

DAKOTA DREAMS SUMMER CAMP

at Black Hills
State University



Welcome To
Spearfish, SD!
Summer 2024

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Hello and welcome to Black Hills State University (BHSU) in Spearfish, SD!

My name is Jin Kim and I am the Director of Career Development for BHSU as well as the BHSU-SD Mines-WDT Dakota Dreams Career Exploration Summer Camp Coordinator.

For the next 5 days and 4 nights, we have so much planned for you! To start off, your home away from home will be Bordeaux Hall, our newest Residence Hall at BHSU! Throughout your time at camp, we will provide you delicious meals from BHSU Dining through Sodexo, which has a wide selection of food items and can cater to your dietary needs. Our transportation to and from all institutions and site visits will be done through Dakota Bus Company in 2 -56 passenger coach buses for safety and comfort. Don't worry about bringing your portable gaming device or a book because we will keep you busy in learning 23 Career Pathways at 3 different institutions of Higher Education, exploring over 4 different large employer site visits, and entertainment for every night you are at BHSU. And don't worry, our entertainment isn't just "a movie in the dorms", but much more exciting.

Feel free to take an in depth, detailed look at our schedule for each day in this guidebook, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at BHDakotaDreams@BHSU.edu or by calling (605) 642-6608

Get ready to have some fun. Go Yellow Jackets!

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Our Purpose

The South Dakota Board of Regents is offering week-long career exploration camps on campuses for incoming 7th and 8th grade students in Summer 2024. This is a FREE camp thanks to a grant by the South Dakota Department of Education, the South Dakota Board of Technical Education, and the South Dakota Board of Regents!

Campers will be immersed in a week of “college life” designed to explore career paths through engaging activities and tours of area business and industry. By the end of this five-day residential camp, students will have a better understanding of themselves, their personal career interests, and how education connects to these professions.

Campers will experience:

- Exposure to 23 career paths through hands-on learning.
- A full day and two half-days at Black Hills State University.
- A day trip to Western Dakota Technical College.
- A day trip to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.
- Afternoon tours of area business and industry.
- Transportation to and from off-campus field trip sites.
 - Transportation is being provided by Dakota Bus Service, Inc. Dakota Trailways Bus Charter
- On-campus housing (four overnights) in BHSU's Bordeaux Residence Hall.
 - Night Resident Assistants are on call.
- Campus dining facilities (all meals, snacks, and drinks included).
- Evening recreational and social activities:
 - Swimming at the Spearfish Recreation and Aquatics Center
 - Movie Night!, Northern Hills Cinema
 - HYPE! by Noah Sonie
- 24/7 counselor supervision.

Tentative Schedule

DAY 1 (SUNDAY)

10:30 AM – NOON Check In/Drop Off at
Bordeaux Hall BHSU

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM Student and Parent
Luncheon at the Hive Dining Center

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Student and Parent
Orientation at Student Union – Jacket Legacy
Room

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Career Pathway Sessions,
BHSU

5:30 PM Dinner at the Hive Dining Center

7:00 PM HYPE! by Noah Sonie! BHSU

9:00 PM Room Checks

Tentative Schedule

DAY 2 (MONDAY)

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hive Dining Center

8:00–9:00 AM Transportation to Western Dakota
Technical College (Rapid City, SD)

9:20–11:55 AM Career Pathway Sessions, WDTC

NOON – 1:00 PM Lunch (Lunch provided by WDTC
Dining Services)

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM Ellsworth Airforce Base

4:00 PM – Depart for BHSU

5:00 PM Dinner at the Hive Dining Center

7:15 PM Private Pool Party! at Spearfish Rec &
Aquatics Center

9:00 PM Room Checks

Tentative Schedule

DAY 3 (TUESDAY)

7:00 – 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hive Dining Center

8:00–8:50 AM Transportation to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (Rapid City, SD)

9:00 AM – 11:45 PM Career Pathway Session(s), SDSMT

NOON – 1:00 PM Lunch at Hardrocker Cafe at SD Mines

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Reptiles Gardens (Rapid City, SD)

3:40 PM – Depart for BHSU

4:40 PM SD CTSO Presentation, BHSU

5:15 PM Dinner at the Hive Dining Center

6:15 PM Movie at Northern Hills Cinema, Spearfish, SD

9:00 PM Room Checks

Tentative Schedule

DAY 4 (WEDNESDAY)

