

Calendar of Events

April 23, 2026

Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring: Intro and Onboarding

07:30 PM - 08:30 PM CST

Contact Event Organizer,
watershededucation@sd-discovery.org

The South Dakota Discovery Center coordinates a volunteer water quality monitoring project in partnership with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (SD DANR). Volunteer water quality monitors collect water quality samples from a local water body and send those samples to state lab. The data is used by the SD DANR in its reporting and assessments.

If you are interested in learning more about the volunteer water quality monitoring program and how to volunteer you are invited to attend this introductory onboarding meeting. Additional in person training will be required to become a volunteer monitor.

This training will be held via Zoom. It is free and open to the public. To receive the Zoom link, please register using link below.

April 24, 2026
- April 27, 2026

iNaturalist City Nature Challenge: Pierre/Ft. Pierre

All Day
Anne Lewis, 6052248295
annelewis@sd-discovery.org

The South Dakota Discovery Center is challenging you to go out and record nature April 24-27 using iNaturalist, an app for documenting encounters with nature. Be part of the City Nature Challenge (<https://www.citynaturechallenge.org/>) an international science project that takes a literal snapshot of nature the last weekend of April around the world.

Unfamiliar with iNaturalist? Download from your app store, create an account, then check out How to Make an Observation on iNaturalist's website.

Any qualifying observation you make in our regional five county area (Hughes, Stanley, Lyman, Jones and Sully) will automatically be added to our South Dakota Discovery Center City Nature Challenge project. What is a qualifying observation? Anything that is wild and natural, rather than captive or cultivated. For more information on the difference, review this slide deck iNat or iNot? Does this observation belong on iNat for the City Nature Challenge? Or iNot?

May 1, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play
South Dakota Discovery Center
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, So 57501

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST
Allison Graviett-Pfaff, (605) 224-8295
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May 2, 2026

Spring Little Explorers: Hunting for Worms: Watching Our Gardens and Flowers Grow
SD Discovery Center
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, So 57501-1858

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST
Kristine Heinen, 605-224-8295
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April is a time for growth. Lets plant the seeds and explore what grows in the soil.

Spring Little Explorers is a combination of our beloved Little Explorers Nature Preschool and the Itty Bitty Einsteins class model. Classes are geared toward explorers between the ages of 3-5 and their families. Explore the science of nature and the nature of science through hands-on experiences and STEM journals together.

Fees: \$4 + general admission per family group. Free with membership. Must pay at front desk the day class.

May 2, 2026

Beyond the Snapshot Training
Outdoor Campus East Sioux Falls SD
4500 Oxbow Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

01:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Emily,

emily@sdvolunteernaturalists.org

Milkweed naturally hybridizes in South Dakota. Learn how to contribute to research on this milkweed hybridization by adding observations of milkweed in South Dakota to iNaturalist.

This session will equip you with the knowledge and abilities to take the photos that will help researchers determine if your milkweed is Common, Showy or a hybrid.

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May 2, 2026

Wake Up the Beds!
South Dakota Discovery Center
805 West Sioux Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Jennifer McIntyre, 605-224-8295

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Help the South Dakota Discovery Center prep its garden beds for the growing season!

We ask that participants register by Monday, April 27, through this calendar event.

What to wear/bring: dress in work clothes that can get dirty! We also suggest wearing heavy-soled shoes and your own gardening gloves.

Special notes:

The length of the project depends on the number of participants, so this event could end before 1pm.

Volunteers under the age of 12 must have an adult helper that comes with them.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed. Staff will communicate rescheduling information via email to event registrants.

Don't miss the Little Explorers session happening before our Wake Up the Beds event: Hunting for Worms! It starts at 10am and is for preschool-age children and their adults!

May 6, 2026

Rocky Wednesday
South Dakota Discovery Center
805 W Sioux Ave
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02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

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- May 20, 2026 **World Bee Day *Free Admission!***
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June 8, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue

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Pierre, SD 57501

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Runtime: 9 minutes 14 seconds

Target Audience: 4+

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Runtime: 10 minutes, 25 seconds

Target Audience: 6+

Description: NASA's fleet of Mars robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration of the Solar System in the coming decades. Generate excitement for space agencies like NASA, ESA and the UK Space Agency - as humanity prepares for a monumental journey to Mars!

