

FREE PROGRAMS!

The Outdoor Campus-West

South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

**Community
and
Group Programs**



Fall 2016

Registration Information for Individuals & Families

Program Registration Opens:

for September on August 11

for October on September 8

for November on October 13



Youth programs are **free**. Some adult programs may have a fee for materials.

Thank a hunter or angler for supporting our education efforts!

Pre-registration is required for all programs.

To pre-register for programs:

Surf our website at www.outdoorcampus.org

Click "Rapid City". (A public use computer is available in our lobby.)

If you have problems, call us at (605) 394-2310.

Many programs fill quickly. PLEASE call us or cancel on the website as soon as possible if you cannot attend a program.

Watch for POP-UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll add a program. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for these special additions.

September Programs

Registration Opens August 11



Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 with adult partner

Program date:

Monday	September 12	9-9:30 a.m.	Leaves
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Sprouts Preschool Programs 3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



A B Cs of Fishing

Learn about fishing from angler to worms! We will read a book showing many items needed for fishing and then explore the items hand-on. (no actual fishing)

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	September 7	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	September 8	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	September 10	10-10:45 a.m.

Fishing Exploration for Toddlers!

Learn about fishing with your toddler and our volunteer, Kazumi Tinant. Come prepared to play!

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program date:

Monday	September 19	10-10:45 a.m.
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Looking at Leaves

Practice your observation skills by comparing leaves using four senses. Play a game, learn a song and make a craft using leaves found on a hike around the Campus.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	September 21	10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday	September 22	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	September 24	10-10:45 a.m.

September Programs

Young Naturalist Programs
5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to
stay and enjoy the program.



Let's Go Fishing!

Learn to identify 5 kinds of fish, then try to catch a fish 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: 5-7

Program date:

Friday September 9 10-10:45 a.m.

Looking at Leaves

Practice your observation skills by comparing leaves using four senses. Play a game, learn a song and make a craft using leaves found on a hike around the Campus.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday September 10 10-10:45 a.m.

A B Cs of Fishing

Learn about fishing from angler to worms! We will read a book showing many items needed for fishing and then explore many of the items hand-on. (no actual fishing)

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday September 24 10-10:45 a.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 (605)394-2310. Thank you!

September Programs

Jr. Naturalist Programs
8-12 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: 8-12

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

Thursday September 15 6-7:00 p.m. OR 7-8:00 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

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

Saturday September 17 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11-12:00 noon



We are always adding new and fun programs that are scheduled after this booklet is released! Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up programs!

September Programs

Family Programs
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. Please bring a hat and sunglasses!

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

Program date:

Thursday September 15 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Paddling Skills

Ever wanted to learn paddling skills? Learn and practice some basic skills and water safety on our pond. Both canoes and kayaks will be available, along with life jackets and all necessary equipment.

Age: 8+ may ride alone, under 8 can ride in a canoe with adult

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

Saturday September 17 10-11:00 a.m. OR 11 a.m-12:00 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 and up

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

Saturday September 24 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 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 (605)394-2310. Thank you!

September Programs

Adult Programs

Age 18 and up. Please do not bring children.



Dutch Oven Cooking

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

Age: adult (no children)

Program date:

Friday

September 16

5:30-8:00 p.m.

Fly Casting 101

Fly casting is not as complex as it looks. Learn the skills needed to make a perfect cast. Equipment will be supplied. Once the cast is mastered, try fishing in the pond. A fishing license is encouraged.

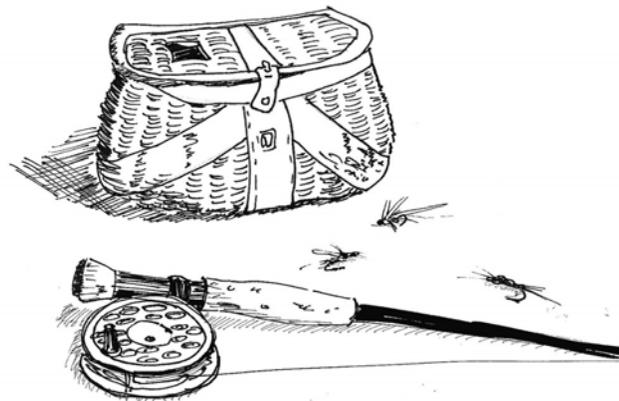
Age: adult (no children)

Program date:

Tuesday

September 27

6:00-7:30 p.m.



