available and willing. You will learn how to locate and catch these great fish on your favorite river or lake.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 50

**Date:** Saturday, March 12, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

## **Date Night— Recipes with Fish**

Mark the calendar! March 18 is Date Night! This date night cooking class will feature recipes to prepare our local freshwater fish. We tend to fall in the rut of deep frying everything when it comes to eating fish. Sign up for this class and try something new! You can come with a date, friend or on your own.

**Age:** Adults, "date" not required

**Class size:** 10

**Date:** Friday, March 18, 6:30 to 8p.m.



# Learn to Fish



## Fishing

Get your spring started off right with a little fishing. We'll start with a basic introduction including what equipment you need and practice knot tying and casting. Down at the pond, we will put our new skills to use and, with a little luck, bring in a big one!

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, April 23, 10 to 11 :30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7, 10 to 11 :30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## Fly Fishing

Fly Fishing is not like regular fishing! We'll start with a basic introduction comparing casting / spinning rods to fly rods then learn the finesse of presenting a fly and how to land a fish.

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 10

Date: Saturday, April 30, 10 to 11 30a.m. or 1:00 to 2:30p.m.

# Outdoor Skills



## Orienteering

Join us for one of our classic orienteering classes with the bonus of learning some American Sign Language vocabulary. Exercise both your body and your mind in this fun activity!

Age: All ages, youth with adult

Class size: 25

Date: Saturday, March 5, 10 to 11:30a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.

## Outdoor Survival

Learn about what is needed to survive in South Dakota. Many topics will be covered including fire preparation, shelter building, first aid, and most importantly, being prepared. This class is incredibly hands- on and is performed mostly outside. Dress accordingly.

Age: all ages; recommended ages 5 and up, youth with adult

Class size:20

Date: Saturday, March 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.



# Outdoor Skills



## Foraging - Edible Weeds and Mushrooms

The Home Grown Sioux Empire and Outdoor Campus Series program is getting excited for spring and all that nature has to provide. This class will discuss safe, ethical and legal foraging techniques.

**Age:** All ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## Dutch Oven Cooking

Outdoor cooking at its finest! The class will include the equipment and safety instruction you will need to cook in a Dutch oven along with some hands-on cooking practice with some of our favorite Dutch oven recipes.

**Age:** all ages; recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Date:** Saturday, April 23, 10 to Noon or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

# Conservation



## Seed Starting

Join Homegrown and Common Roots Seed Library for success with seed starting in the spring! The class will be informational and participants will be sent home with a packet of seeds to get started on planting.

**Age:** All ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## Bird Watching

Join us on a trek around the park trails looking and listening for area birds and our migrating feathered friends.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 4 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, March 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1 to 2:30 p.m.



# Learn to Trap



## Family Trapping 101

Come and learn about trapping in this comprehensive and hands-on learning adventure. We will discuss popular fur bearers in South Dakota, their habits and habitats, and how to be successful at trapping them. We will take our new knowledge outside to look at sign and make some real sets.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 12

**Date:** Saturday, March 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

## Trapping With Taylor

*Trapping with Taylor will be a trapping class led by Conservation Officer Taylor Geerdes for the women and girls in the area.*

The class will begin with a morning session discussing popular fur bearers in South Dakota, their habits and habitats. The conversation will include why people trap and what traps can be used.

The afternoon session will get the participants outside applying their newly gained insight into trapping looking for animal signs, setting and caring for traps.

**Age:** All ages, recommended 8 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Saturday, March 26, 10 to 12p.m. and 1 to 3p.m.



*Hello, I am Conservation Officer Taylor Geerdes. I cover Turner and Hutchinson County in Southeastern South Dakota. I have a Natural Resource Management and Law Enforcement Degree from SDSU. I have been trapping since I was a little girl and am very passionate about the sport. I have trapped coyotes, beaver, muskrat, badger, racoon, mink, opossum, and skunks! I know a little bit about bobcat trapping, but am hoping to learn more soon!*

# Home Grown Sioux Empire & Outdoor Campus Monthly Series



## **March—Seed Starting (see Conservation to register)**

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**Age:** All ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 to 8 p.m.



## **April— Foraging - Edible Weeds and Mushrooms**

**(see Outdoor Skills to register)**

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**Age:** All ages, youth with an adult

**Class size:** 20

**Date:** Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

## **May— Wild Game Cooking Demo Date Night**

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## Find Us Online



**Facebook**  
**outdoorcampusSF**



**Instagram**  
**@outdoorcampus\_siouxfalls**



**Twitter**  
**@outdoorcampusSF**



**Find our website**  
**[gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)**



# “Where are the Fish???”



## Ted Ellenbecker Guest Speaker

**Ted Ellenbecker**, multi-species angler, multiple world record holder, nationally renowned speaker and developer of “The Theory Of Three,” will be presenting three individual on seminars.



Register for one or all three!

**Age:** All ages, recommended 16 and up, youth with adult

**Class size:** 50

**Date:** Saturday, March 12.

**1:30 p.m. Fish Structure**, understand what works and why other structure don't. Find the best spots to look for fish throughout the year— even when ice fishing!

### **2:45 p.m. Flathead Catfish Special Seminar**

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# Be a Volunteer!

## 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.

## How To Get Started!

- 1) Submit a completed application form on The Outdoor Campus website. [gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/](http://gfp.sd.gov/toc-east/)
- 2) Our volunteer coordinator, will call to set up an interview once your application is received and reviewed.
- 3) Once your interview and background check are completed, Paige 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



## 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.

Founded by GFP in 1997



## 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.