

## Calendar of Events

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July 12, 2025

**Starry Saturdays**  
**South Dakota Discovery Center**  
**805 W Sioux Ave**  
**Pierre, So 57501**  
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST  
Kris Heinen, 6052248295  
kristineheinen@sd-discovery.org

July 14, 2025

**Space Camp (Grades K-5)**  
08:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST  
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July 19, 2025

**Little Wings on the Prairie**

**Oahe Downstream Recreation Area**

**5 miles N of Fort Pierre off SD 1806**

**Fort Pierre, SD 57532**

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Allison Graviett-Pfaff, (605) 223-7722

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July 20, 2025

**Moon Day (FREE ADMISSION)**

**South Dakota Discovery Center**

**805 W Sioux Ave**

**Pierre, So 57501**

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*MOON WALK! Did you know July 20th was the first time humans set foot on the moon?*

*You can too! Don't forget your suit and backpack!*

*Join us for the GRAND OPENING of Lunar Life: Destination Mars! A brand new, totally out of this world exhibit stationed at the SDDC. Take advantage of free admission, free activities, and take home goodies! Lunar Life: Destination Mars takes you through all things necessary for living in outer space. From research to nutrition to space missions, you'll become a fully fledged astronaut.*

July 21, 2025

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July 26, 2025

**Community Science - Fly Bys (Dragonflies and Butterflies) Walk**  
**Lewis & Clark Trailhead at Farm Island West Boat Ramp**  
**Farm Island State Park**  
**, 57501**

08:30 AM - 10:00 AM CST

Anne Lewis, 6052248295

[annelewis@sd-discovery.org](mailto:annelewis@sd-discovery.org)

*July is a two-fer. We will take a walk looking for "fly-bys", that is dragonflies and butterflies. We will meet at 8:30 at the Lewis and Clark trailhead at the Farm Island West Boat Ramp parking lot (map) and walk about a mile looking for butterflies and dragonflies. We will, of course, be looking for birds too. This is a chance to practice your photography of flittery, flying things.*

*You must have a state park entrance pass to participate. Beginners and experts welcome. We welcome families but regret we cannot supervise those under the age of 14.*

*Bring a camera, hat, water bottle and bug repellent like lemon eucalyptus or picaridin sprays (no DEET please). We will have some on hand for those without.*

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August 6, 2025

### **Rocky Wednesday**

**South Dakota Discovery Center**

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**Pierre, So 57501**

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Allison Graviett-Pfaff, 6052248295

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August 9, 2025

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August 30, 2025

**Community Science - Summer Migration**  
**Farm Island Hiking Trailhead**

08:30 AM - 10:00 AM CST

*We are back at Farm Island looking for summer migrants, either those that are passing through or those who are wrapping up their breeding season here. Join us for a leisurely walk to see what we can see. Bring your binoculars as birds are not as vocal as they are in the spring so we rely more on sight than ear.*

*And for those who enjoy reporting to E-bird or iNaturalist, bring your cameras!*

*No experience necessary. Those with birding expertise are welcome to share their knowledge. While we welcome young birders under the age of 14, we regret we cannot provide supervision.*

*Please note that a park entrance pass is necessary for this event.*

September 3, 2025

**Rocky Wednesday**  
**South Dakota Discovery Center**  
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September 13, 2025

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September 27, 2025

**Community Science - SEEK!**

**La Framboise Island**

08:30 AM - 10:00 AM CST

*Seek by iNaturalist is a family friendly app that helps identify what you see and throws in challenges for an extra level of fun. Join us for a walk on La Framboise to Seek out nature and get introduced to citizen and community science. Whether you are new to nature and community science, nature/community science curious or a long time tromper of field and forest, this event is for you!*

*Note: App use is optional. If you want to use it, download prior to the experience. Get it on Google Play or the Apple App store.*

*We will meet at the trail head at La Framboise Island by the picnic shelter. After a short orientation to the app, we will walk for about an hour making identifications. While we welcome young explorers, we regret we cannot provide supervision to those under the age of 14.*

October 1, 2025

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October 11, 2025

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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

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October 25, 2025

**Community Science - Twilight Walk**

**Farm Island Hiking Trailhead**

06:30 PM - 07:30 PM CST

*A special "spooky" season community science experience! Join us for a walk that starts just before sunset and concludes mid nautical twilight. (Don't worry, you can bring a headlamp or flashlight). We will see what's out and about in the evening as the day fades and night comes on.*

*Meet at the Farm Island trail head across the causeway. A park entrance pass is required for this event.*

*All ages are welcome but we regret we cannot provide supervision for those under the age of 16.*

November 5, 2025

**Rocky Wednesday**

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November 8, 2025

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November 21, 2025

**Best for Last 2025**

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*Best For Last: November 20, 2025*

*Grow Here, Play Here*

*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 20, 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!*

**GET YOUR TICKET!**

December 3, 2025

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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

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## **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.*