7:00 - 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hive Dining Center

8:00 AM-NOON Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD)

NOON - 12:45 PM Lunch (Lunch provided by Sodexo, BHSU Dining Services)

12:45 PM - Depart from The Hive Dining Center to Western Heritage Museum

12:45 PM - 2:15 PM Spearfish Police and Fire Station Tour

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Neiman Industries

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM High Plains Western Heritage Museum to

5:30 PM Dinner at the Hive Dining Center

7:00 PM Painting with Alexandra Hansen at BHSU

9:00 PM Room Checks



Tentative Schedule

DAY 5 (THURSDAY)

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hive
Dining Center, BHSU

8:00 AM - NOON Business Career
Pathways Sessions, BHSU

NOON - 1:00 PM Campers Depart at
Bordeaux Hall at BHSU

WHAT TO BRING

- Medication: Prescription medication administered by staff must be individually bagged or contained per administration (separate bag of medication for morning and evening for each day). Actual prescription bottle/container/box must be provided during check-in
- Personal Care Items (vitamins, glasses/contacts, personal assistance items etc.)
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, loofah/bath scrubbies, toothbrush, and toothpaste etc.)
- Extra blankets and pillows if you wish to have more
- You may decide to bring your own towel/washcloth, however please do not mix yours with the ones provided!
- Clothes including: light jackets/sweaters, 1 socks, undergarments, athletic wear including shoes for recreational activities, swimwear (and towel), and nightwear. **At least one pair of long pants and closed toed shoes required (due to safety in employer visit sites),**
- Money for gift shops (if desired)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

The following are provided for you:

- Linen Package (2 - flat sheets, 1 - light blanket, 1 - pillow, 1 - pillowcase, 1 - towel, & 1 - washcloth)/camper
- All meals (4 - Breakfasts, 4 - Lunches, 4 - Dinners) +Snacks & Refreshments
- Transportation & admission costs to all employer, recreational, and social activities



BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Black Hills State University is a comprehensive regional public university located in Spearfish, northern Black Hills, South Dakota. We are a small campus that offers a personalized approach to education and where students are well-known and supported by their faculty.

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Enrollment:

3,539 Students

Locations:

Spearfish, Rapid City, and Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota

BHSU Mission Statement:

BHSU offers a generous number of baccalaureate and select master's degrees, generates new knowledge, promotes excellence in teaching and public engagement, and serves as a regional economic leader. Graduates make significant contributions to the workforce and the betterment of their community.

Spearfish Area:

The Spearfish Canyon area boasts a bounty of hiking and biking trails, providing numerous opportunities to take in the sights and sounds of the Black Hills.



SOUTH DAKOTA MINES®

The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (South Dakota Mines) is committed to excellence in science and engineering academics and research and to developing the next generation of leaders and problem-solvers. The university offers a wide array of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

Located in Rapid City in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota, South Dakota Mines offers a rigorous academic experience supported by small class sizes, committed faculty members, and many student development programs and organizations.

They're known for:

- STEM Academics
- Personal Attention
- Outstanding Internship Opportunities
- Great Value
- Our wonderful location: the Rushmore Region

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

MISSION STATEMENT:

OUR VISION is to develop world-class leaders in science and engineering to benefit society.

OUR MISSION:

is to educate scientists and engineers to address global challenges, innovate to reach our creative potential, and engage in partnerships to transform society.

WE VALUE:

integrity, ingenuity, inclusion, and impact.

At South Dakota Mines, we are curious. We are tenacious. We plan to change the world with STEM, and we invite you to join us.

Our programs emphasize hands-on learning in maker spaces and labs that feature the same equipment you'll use on the job. Break things. Build things. Then get paid to do it professionally.

With more than 20 bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), South Dakota Mines will open a whole world to you.

WESTERN DAKOTA

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) is the only technical college serving the western South Dakota region. The college delivers a personal, career-oriented education ideal for the student pursuing a meaningful profession and prideful future in a high-need occupation. Through active learning, simulation, internships, and industry partnerships, our students graduate ready to make a real and immediate contribution to their employers and communities.

Our Mission:

WDTC prepares students to be highly skilled professionals through accessible, career-focused programs to improve their lives, while adapting to community workforce needs and positively impacting our economy.

Western Dakota Technical College

Facts

Enrollment: 1,300 students.

Class Sizes: About a 13:1 student to faculty ratio.