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Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 4+

Description: Max (the dog) and a young girl named Tori take the first trip to the Moon since the Apollo era. Along the way, the story sets the stage for the more sophisticated science of the "Big Kid Box" sidebars, which cover topics including "Phases of the Moon," "Wings in Space?," and "Frisbees and Curve Balls on the Moon" — all thoughtfully explained so that grownups and children can learn together about science. Toward the end, Max and Tori's trip proves so inspiring to people back on Earth that all the nations of the world come together to build a great Moon colony from which "the beautiful views of Earth from the Moon made everyone realize that we all share a small and precious planet."

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June 15, 2026
- June 18, 2026

Teachers in the Field

Badlands National Park, Sage Creek Campground

June 15 4pm MT - June 18 12pm MT

Anne Lewis,
annelewis@sd-discovery.org

Teachers in the Field is an immersive, 4 day/3 night, field based professional development in Badlands National Park. This professional development offers hands-on field studies in water quality, aquatic macroinvertebrates and opportunities to study the rich geologic history of the area.

During the PD we camp at Sage Creek primitive camp ground that has a vault toilet but no running water or electricity. The event is partially outfitted which means meals are provided by an experienced back country cook and we bring in the water while participants provide their own gear. A limited amount of camping gear is available for a small rental fee. No camping experience required but a sense of adventure is!

This PD is geared towards teachers and informal educators that serve upper elementary, middle/high school and undergraduate learners. K-2 educators may attend after consulting with the instructor. The experience is open to educators from all content areas with the expectation that you will participate in all activities. Teams of teachers from the same school are encouraged to attend.

Dates and Times: Jun 15 4pm MT - Jun 18 12pm MT

Location: Sage Creek Campground, Badlands National Park

Audience: Grade 3-16 educators

Credit: 2 credits, pending. \$250 stipend for South Dakota classroom teachers upon submission of reflection

Cost: South Dakota educators - \$50; Pierre School District educators - \$25; Out of state educators - \$75

June 16, 2026

Critters of the Prairie Summer Science Show (10:30am)

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June 22, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Forward! To The Moon

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Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 12+

Description: Kari Byron from Crash Test World and MythBusters launches us on a journey beyond the Earth towards a sustainable future in space. NASA's 21st century Artemis program, named after the Greek moon Goddess and twin of Apollo, is the next step in our mission to explore the universe and land the first woman and person of color on the surface of the Moon. Produced by Fiske Planetarium in collaboration with TEND Studio.

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Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 9+

Description: More than 50 years ago, the first human walked on the moon... discover the story behind this historic moment which will inspire the next generation of explorers and dreamers. On July 20th 1969, 600 million people around the world gathered to witness a historic moment of human achievement broadcast live from the Moon. "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" said Neil Armstrong. The world celebrated as the astronauts took their first steps on the Moon. But few people were aware of just how huge an effort it had taken to get them there. These Apollo 11 astronauts were just 3 of nearly 400,000 people who had worked over ten years towards this goal. But how did they do it? What did it take to put humans on the Moon?

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Description: Ever wonder what it would be like to fly to Mars? NASA and other space agencies have their sights set on the Red Planet and they're building the technology to get us there! Get an up-close look at humanity's most epic endeavor. Explore the work being done around the globe to help make the dream of getting humans to Mars a reality. Fly through the International Space Station, where astronauts are already living and working in space, and follow the rockets and vehicles that will take humans beyond the Moon and, one day, all the way to Mars! Travel along as we imagine this remarkable journey. This film is narrated by former NASA astronaut Mae Jemison and Emmy-award winning actor Keith David and includes original music by Claudio Ragazzi, a Grammy Award-winning professor at Boston's Berklee College of Music.

