

**FREE
CLASSES!**

The Outdoor Campus-West

South Dakota Department of
Game, Fish and Parks

Community Programs



Winter 2014-15

Registration Information



Program Registration Opens:
for December, January & February on
November 13

Youth programs are **free**. Certain 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 cannot attend a class.

Watch for POP UP Programs! If we have an opening, we'll 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.



“D” is for Deer

Learn about the 3 members of the deer family found in the Black Hills. Hunt on the inside trail to find them, and the outside trail to find tracks and signs.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	Dec 3	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	Dec 5	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Dec 6	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

South Dakota Wildlife

Feel the hides and skulls of animals found in South Dakota. Learn some facts about them, then hunt on the inside trail to find them.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	Dec 17	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	Dec 19	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Dec 20	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

Christmas Wreaths

Make a Christmas wreath with our volunteer, Kazumi. Every family will leave with a decoration for the holiday.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday	Dec 1	10-10:45 a.m.
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Sprouts Preschool Programs

“C” is for Cones

Evergreen tree cones come in many shapes and sizes. Children will touch and compare a variety of cones. Dress to go outside for a portion of the class.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	Jan 7	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Jan 10	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.
Friday	Jan 16	10-10:45 a.m.

Tracks & Signs

Children will explore animal tracks by rubber stamping a field guide of their own. Dress warm to go outside to try to find tracks and signs animals have left behind on the trail.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	Jan 21	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	Jan 23	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Jan 24	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

Animal Movement

Come and let your little one learn how animals move. Kazumi, our volunteer, will exercise with the children by imitating animal movements.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday	Jan 26	10-10:45 a.m.
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“B” is for Bird Beaks

Visit stations that show how tools we use are like bird beaks. Discover how tricky it is to get food into your “beak.”

Age: 3-4 plus adult partner

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

Wednesday	Feb 4	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	Feb 6	10-10:45 a.m.
Saturday	Feb 7	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.

Sprouts Preschool Programs

Owls

How are owls like us and how are they different? Compare sizes of SD owls and learn about their eyes and feathers.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

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

Saturday	Feb 14	10-10:45 a.m. <u>OR</u> 11-11:45 a.m.
Wednesday	Feb 18	10-10:45 a.m.
Friday	Feb 20	10-10:45 a.m.

Raccoons

Learn about raccoons with our volunteer, Kazumi. Children will make a raccoon craft using heart shapes.

Age: 3-4 year olds plus adult partner

Class date:

Monday	Feb 23	10-10:45 a.m.
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And for the younger ones...

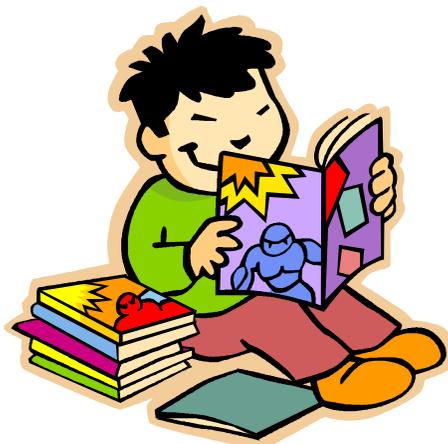
Nature Story Time

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 years with adult partner

Class dates:

Monday	Dec 15	9-9:30 a.m.	Animals in Winter
Monday	Jan 12	9-9:30 a.m.	Animal Homes
Monday	Feb 9	9-9:30 a.m.	Birds



Young Naturalist Programs

“C” is for Cones

Evergreen tree cones come in many shapes and sizes. Children will touch and compare a variety of cones. Dress to go outside for a portion of the class.

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

Saturday Jan 24 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

Owls

How are owls like us and how are they different? Compare sizes of SD owls and learn about their eyes and feathers.

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

Saturday Feb 7 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.

“B” is for Bird Beaks

Birds do not have teeth, so how do they eat? Explore stations with tools that represent bird beaks to understand how birds eat. Learn a fun song about the way birds eat!

Age: 5-7 year olds

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

Saturday Feb 14 10-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:45 a.m.



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!