Locations: The main WDTTC campus is in Rapid City, S.D. There is also a satellite Practical Nursing program location in Whitewood, S.D.

Placement Rate: 99% of our most recent graduates are working, continuing their education, or are enlisted in the military. [*Placement information is derived from graduate surveys, faculty-collected data, placement surveys started six months after graduation, and the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

Overall placement rate is figured by: (responding graduates employed, continuing education, or in military service)/(responding graduates who are seeking employment). The number of program graduates are unduplicated by CIP code.]

Meet The Counselors



Sydnee

Hello! My name is Sydnee, and I am a senior at Black Hills State University! I am majoring in Elementary Education while also receiving a minor in Pre-K – 12th grade reading. I love spending time outside, running, hiking, and exploring! I am so excited to meet all the campers and see their excitement when they arrive at campus! I also cannot wait to see the kids explore different careers for their future and potentially find a path they want to take!



Lexie

Hello! My name is Lexie, and I am a senior at Black Hills State University! I am double majoring in Psychology and Human Services with a minor in Sociology. In my spare time, I love to do crafts, do yoga, spend time outside and try out all the local coffee shops! The thing I am most excited for, is to visit different employers and businesses throughout the Black Hills, and to spend the week connecting with the kids attending!

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Jadynn

Hey all! My name is Jadynn, and I am a junior at Black Hills State University and I am majoring in Exercise Science with a minor in Health. In my spare time, I love to explore the hills, work out, try local coffee shops and restaurants, and of course attend all the local events that Spearfish puts on! I am so excited to connect with the kids and help them explore all the different businesses we are attending. It will be such a fun week!



Evie

Hi! My name is Evie, I am a sophomore at Black Hills State University! I'm from Boulder, Colorado and I am majoring in Elementary Ed with a minor in Spanish. I also am a student athlete on the cross country and track team. In my spare time, I love art, coffee, painting, running (A LOT), hiking and enjoying all of what the Black Hills has to offer. I'm really excited to meet everybody and going on adventures this summer 😊

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Alaina

Hi! I'm Alaina, currently a junior at Black Hills State University. I am majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. I plan to prolong my education into the medical field to pursue my longtime passion of Dermatology. During my free time, I enjoy exploring the outdoors, embarking on my fitness journey, and hanging out at local coffee shops. What excites me most is the opportunity to engage with various employers and businesses across the Black Hills region, as well as engaging with the attending kids throughout the week!



Mason

Hello, my name is Mason, I am a junior at Black Hills State University. I am a Physical Education major and am hoping to be a PE teacher and High School sports coach after I graduate. I love playing and watching sports in my free time, mainly football, basketball, baseball, and track! I am mainly excited to get to know the different employers as well as getting to connect with the kids who attend the camp!

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Connor

Hey, my name is Connor, and I am a Sophomore studying Exercise Science at Black Hills State University. My favorite things to do in my spare time are snowboarding, hiking, and lake days. I am so excited to be a camp counselor this summer because I can't wait to learn about all of the different programs the institutions in the area have to offer.



Leyton

Hello, my name is Leyton. I am currently a sophomore at BHSU. I am majoring in Biology and plan to attend dental school after completing my undergrad. I enjoy being involved on campus, hanging out with family and friends, traveling, and trying new things. I am most excited to meet the campers and explore businesses throughout the Black Hills.

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Caleb

Hey, my name is Caleb and I am a junior at Black Hills State University. I am majoring in Accounting with a double minor in Finance and Economics. I'm originally from Baltic, South Dakota which is right outside Sioux Falls, but I'm living in Spearfish for the summer on an accounting internship. When I get time off from work and school I like to snowboard, golf, workout, or play videogames. The part of camp that I am most excited about is seeing the planes at Ellsworth Air Force Base.



Abi

Hello! My name is Abigail Baldwin. I am a double major in Biology and Chemistry. This is my third year at BHSU. In my free time, I enjoy reading, hot yoga, and spending time with my family and friends. I am looking forward to all of the different activities we have planned for the camp, as well as meeting all the campers!

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Gaige

Hello! My name is Gaige, and I am currently a sophomore here at Black Hills State University. I am majoring in Exercise Science with the ambition of becoming a physical therapist. In my free time I love to fish and hike, lucky for me the Black Hills is right in my backyard! I'm incredibly excited to get to spend some time with the kids and make their time here memorable and fun!