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October Programs

Registration Opens September 8

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 with adult partner

Program date:

Monday October 3 9-9:30 a.m. Snakes



Sprouts Preschool Programs 3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



Secrets of the Apple Tree

Discover some of the secrets of an apple tree! Pick an apple from an apple tree at The Outdoor Campus to investigate. Taste freshly made applesauce and learn how to make your own.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday October 5 10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday October 6 10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday October 8 10-10:45 a.m.

Pumpkins

Learn about pumpkins with volunteer, Kazumi Tinant.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Program date:

Monday October 17 10-10:45 a.m.

Pumpkins & Seeds

Experience the feel and smell of a pumpkin and its seeds. Create your own pumpkin window hanger.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday October 26 10-10:45 a.m.
Thursday October 27 10-10:45 a.m.

A B Cs of White-tailed Deer

Learn about deer from antlers to velvet! Explore many deer artifacts and take a hike to look for signs of deer along the trail.

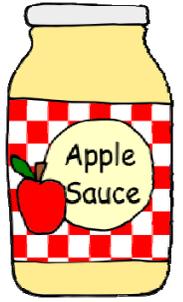
Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program date:

Saturday October 29 10-10:45 a.m.

October Programs

Young Naturalist Programs
5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to stay and enjoy the program.



Secrets of the Apple Tree

Discover some of the secrets of an apple tree! Pick an apple from an apple tree at The Outdoor Campus to investigate. Taste freshly made applesauce and learn how to make your own.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday October 15 10-10:45 a.m.

Pumpkins & Seeds

Experience the feel and smell of a pumpkin and its seeds. Create your own pumpkin window hanger.

Age: 5-7

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

Saturday October 22 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Drake's Deer Hunting Adventure

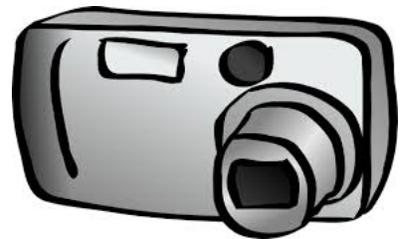
Listen to a fun story about a boy and his dad on their archery hunting adventure. Sit in a real deer blind, use the calls and shoot an arrow at our 3D deer target.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday October 29 10-10:45 a.m.

Jr. Naturalist Programs
8-12 year olds.



Nature Photography

Practice observation skills through photography to capture nature's alphabet. Participants will learn the basics of digital photography and practice by finding "letters" in nature.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Saturday October 8 1:30-3:00 p.m.

October Programs

Jr. Naturalist Programs Cont...

Pellet Gun Basics

Learn basic gun safety and techniques that will help you become a more successful hunter. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8-12

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

Tuesday October 18 6-7:00 p.m. OR 7-8:00 p.m.

Archery Basics

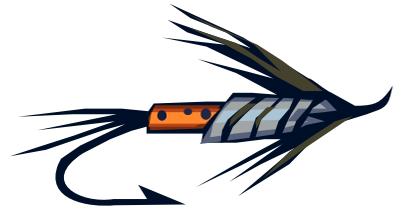
Ever wanted to try hunting with a bow? Trained staff will teach you how to shoot a compound bow and practice your marksmanship on our 3-D animal or bulls-eye targets.

Age: 8-12

Program date:

Tuesday October 25 6-7:00 p.m.

Family Programs All ages, unless otherwise listed.



Fly Tying 101

Learn fly tying basics by tying freshwater flies that can be used in lakes and streams. All materials will be provided. Different fly patterns will be tied each program, so feel free to register for each program.

Age: 13 year olds and up

Class dates:

Tuesday October 4 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday October 11 6:30-8:30 p.m.

B-B-B Bats!

Discover the world of bats! What do they eat, where do they live and what good are they?

Age: all ages

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

Friday Oct 14 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Oct 20 6:30-7:30 p.m.

October Programs

Adult Programs

Age 18 and up. Please, **do not** bring children.



Dutch Oven Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking with a Dutch oven, and the special care needed for cast iron cookware. All materials will be supplied for some yummy recipes, so come hungry!

Program will include taste testing of recipes!

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Thursday October 13 5:30-8:00 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.

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Tuesday October 25 7-8:00 p.m.

Fly Tying 101

Learn fly tying basics by tying freshwater flies that can be used in lakes and streams. All materials will be provided. Different fly patterns will be tied each program, so feel free to register for each program.

