

Session 1 Friday Afternoon 1-5 p.m.
Archery
Basic Gun Handling
Wilderness Survival 1
Birding Basics
Paddleboarding
Fishing knots and Fly Tying

Session 2. Saturday Morning 8-12 p.m.
Map and Compass 1
Kayaking
Rifle shooting
Bait and Lure Fishing
Beginning Fly Fishing
Nature Journaling

Session 3. Saturday Afternoon 1-5 p.m.
Kayaking
Plant ID
Shotgun Shooting
Intermediate Fly Fishing
Backpacking 101
Dutch Oven Cooking
Wilderness Survival 2

Session 4. Sunday Morning 8-12 p.m.
Map and Compass 2
On the Road
Kayaking
Fly Fishing on the Water
Hunting in the field
Birding

*Many class sizes are limited. Make sure you know what your top three preferences as some classes will fill very quickly.

Hunting Related Classes:

Basic Gun Handling- Learn about several types of firearms and the basics of firearm safety. You'll see how different actions work, how to get the proper firearm fit, and how to safely handle and store firearms. No actual shooting will take place. *Hunter Education is highly recommended prior to coming to this class, but not required.

Beginning Rifle- Learn the fundamentals of rifle shooting, shooting positions and sighting techniques. This is a wonderful opportunity for people new to shooting or who want to improve their skills. You'll have an opportunity to shoot .22 caliber and larger caliber rifles. *Participants must attach a copy of their Hunter Education certificate or attend the Basic Gun Handling Class on Friday August 16.

Hunting in the field- This class will demonstrate what it is like to work with dogs while hunting. How to train working dogs for hunting and basic field first aid for your canine hunting partner. This class then goes into some basic principles of big game hunting. How to track a downed animal, best practices, and other tips to be a successful big game hunter. No firearms will be used during this class. There are no pre-requisites for this class, although taking basic gun handling, beginning rifle, shotgun, archery, and backpacking may be beneficial.

Introduction to Archery- How do you hold a bow? What is a "nock?" This class will teach you how to select bows and arrows and show you other basic archery equipment. Participants will take part in stationary and aerial shooting using a Matthews Genesis bow.

Beginning Shotgun- Learn the basics of shotgun shooting, patterning and different shot shell ammunition. Participants will learn proper shooting stance, firearm fit, and shooting techniques while shooting at clay targets. *Participants must attach a copy of their Hunter Education Certificate or attend the Basic Gun Handling course Friday August 18th, 2023.

Fishing Classes:

Bait and Lure Fishing – This on-the-water class will teach the different types of lures, baits, and poles used in spin fishing. This class will discuss basic fish ID and how to target specific species from shore.

Beginning Fly Fishing - Learn the basics of casting, tying knots and choosing flies and equipment appropriate to the streams and rivers of Montana. Fishing equipment will be provided, or bring your own. You'll practice dry casting in a field in camp. *This is the prerequisite for the Fly Fishing on the Water class.

Intermediate Fly Fishing -Take your fly fishing to the next level with this class! Bring your questions as we will dive deeper into technique, choosing flies, reading the water, and tips to help you succeed on the water. ***This or Beginning fly fishing is a prerequisite for the Fly Fishing on the Water class.**

Fly Fishing on the Water - Spend a relaxed morning practicing your new fly fishing skills. Participants will travel to a nearby river and practice casting techniques, reading the water, and (hopefully) how to land and release a fish. You'll learn about fishing ethics and safety, too. **** Participants must have completed Beginning Fly Fishing or Intermediate fly fishing class at this workshop. Space is limited.**

Fishing knots and Fly Tying— Learn simple flies to tie at home and take on the water with you. More of an art form, this class gives you the basic skills and knowledge on how to tie a fly. Take these skills home and make your own flies using any pattern you want. Learn the common knots used for fishing of all types, and how to set up a rod.