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Moon Movie Monday - Journey to Mars: Pioneering Next Steps in Space Exploration

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Pierre, SD 57501

03:30 PM - 04:00 PM CST

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Runtime: 10 minutes, 25 seconds

Target Audience: 6+

Description: NASA's fleet of Mars robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration of the Solar System in the coming decades. Generate excitement for space agencies like NASA, ESA and the UK Space Agency - as humanity prepares for a monumental journey to Mars!

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Moon Movie Monday - Max Goes To The Moon

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Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 4+

Description: Max (the dog) and a young girl named Tori take the first trip to the Moon since the Apollo era. Along the way, the story sets the stage for the more sophisticated science of the "Big Kid Box" sidebars, which cover topics including "Phases of the Moon," "Wings in Space?," and "Frisbees and Curve Balls on the Moon" — all thoughtfully explained so that grownups and children can learn together about science. Toward the end, Max and Tori's trip proves so inspiring to people back on Earth that all the nations of the world come together to build a great Moon colony from which "the beautiful views of Earth from the Moon made everyone realize that we all share a small and precious planet."

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July 20, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Forward! To The Moon

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July 30, 2026

Research to Classrooms: Chameleon Feeding Practicum

USD Campus

4801 N Career Avenue

Sioux Falls, SD 57107

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM CST

Teachers! Bring research happening here in South Dakota to your classrooms through hands-on lesson plans. Dr. Chris Anderson of the USD Biology Department researches chameleon feeding and has partnered with the South Dakota Discovery Center and educators to bring his research to the classroom. Chameleons make great phenomena for learning about force, energy, habitats, adaptations and more!

This hybrid professional development is a practicum, meaning that part of the learning time is to implement and reflect upon one of the lessons. We will meet for one day together to learn from Dr. Anderson and the team. Participants will implement one or more of the lesson in their classrooms by early December. We will reconvene in December for a share-out of what worked, what to change and what to add.

Details

Dates: In person - July 30 8:30am - 4:30pm CT. Remote Convening - Saturday Dec 5 10am - 12:30pm CT (TBC)

Location: In person - Sioux Falls USD campus

Cost: Free

Credit: 1 (pending)

Stipend: \$400 paid in two segments

Audience: Grade 5-12 educators

To Register go to Register for Chameleon Feeding PD

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August 1, 2026

Spring Little Explorers -

South Dakota Discovery Center

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Pierre, SD 57501-1858

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Spring Little Explorers is a combination of our beloved Little Explorers Nature Preschool and the Itty Bitty Einsteins class model. Classes are geared toward explorers between the ages of 3-5 and their families. Explore the science of nature and the nature of science through hands-on experiences and STEM journals together.

Fees must be paid at the front desk on the day of class.

SDDC Member: FREE

Nonmember: \$4 per family group + general admission fees

August 3, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue

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Runtime: 9 minutes 14 seconds

Target Audience: 4+

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Rocky Wednesday

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Did you know rocks can GLOW? Meet the Discovery Pod's Rock Star volunteer Robin to get close up with rocks, fossils, and more! Enjoy free take home goodies.

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Starry Saturday

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Moon Movie Monday - Finding Patterns: The Forge of Artemis & OneSky Epilogue

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Runtime: 10 minutes, 25 seconds

Target Audience: 6+

Description: NASA's fleet of Mars robotic explorers are paving the way for human exploration of the Solar System in the coming decades. Generate excitement for space agencies like NASA, ESA and the UK Space Agency - as humanity prepares for a monumental journey to Mars!

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August 31, 2026

Moon Movie Monday - Max Goes To The Moon

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

01:30 PM - 02:00 PM CST

Allison Graviett-Pfaff, (605) 224-8295

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Join movie screenings in our portable planetarium. Stop in for one, or catch a triple feature screening of space exploration! From the cosmic history of Orion and Artemis as stellar objects, to unmanned rovers on the Martian surface, delve deep into different aspects of NASA's Artemis project.