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Thursday October 27 6:30-8:30 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 (605) 394-2310. Thank you!

November Programs

Registration Opens October 13

Nature Story Time

Join us on a reading adventure as we explore our nature library.

Age: 1-4 years with adult partner

Program date:

Monday November 14 9-9:30 a.m. Turkeys



Sprouts Preschool Programs 3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



A B Cs of the Wild Turkey

Learn about turkeys from acorns to yelps! Learn some fun facts and then explore many hands-on items related to turkeys.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Thursday November 3 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday November 5 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday November 16 10-10:45 a.m.

Animal Movement

Children will explore animal movement, especially turkeys, with volunteer, Kazumi Tinant.

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

Program date:

Monday November 21 10-10:45 a.m.

“T” is for Turkeys

Learn what makes turkeys special and what they like to eat. Play a game and learn a song.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Thursday November 17 10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday November 19 10-10:45 a.m.

Wednesday November 23 10-10:45 a.m.

November Programs

Young Naturalist Programs
5-7 year olds. Adults encouraged to
stay and enjoy the program.



“T” is for Turkeys

Learn what makes turkeys special and what they like to eat. Play a game and learn a song.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday November 5 10-10:45 a.m.

A B Cs of the Wild Turkey

Learn about turkeys from acorns to yelps! Learn some fun facts and then explore many hands-on items related to turkeys.

Age: 5-7

Program date:

Saturday November 19 10-10:45 a.m.

Jr. Naturalist Programs 8-12 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: 8-12

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

Saturday November 5 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday November 15 6-7:00 p.m.

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November Programs

Jr. Naturalist Programs Cont...

Waterfowl Identification

Discover some tips for identifying waterfowl on the water or in the air. Dress warm and bring binoculars, if you have them, so we can get a better look as we hike on the trail. Journals will be provided to get your ornithology skills recorded.

Age: 8-12 year olds

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

Saturday November 12 1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

Pellet Gun Basics

Learn basic gun safety, shooting positions and techniques that will help you become a more successful hunter. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot.

Age: 8-12

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

Tuesday November 1 6-7:00 p.m.

Thursday November 17 6-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday November 29 6-7:00 p.m.

Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed

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

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

Saturday November 26 10-11:00 a.m.

11-12:00 noon

1-2:00 p.m.

2-3:00 p.m.

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Pellet Gun Challenge

Learn basic gun safety, shooting positions and techniques. Your shooting skills and safe gun handling will improve with every shot. Top off the evening with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

Age: Pairs of 1 adult and one child age 8 and up

Program date:

Tuesday November 29 7-8:00 p.m.

November Programs

Adult Programs

18 and up. Please, **do not** bring children.

Fly Tying 101

Learn fly tying basics by tying freshwater flies that can be used in lakes and streams. All materials will be provided. Different fly patterns will be tied each program, so feel free to register for this program if you attended the October programs.

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Tuesday November 8 6:30-8:30 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.

Age: adult (no children please)

Program date:

Tuesday November 10 6:30-7:30 p.m.



Registration

Information for Groups

These are great options for scout groups, 4-H clubs, church groups, etc.

Groups can schedule their own naturalist-led program by choosing from the programs in this brochure and calling 394-1753 for open dates and staff availability. Please be sure to read the information below regarding group requirements!

Program Registration Opens: August 11 for September, October and November. Groups will not be scheduled before this date.

Group size: A minimum of 10 is preferred; maximum is 30. Some programs may have smaller class size. Groups of 9 or smaller are encouraged to register for programs found in our community programs brochure.

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

Number of programs per group: only 1 per month to insure equal program availability to all groups.

Waiver: All participants signed up for programs must have a waiver signed in order to participate. The waiver form will be sent with the confirmation letter.

Confirmation letter: The group leader will receive a confirmation letter with instructions. Please be sure to read this information thoroughly!

Chaperones: At least one adult chaperone is required for each youth group, and one adult for each youth angler age 7 and under. All adults age 16 and older chaperoning fishing programs are encouraged to have a valid SD fishing license.

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

Special Requests

If your group has a special program request, contact Keith Wintersteen. He will try his best to accommodate your needs for programs. keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us; (605) 394-1753

Group Programs

(Choose from this list)

Ages are estimates – programs can be adapted to meet the needs of your group.

