

**FREE  
PROGRAMS!**

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

# **Community**



**Spring 2016**

# Registration Information

## Program Registration Opens:

for March on February 11

for April March 10

for May on April 14



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 to our website at [www.outdoorcampus.org](http://www.outdoorcampus.org)

Click "Rapid City".

(A public use computer is available in our lobby.)

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 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.**

# March Programs

**Registration Opens February 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                      March 14                      9-9:30 a.m.      Frogs



## Sprouts Preschool Programs

3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



### Bird Beaks

Learn to identify 8 different birds and how they use their special beaks to help them gather food. “Eat like a bird” using tools similar to their beaks.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	March 2	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	March 4	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	March 5	10-10:45 a.m.

### R is for “Rabbits”

Learn how to spot the 2 main kinds of rabbits in SD. Find out what they eat, where they live and how to spot their tracks.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	March 16	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	March 18	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	March 19	10-10:45 a.m.

### Animal Tracks

Play a game using animal tracks with our volunteer Kazumi.

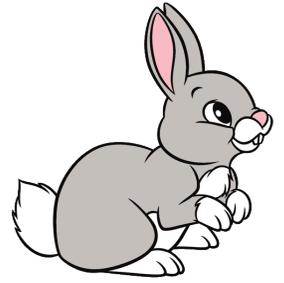
**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

**Class date:**

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

# March Programs Cont...

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



## R is for "Rabbits"

Learn how to spot the 2 main kinds of rabbits in SD. Find out what they eat, where they live and how to spot their tracks.

**Age:** 5-7

**Program date:**

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

## Bird Beaks

Learn to identify 8 different birds and how they use their special beaks to help them gather food. "Eat like a bird" using tools similar to their beaks.

**Age:** 5-7

**Program date:**

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

## **Jr. Naturalist Programs** 8-12 year olds



## Basic Turkey Hunting Skills

Learn some tricks and tips for safely hunting spring turkeys. Make a turkey call that you can use to call in a gobbler!

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      March 15                      6:30-7:30 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. Learn where to aim if you go hunting.

**Age:** 8-12

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

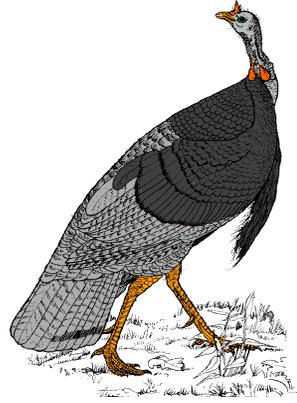
Saturday                      March 19                      1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

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# March Programs Cont...

## Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed.



### Turkey Box Calls

Make your own box call to use for calling up a gobbler this spring turkey season. Volunteers Joe & Nancy Reinhart will share their skills helping you construct one call per family. Space is limited.

**Age:** 16 and up

**Program date:**

Tuesday                      March 15                      6:30-9:00 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:**

Thursday                      March 17                      6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Build A Bird

After learning about all the things that make a bird a bird, construct your own bird and describe where it would live, what it would eat, and any special characteristics it has that helps it survive in its habitat!

**Age:** all ages

**Program date:**

Friday                      March 18                      6:30-7:30 p.m.

### April Fools Eve Un-nature Hike

Bundle up for a hike to discover some fun April Fool plants and animals along the trail. All you need to bring along is your sense of humor!

**Age:** all ages

**Program date:**

Thursday                      March 31                      6:30-7:30 p.m.

# March Programs Cont...

## Adult Programs

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

### Backyard Bird Identification

This program is for rookie birders. Get tips on what to look for when trying to identify birds that commonly are found in your yard. Bring a friend to learn with you!

**Age:** adult (no children please)

**Program date:**

Tuesday

March 22

6:30-7:30 p.m.



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# April Programs

Registration Opens March 10

## Nature Story Time

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

**Age:** 1-4 with adult partner

**Program date:**

Monday                      April 11                      9-9:30 a.m.                      Fishing



## Sprouts Preschool Programs

3-4 year olds and their adult partner.



### Bird Nests

Experience how difficult it is to build a bird nest, and observe real nests up close. Learn how to help birds by hanging some nesting supplies for them to use.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday              April 6                      10-10:45 a.m.  
Friday                      April 8                      10-10:45 a.m.  
Saturday                      April 9                      10-10:45 a.m.

### Bears!

Learn about bears hibernating and then waking up in a fun activity with our volunteer, Kazumi.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

**Program date:**

Monday                      April 18                      10-10:45 a.m.

### Spider Web Fun!

Did you know there are different shapes of spider webs? Learn about webs, the spiders that use them, and how and why they use them.

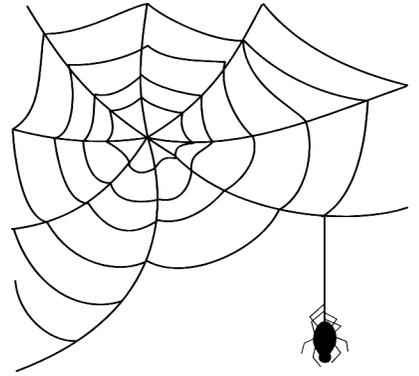
**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday              April 20                      10-10:45 a.m.  
Friday                      April 22                      10-10:45 a.m.  
Saturday                      April 23                      10-10:45 a.m.

# April Programs Cont...

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



## **Spider Web Fun!**

Did you know there are different shapes of spider webs? Learn about webs, the spiders that use them, and how and why they use them.

**Age:** 5-7

**Program date:**

Saturday                      April 9                      10-10:45 a.m.