Outdoor Recreation Classes:

Birding Basics -There's more to birds than bright colors and pretty songs. Just what is a feather? Why do some birds migrate hundreds of miles while others endure Montana winters? Why do birds sing? What's the best way to watch birds? How do you use field guides? You'll learn birding basics as well as the best techniques for bird watching. This is a good class to take prior to the Bird Watching class.

Bird Watching – This is one of the fastest grown outdoor recreation activities. Accessible to anyone anywhere. Get outside for a bird watching adventure. Learn the basics of using binoculars and field guides and discuss bird biology and identification tips throughout the morning. Binoculars and bird field guides will be available to borrow or bring your own. Dress for cool (windy or rainy) Montana mornings. Both beginner and veteran bird watchers are welcome. Beginners will benefit by taking the Birding Basics class offered Friday.

Maps & Compass 1 - Come learn basic navigation skills using map and compass to find your way. In this class you'll learn the parts of a compass, how to read a topographic map, and how to use them in tandem. You'll learn how to navigate to new locations by following a bearing and pinpointing your location through triangulation. You'll also learn how plan routes using a topographic map. This is a hands-on class with some lecture components. We will have maps and compasses for you to borrow to use during class. Some outdoor exercises are involved, so dress accordingly.

Maps and Compass 2 -Take your newfound skills using a map and compass and team up with your classmates to find as many checkpoints as possible. Work solo or in small teams. ***Maps & Compass 1 is a prerequisite for this class.**

Beginning Kayaking - Wide and stable recreational kayaks are the perfect platform for people of all ages to enjoy wildlife viewing, fishing, photography and even camping on Montana's waters. Learn the basics of kayaking with our knowledgeable instructors and bring a sense of adventure; water shoes, old sneakers or water sandals; quick-drying clothing; and a leash for your glasses or anything else you might drop overboard!

Kayak Trip - Practice what you learned on Saturday and join our instructors for a trip down the Clearwater River Canoe Trail. ** Beginner Kayak class is a prerequisite for this class. Space is limited.*

On the Road – Does your car, truck, or SUV have the gear you need in case of an emergency – for both you and the vehicle? Can you change a tire, put on tire chains, or jump start an engine? Learn what you should always carry and how to do general maintenance on your vehicle. Yes, you can do this! You'll feel safer and more empowered for your next road trip.

Beginning Plant Identification - This class will expose you to basic plant terminology, observation techniques, and helpful field guides. You'll practice "hands-on" identification of trees, shrubs, and flowering plants while rambling around the meadows and forests near camp. This class is for someone with no previous formal experience with plant identification.

Nature Journaling - Learn how to quietly observe nature, reflect on what you see, how you see it, and express this in a journal using words and images. This class is for **any** artistic skill level. You'll learn to develop an intimate relationship with the natural world, discover insights to yourself, and have fun doing so. Bring a journal and the medium of your choice (pencil, pen, watercolors) if you desire.

Backpacking 101 – Learn what kinds of packs exist and for what purposes. Learn how to pack your backpack and how to properly fit it to your back. Learn where the best places to store certain equipment and how to pack it for your trip.

Wilderness Survival 1– Any outdoor activity can quickly go from fun to an unpleasant or potentially dangerous situation. Don't go outdoors unprepared! Learn the skills you need and the items you should always carry to survive an unexpected night(s) outdoors. This is information everyone should know.

Wilderness Survival 2- You are lost in the woods – now what do you do! See what it takes to set up your own survival camp. Learn how to choose a good site and build a shelter, make fire, and how to signal for search & rescue. Find out if the stuff in your day-pack is what you truly need. **Participants must take the Wilderness Survival-1 class at this or a previous workshop AND [bring a day pack with the items you would carry.](#)*

Stand Up Paddleboarding – Take some time on still water to learn the basic paddle strokes of the SUP sport. Learn techniques to moving on your board from seated to standing. This class covers water safety, hands on learning, and board types and tips to find the board that is right for you!