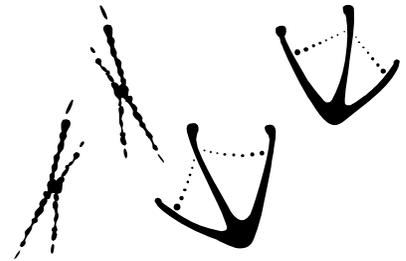
Sprout Safari

Our youngest hunters can learn about firearms safety, game identification and hunting regulations before being issued a “license” to hunt 3D game targets with foam dart guns and bow and arrows.

Ages: 3 - adult

Time: 45 minutes

Maximum Class Size: 8



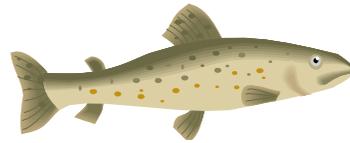
South Dakota Fish

Hands on activities to help you learn all about the fish of South Dakota.

Ages: 3 - adult

Time: 1 hour

Maximum Class Size: 30



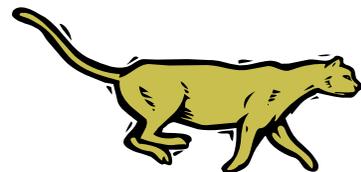
I'm Not Lion

Test your mountain lion IQ. Learn about this fascinating Black Hills feline and where it fits in the food chain.

Ages: 4– adult

Time: 1 hour

Maximum Class Size: 30



Finding a Place to Hunt

Western South Dakota has over 2.5 million acres of land open to public hunting. This program will help you locate those areas and identify the types of hunting available on them.

Ages: 16- adult

Time: 1 hour

Maximum program size: 20

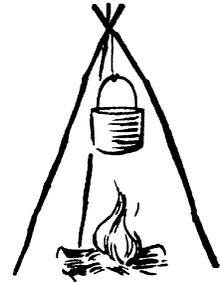


Dutch Oven Wild Game Cooking

Learn the basics of cooking with and caring for a Dutch Oven. We supply all materials; you supply the appetite and willingness to learn. Families with children welcome. Participants must wear closed toe shoes.

Age: 6 years to adult

Time: 2 hours



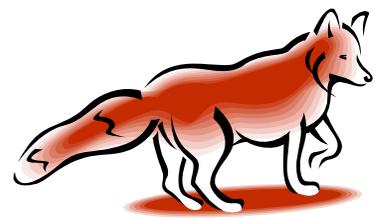
Introduction to Trapping

Learn the basic skills and equipment needed to harvest South Dakota's common furbearers. Topics covered will include trapping ethics, methods and common furbearers of South Dakota.

Age: 14 years to adult

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Maximum program size: 6



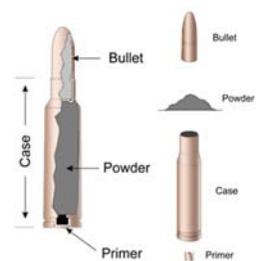
Cartridge Reloading

Learn basic rifle and pistol cartridge reloading. Topics covered will include reloading safety, gear to get you started, the rifle and handgun cartridge reloading process and how to read & use reloading manuals. All equipment will be provided. No live ammunition will be produced during the class.

Ages: 16 to adult

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Maximum class size: 5



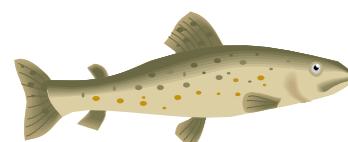
Family Catch, Clean, Cook and Eat a Trout!

Families will learn how to catch, clean and cook a trout. Fishing, fish cleaning and cooking gear will be provided. You bring the appetite.

Ages: 4 to adult

Time: 1.5 hours

Maximum class size: 16



Survival Basics

Learn basic survival skills to help you enjoy that unplanned overnight stay in the wilds of the Black Hills. Learn basic shelter construction, camp fire building techniques and other fun survival skills.

Ages: 16 - adult

Time: 2 hours

Maximum class size: 12



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!

Ages: 8 - adult

Time: 1-1.5 hours

Maximum Class Size: 16



Introduction to fly fishing

Get a hands-on introduction to fly fishing equipment, knots and casting. Practice casting on our lawn, then do the real thing at our pond! Bring your own hat and sunglasses to keep you safe! Valid SD fishing licenses are encouraged for participants age 16 and older. This includes all adults and chaperones.