## **Bird Nests**

Experience how difficult it is to build a bird nest, and observe real nests up close. Learn how to help birds by hanging some nesting materials for them to use.

**Age:** 5-7

**Program date:**

Saturday                      April 23                      10-10:45 a.m.

## **Let's Go Turkey Hunting!**

Join us on a "hunt" for turkey. Take a hike on the trail to call and look for tracks and sign. Use our toy guns and bows to shoot at the turkey targets. Dress to go outside!

**Age:** 5-7

**Program date:**

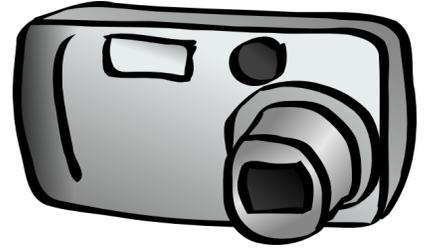
Saturday                      April 30                      10-10:45 a.m.

## **Group Programs**

**The Outdoor Campus-West staff can provide a program just for you & and your group. Grab an orange Group Program Brochure or check online for more information on booking your own program!**

# April Programs Cont...

## Jr. Naturalist Programs 8-12 year olds.



### Nature Photography

Practice observation skills through photography to capture “nature’s alphabet”. Cameras will be available for use. Dress appropriately to go out and hike the trails.

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Saturday                      April 2                      10-11:30 a.m.

### Basic Hunting Skills

Learn basic gun safety, crossing fences, shooting positions and techniques that will help you become a safe hunter. Practice skills you will learn more about in HUNTSafe classes.

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Thursday                      April 7                      6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Backyard Bird Identification

How many of the birds that live in your neighborhood can you identify? Impress your friends and family after learning tips to help you identify common birds.

**Age:** 8-12

**Program date:**

Saturday                      April 16                      10-11:00 a.m.



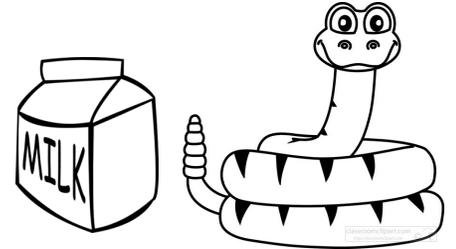
**Please remember to cancel your registration if you are unable to attend. This will allow others the opportunity to participate. Cancel by going online to the registration system or by calling 394-2310. Thank you!**

# April Programs Cont...

## Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed.

### April Fools!



### April Fools Un-nature Hike

Bundle up for a hike to discover some fun April Fool plants and animals along the trail. All you need to bring along is your sense of humor!

**Age:** all ages

**Program date:**

Friday                      April 1                      6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Build A Bird

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**Age:** all ages

**Program date:**

Saturday                      April 16                      1-2:00 p.m.

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**Age:** Pairs of 1 adult and one child, 8 and up

**Program date:**

Thursday                      April 21                      6:30-7:30 p.m.



# April Programs Cont...

## Adult Programs

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

### Boat South Dakota: Course on Responsible Boating

This class will include general information about boats and maintenance; tips on how to be a safe, courteous boat operator; and discussion on laws and regulations.

New and potential boat owners are encouraged to attend. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a SD Boating Basics Certification and a possible reduction on boat insurance.

**Must attend both nights.**

*Contents are approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators & the US Coast Guard.*

**Age:** 18 years and up

**Class date:**

Tues & Wed

April 5 & 6

6-9:00 p.m.



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# May Programs

**Registration Opens April 14**

## 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                      May 16                      9-9:30 a.m.      Ponds



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



### Baby Animals

Some babies look like their mothers, others do not! Learn about animal life cycles.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday              May 11                      10-10:45 a.m.

Friday                      May 13                      10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday                      May 14                      10-10:45 a.m.

### Frogs & Toads

Discover the differences between frogs and toads. Go for a hike to try to find or hear them.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday              May 18                      10-10:45 a.m.

Friday                      May 20                      10-10:45 a.m.

Saturday                      May 21                      10-10:45 a.m.

### Planting Seeds for Mother's Day

Bring your little one and plant wildflower seeds with our volunteer, Kazumi.

**Age:** 3-4 plus adult partner

**Program date:**

Monday                      May 9                      10-10:45 a.m.



# May Programs Cont...

## Jr. Naturalist Programs

8-12 year olds

### Climbing

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

**Age:** 8-12

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

Saturday                      May 28                      1-2:00 p.m. OR 2-3:00 p.m.

## Family Programs

All ages, unless otherwise listed



### Family Fishing Basics

Learn how to rig and cast a pole, to identify fish, and learn basic fishing regulations. Discover how to make a fishing trip with children more fun for everyone by learning fishing safety. Bait and poles will be furnished for you to try your luck in our pond.

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

**Class date:**

Tuesday                      May 17                      6:30-7:30 p.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. (no sandals!)

**Age:** 8 and up, under 16 with an adult

**Class date:**

Thursday                      May 19                      6:30-7:30 p.m.



## Adult Programs

18 and up. Please, do not bring children.

### 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:** adult (no children please)

**Class date:**

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

# May Programs Cont...

## Adult Programs

18 and up. Please, do not bring children.

### 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 and up (no children please)

**Class date:**

Thursday

May 26

6:30-8:00 p.m.



## Special Events

**\*no pre-registration required\***

### Family Try It: Paddling Day

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 all necessary equipment. You may drop in anytime during the listed time period.

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

**Class date:**

Saturday

May 17

10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



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