Runtime: 30 minutes

Target Audience: 4+

Description: Max (the dog) and a young girl named Tori take the first trip to the Moon since the Apollo era. Along the way, the story sets the stage for the more sophisticated science of the "Big Kid Box" sidebars, which cover topics including "Phases of the Moon," "Wings in Space?," and "Frisbees and Curve Balls on the Moon" — all thoughtfully explained so that grownups and children can learn together about science. Toward the end, Max and Tori's trip proves so inspiring to people back on Earth that all the nations of the world come together to build a great Moon colony from which "the beautiful views of Earth from the Moon made everyone realize that we all share a small and precious planet."

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September 2, 2026

Rocky Wednesday

South Dakota Discovery Center

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Pierre, So 57501

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

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September 4, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, So 57501

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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September 12, 2026

Starry Saturday
South Dakota Discovery Center
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, So 57501

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Kristine Heinen, (605) 224-8295
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September 18, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play
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Pierre, So 57501

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October 2, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play
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October 7, 2026

Rocky Wednesday
South Dakota Discovery Center
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, So 57501

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST
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October 10, 2026

Starry Saturday
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October 16, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, So 57501

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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November 4, 2026

Rocky Wednesday

South Dakota Discovery Center

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November 6, 2026

Lunar Life: Guided Play

South Dakota Discovery Center

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Pierre, So 57501

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM CST

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November 14, 2026

Starry Saturday

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, So 57501

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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November 19, 2026

Best for Last 2026

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

05:30 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Best For Last: November 19, 2026

Get your ticket to our biggest celebration of hands-on science education!

Every dollar raised supports staff and activities in the SDDC Exhibit Hall, a science playground for ALL to enjoy! Join the generations of children, and adults, who have grown up with greater access to hands-on learning and fun!

The Best for Last reverse raffle takes place on November 19, 2025. You get to enjoy delicious local vittles and chances to win fabulous prizes, including a 1 in 252 chance at \$10,000. Fabulous odds!

November 19, 2026

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10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

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November 26, 2026

EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED

South Dakota Discovery Center

805 W Sioux Ave

Pierre, So 57501

10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

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December 2, 2026

Rocky Wednesday

South Dakota Discovery Center

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02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

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December 4, 2026

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- December 24, 2026 **EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED**
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10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
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- December 25, 2026 **EXHIBIT HALL CLOSED**
South Dakota Discovery Center
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Pierre, So 57501
10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
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- January 1, 2500 **General Volunteering Opportunities**
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, SD 57501
12:00 AM - 01:00 AM CST
Kendra Baucom, 6052248295
kendrabaucom@sd-discovery.org

Bioinspired Fluid Dynamics Research Experience for Teachers and Students

TBD

Dates to be arranged with Dr Basu.

The Biomedical and Bioinspired Fluid Dynamics Lab (Basu Lab), directed by Dr. Saikat Basu at the Department of Mechanical Engineering at South Dakota State University, is inviting high school teachers and students to participate in their NSF CAREER-funded project. The topic is on respiratory fluid mechanics and how art could be incorporated in biophysics modeling studies. Participants will spend 3 days on SDSU's campus. Teachers will create a learning module based on the experience.

Recruitment asks:

- We are looking for Science teachers (with interest in integrating art with cutting-edge biophysics research) at the high schools in the region, with preference for institutions in the Tribal reservations.?*
- Time commitment: 3-4 days in Summer (specific schedule is flexible, we will pick the mutually best possible week during June/July/Early August)?*
- Please contact Dr. Saikat Basu by March 31, 2025, at: Saikat.Basu@sdstate.edu ?*

What we expect to achieve:?

- The teacher will bring around approximately 3 students to Brookings and work on projects described.?*
- The learning module developed from the camp activities could be shared with the students at the home institution.?*
- We will also develop a poster outlining the experience of the workshop days?*
- The students can present the poster at regional/local science fairs?*

Benefits: ?

- \$1000 stipend for each teacher*
- Reimbursement for other expenses and covered accommodation and meals?*
- Small stipends on the scale of \$100 for each student participant?*
- SDSU certificates for each student participant?*
- Long-term mentorship for the student participants*

To indicate your interest, please email Saikat.Basu@sdstate.edu ?. Include your name and teaching position. OR complete this registration form and your information will be sent to Dr. Basu.