Ages: 12 - adult

Time: 1-1.5 hours



Handgun Safety for Women

This course is designed to safely introduce women to handguns. Topics covered will include handgun action types as well as safely loading, unloading and storing handguns.

Ages: 18 and up

Time: 2 hours

Maximum class size: 20



Introduction to Rifle Shooting

Instruction will include rifle safety, basic shooting positions, use of slings, bipods and shooting sticks as well as improvised shooting rests. Graduates of this program will have the option of travelling to a local range for live fire training.

Ages: 18 and up

Time: 2 1/2 hours

Maximum program size: 8



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, in orienteering meets or in adventure races.

Ages: 8 - adult

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Class Size: 12



Introduction to Archery

Experience archery at The Outdoor Campus-West! We will learn about safety and archery equipment, then use Genesis Bows to try your skills with bulls eye and 3D targets.

Ages: 8 - adult

Time: 1 -1.5 hours

Maximum class size: 12



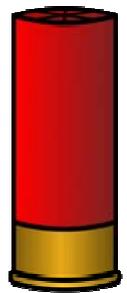
Virtual Shotgun Training

Learn to safely operate, clean, store and shoot a shotgun. Students will learn and practice shooting moving targets with our interactive shotgun training system at the Campus.

Ages: 18 and up

Time: 2 hours

Maximum class size: 5



Special Requests

If your group has a special program request, contact Keith Wintersteen. He will try his best to accommodate your needs for programs.

keith.wintersteen@state.sd.us; (605) 394-1753

Other Options at The Outdoor Campus-West

Self Tours for Groups

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

- **You must call and schedule your group in advance!** This prevents conflicts with other groups and programs at The Outdoor Campus-West.
- Plan 45 minutes to 1 hour for visits to The Outdoor Campus-West habitat displays and aquarium.
- Take time to walk the trails! We have short trails, long trails and trails in between! See all kinds of South Dakota habitats including short grass prairie, ponds, creeks, pine and deciduous forests, western riparian areas and many kinds of wildlife!

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. We are not able to take credit cards. When the crate is returned and after a satisfactory inventory of its contents, we will destroy or return your check. These are the crates we lend:

Cougar Crate
Elk Trunk

Critter Crates
Fishing Kit

Swift Fox Box
Bat Trunk

To

reserve these crates, contact staff at 605.394.2310 or tocwest@state.sd.us.



Special Events

no pre-registration required



Halloween Hike

Wear your costumes and come to The Outdoor Campus-West for fun games, crafts and an evening hike. This evening is for the whole family, with hikes for both younger children, and older children and adults. (No scary haunted house!)

Friday

Oct 28

5-8 p.m.

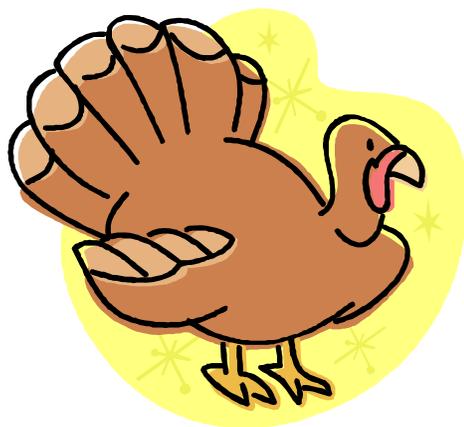
Turkey Trivia Trail

Hike through the exhibits and along our outside trails to learn some interesting Turkey Trivia! Did you know they are related to pheasants? This is a great way to walk off those Thanksgiving treats!

Saturday

Nov 26

10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Follow our Facebook page or sign up for email notifications for Pop-up programs!

Give Back...

Volunteer at The Outdoor Campus-West

Become a member of South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' large and diverse volunteer team at The Outdoor Campus-West.

Benefits Of Volunteering!



- Education Opportunities
- Develop New Skills
- Make New Friends
- Provide a Positive Impact for Our Community
- Earn Written Reference for Continuing Education and Scholarships
- Receive School Credit
- Register Early for Programs

Opportunities Available

- Program Assistant
- Special Events
- Information Desk
- Gardening
- Roving Interpretation
- Landscaping
- And much, much, more...

To Become a Volunteer

- Apply online for volunteer service at www.outdoorcampus.org
- Pick up a paper application at The Outdoor Campus-West
- Call to schedule an interview
- Complete volunteer orientation and training

For more info, contact Luke Mickelson at
(605) 394-2538 or
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