Jr. Naturalist Programs

BB Gun Basics

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

Age: 8-12 years

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

Thursday	Dec 18	6-7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Jan 8	6-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb 3	6-7:00 p.m.

Radical Raptors

Learn what special adaptations make a bird a raptor, and how to identify common SD raptors through fun, hands-on activities.

Age: 8-12 years

Saturday	Jan 3	10-11:30 a.m.
Saturday	Jan 31	1:30-3:00 p.m.

Tracks and Signs

Explore animal tracks and signs to learn about wildlife. These new skills will help you when hunting different SD species.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Saturday	Jan 17	10-11:30 a.m.
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Snowshoe Hike

Hike the trails in our snowshoes (if there is snow!) Six steps and you will be an expert. Snowshoes will be provided. If there is not enough snow, we will go on a nature hike with journals instead!

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Saturday	Feb 7	1-2:00 p.m.
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Jr. Naturalist Programs

Intro to Geocaching

Learn how to use a GPS unit to find hidden treasure on Campus. Be sure to dress appropriately for this outdoor high-tech scavenger hunt.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Saturday Feb 14 1-2:00 p.m.

Make Your Own Field Journal

Decorate journal covers and learn tips for keeping a field journal of your outdoor observations of plants and animals. Materials and journals will be provided.

Age: 8-12 years

Class date:

Saturday Feb 21 10-11:30 a.m.



Family Programs

Lure Carving

Learn different techniques used to carve usable wooden fishing lures. Master Carver Mike Martin will help you carve, paint and add hardware to your own lure that is guaranteed to catch fish! All of the materials will be provided.

Age: 13 years and up

Class date:

Tuesday	Dec 2	6-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Jan 6	6-8:00 p.m.

Intermediate Archery Shooting

If you have taken our Archery Basics class within the last year and would like to improve your skills, register for this class. Practice shooting skills and developing the muscle memory needed to be successful. We will end with a fun team shooting competition. Both shooters **MUST** register.

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

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

Tuesday	Dec 30	11-12:00 p.m. <u>OR</u> 2-3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Jan 22	6-7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb 24	6-7:00 p.m.

Make Your Own Field Journal

Decorate journal covers and learn tips for keeping a field journal of your outdoor observations of plants and animals. Materials and journals will be provided.

Age: 8 and up

Saturday	Feb 21	10-11:30 a.m.
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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!

Adult Programs

Please do not bring children under 18 to these classes.

Women's Introduction to Handguns

This course will introduce women to basic handgun safety and handling skills. Topics will include firearms safety, storage, as well as loading and unloading procedures for semi-automatics and revolvers. Tips and tricks for finding the right handgun for your needs will also be discussed. Students are welcome to bring their own handgun with them, unloaded and cased please, if they'd like to learn more about their model in particular.

DO NOT BRING AMMUNITION!

Class will be taught by Lt. Chris Misselt, a certified firearms instructor and range safety officer for various police and citizen programs.

Age: 18 and up

Class date:

Tuesday

Feb 17

6-9:00 p.m.



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Special Events

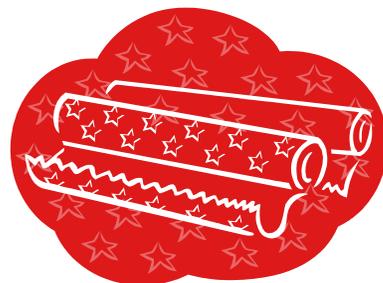
Nature Wrapping Paper Program

Make some beautiful wrapping paper using natural materials and nature stamps. Paper and materials provided. This will be an open house program, so drop in anytime during the posted hours.

Age: all ages

Dates:

Saturday	Dec 6	10-2:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec 13	10-2:00 p.m.
Saturday	Dec 20	10-2:00 p.m.



Bald Eagle Awareness Day

Drop in on Saturday for hands-on stations featuring all things birds of prey! Black Hills Raptor Center will have a booth and conduct a public presentation with live birds of prey at 1 p.m.

Age: all ages

Date: Saturday Feb 28 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Have you heard about our Group Programs? The Outdoor Campus-West staff can provide a program just for you & your group. All you need is at least 10 people who want to do a program together! Grab an orange Group Program Brochure for more information on booking your own program!



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