

**Free!!**

# **Group Programs**

## **Winter 2016-2017**

**Free, fun activities for your group to enjoy!**



# **The Outdoor Campus**

# Registration Information

To register for our group programs please call our group program coordinator, Derek, at 362-2777 for information and scheduling.

Winter programming will be available December 1-February 28. Call 605-362-2777 for information and scheduling.

- **Group Size:** Minimum group size is 10; maximum group size is 20.
- **Other Programs:** Groups of 9 or smaller should register for programs found in our community programs brochure.
- **Cost:** All youth programs are free! Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!
- **How Many Programs?** Groups may schedule only one program per season to insure equal program availability to all groups.
- **Confirmation Letter:** After scheduling, we will send the group leader a confirmation letter with instructions and a waiver if the program requires it. Please be sure to read this information thoroughly!
- **Waiver:** All individuals signed up for boating, fishing, cooking, fly tying, orienteering, map and compass, GPS or firearm (BB gun, archery) classes must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian in order to participate. We will send the waiver form with the confirmation letter.
- **Chaperones:** We require at least one adult chaperone for each youth group, and one licensed adult for each youth angler age 7 and under. All adults age 16 and older chaperoning fishing programs must have a valid SD fishing license.
- **Special Needs:** Please inform us of any special needs, mobility concerns or health problems (including allergies) when scheduling.



# Group Programs

## South Dakota Animals

What animals live in South Dakota? Come join us while we discover what animals call this state home.



## Hop, Slither, Crawl: Animal Movements

Hop like a rabbit, slither like a snake and crawl like an opossum. Join us as we learn about animal movements with a game, craft, hike and much more!

## Super Senses

We will learn how animals have developed their super senses in nature through a game, craft and sensory hike. We will compare our senses of hearing, touching, tasting, seeing and smelling to our furry and feathered friends.



## Animal Talk

Discover the amazing world of animal languages! Learn why owls hoot, coyotes howl and frogs croak.

## Beaver Fever

Meet South Dakota's master dam builder! Discover the beaver's special adaptations and skills through the use of skins, skulls and fun activities.



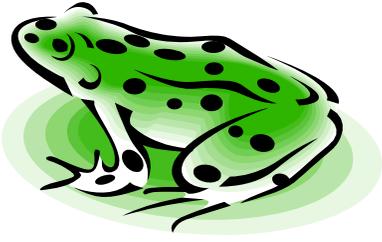
## Food Chains

What's on the dinner plate of critters that live in South Dakota? Learn about food chains and food webs through hands-on activities and games.

## Living on the Edge: Endangered Species

Learn about what it means for animals to be endangered, threatened, rare or extinct. We'll play games, do a craft and find out what you can do to help the population of our critters.





## Animal Adaptations

Claws, teeth, spots and stripes: all things animals depend on for survival. Join us as we learn about these and many more animal adaptations through a game, craft, hike and more!

## Habitat 101

Learn what animals need to have for a home. Food, water, shelter and space are the main components for any animal habitat. We will be hiking and exploring looking for animal habitats.



## Tracks and Traces

Discover what's out in the woods by the signs left behind! Age-appropriate activities likely include making a track cast, going on a tracking hike, seeing examples of various signs, etc. Be prepared for a hike and dress for the weather!

## Winter Wildlife

Get to know South Dakota's "cool" wildlife! Learn the importance of shelter for wildlife during winter months. Discover how different animals survive the cold through age-appropriate activities and outdoor explorations. Be prepared for a hike and dress for the weather!

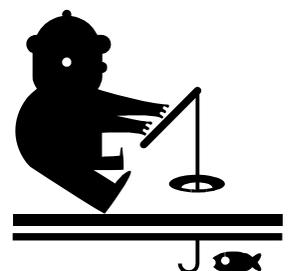


## Hunting Basics

Pheasant, waterfowl or deer— join us to learn the basics from start to finish on being safe and successful in the field. We will go over equipment, gaining permission, safety and much more.

## Introduction to Ice Fishing

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





## Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is a fun way to explore the outdoors in winter! Learn about appropriate clothing and technique, then hit the trails to test your skills on a trek. Wear warm clothes and waterproof boots.

## Introduction to Cross Country Skiing

Learn the basics of the sport, then go outdoors to practice your skills on our trails. Skis, poles and ski boots are provided by The Outdoor Campus. Must have at least 4" of good snow to ski.



## Winter Nature Hike

Our naturalists and trained volunteers lead your group on an age-appropriate tour of the wildlife and trees along our trails. Stumble across deer, fox and animal tracks and signs. Who knows what you'll see on the trail!

## Orienteering

Orienteering is a fun activity for all ages. Younger participants can hone map reading skills on the beginning map courses. Older participants can learn how to use the map and compass together to navigate in the backcountry hunting, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.



## GPS and Geocaching

Learn the basics of Global Positioning Systems and how to use them while in the outdoors or out hunting or fishing. Get outdoors and use a GPS receiver to navigate several GPS courses!

# Other Options at The Outdoor Campus

## Special Requests

If your group has a special program request, contact Derek Klawitter. He will try his best to accommodate your needs for programs on an outdoor related topic. You can contact Derek at this email address: [Derek.Klawitter@state.sd.us](mailto:Derek.Klawitter@state.sd.us)



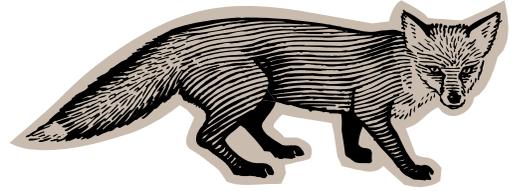
## Self Tours for Groups or Schools

Groups may visit our museum and grounds on their own. This option is popular with groups who are not able to schedule a program led by our staff.

**The following guidelines will make your trip successful!**

- **You must call and schedule your group in advance!** This prevents conflicts with other groups and programs at The Outdoor Campus.
- Plan 15 to 20 minutes for visits to the museum.
- Groups using the grounds must remain in designated areas and stay on the trails.
- Take time to walk the trails! We have short trails, long trails and trails in between! See all kinds of South Dakota habitats including tall grass prairie, a pond, an oxbow lake, eastern riparian forests and all the wildlife you can find!

## **Borrow These Teaching Tools**



We have crates of teaching materials 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 resource director will destroy or return your check. These are the crates we lend:

Mammal Crate A

Bat Crate

Beaver Crate

Camera Crate

Endgangered Species Crate

Grasslands/Sod Crate

Prairie Crate

Track Sack

Mammal Crate B

Binoculars Crate

Bird Box

Coyote Crate

Discovery Bags

Land Navigation Crate

Tree Trunk Crate

Wetlands Crate

If you would like to see the inventory sheet for any of these crates, contact Hilary Fernholz at [Hilary.fernholz@state.sd.us](mailto:Hilary.fernholz@state.sd.us)

### **Permanent Orienteering Course**

The Outdoor Campus has several introductory and intermediate orienteering courses set up in our park. Your group may borrow orienteering maps and compasses from The Outdoor Campus for use on your own. You may borrow the maps Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you prefer some instruction beforehand, your group may schedule an orienteering class with one of our naturalists, or you can sign up for one of our community classes. There is no cost. Two courses are ADA. Pre-registration is required for the Permanent Orienteering Course Maps. Call us at 362-2777 to ensure the maps and compasses will be available.

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