Derek

Hello! I'm Derek, and I will be a Senior at Black Hills State University, where I'm studying Graphic Design. Fun fact: I'm also part of the football team! I'm looking forward to meeting you all at this year's summer camp. Can't wait to make some great memories together!

Meet The Counselors



Heather

My name is Heather Maier and I am the High School Counselor at Rapid City Alternative Academy. I have a Master of Science in Counseling and I am currently working on my Doctorate in Educational Administration and Leadership. I truly enjoy working with students of any age and look forward to working with all of you. In my free time, I enjoy spending time at home with all of my animals, reading a good book, or rewatching my favorite tv shows.



Bell

Hello! My name is Bell, and I am a PE teacher at Spearfish Middle School. I graduated from Black Hills State University last year with a degree in Physical Education with minors in health and athletic coaching! When I'm not teaching or coaching, I love to visit National Parks and see beautiful landscapes throughout the United States. I am most looking forward to getting to meet all the great campers we are going to have during the Dakota Dreams Camps!

Meet The Counselors



Kerry

Hello Everyone! My name is Kerry Skinner. I am a middle school teacher in Sturgis. This fall will be my 33rd year teaching reading and social studies. I had the opportunity to be a camp counselor last year and enjoyed the experience so much I wanted to come back! It was so wonderful to see students get excited about future career and educational opportunities. I can't wait to meet this summer's campers!



Whitney

My name is Whitney Muller. I am currently in my 10th year of teaching on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. I have taught Middle School Science for 8 years at my current school, McLaughlin School District. I live in Timber Lake, SD where I am a single mom of 2 wonderful children, Conrad age: 11 and Cecilia age: 9. This will be my second year helping with the Dakota Dreams Camps and I am so excited to meet all of the children and to explore all the opportunities these camps have to offer.

Meet The Counselors



Matt

My name is Matt, and I am a Black Hills State University graduate with a Bachelors of Fine Art in Photography. I have currently been working professionally in photography for over 5 years, with many more years to come. I love the Black Hills and South Dakota, as I have been a resident for most of my life. I love the outdoors and outdoor rec sports. This is my second year at the Dakota Dreams Camp. What I'm most excited about this year's camp is getting to see all the new friendships that are made, and seeing the campers come into their own. There are tons of cool activities for everyone and I'm very excited to get to photograph their experience.



Rylan

Hello! My name is Rylan Bruns, I am a South Dakota native born and raised in Mitchell, SD. I have recently graduated from Black Hills State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in Photography. I am a creative that has been working in the field of photography for 5 years now. Strongly driven by capturing the originality and story telling of my subject is what inspired me to continue down this field. This is my third year of photographing the Dakota Dreams Camp and am excited to see what memories and stories this upcoming week has to offer!

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Dawson

My name is Dawson Lindeen, and I am a sophomore at Black Hills State University. I am getting a degree in Applied Health Sciences and plan to major in Physical Education, with a minor in coaching. Additionally, I compete on the BH track and field team and enjoy activities such as hiking, watching movies, and playing card games. I am most looking forward to meeting campers and helping them with their exciting journey of career exploration.



Brooks

Hello everyone! My name is Brooks, and I am going to be starting my college journey at South Dakota School of Mines in the fall! I'm looking to go into some kind of engineering degree. But, when I'm not at school or work I like to weightlift, swim, and hang out with my friends! The thing I am most excited for is meeting and getting to know the kids during the week and having a blast explore the possible careers for them!

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Elly

Hello! My name is Elly, and I am a junior at Black Hills State University. I am majoring in Psychology with a minor in Health. In my free time, I love to play volleyball, hike in the hills, and go thrifting! I am excited to spend time getting to know the campers and exploring career opportunities!



Brooklyn

Hi Everyone! My name is Brooklyn Andersen, and I am a sophomore at Black Hills State University! I am majoring in Elementary Education, with two minors in Early Childhood Education and Reading. When I am not at work, you can find me reading books, watching movies, exploring nature, thrifting, hammocking, following my faith, and spending time with family and friends. I am most excited about having the opportunity to work with the kids; learning with them, building relationships, and seeing their curiosity grow as we travel to different locations and learn about all different career fields!

Meet The Staff



Jenn

Hi everyone! I'm Jenn, I've been at Black Hills State University (BHSU) since August 2012, wearing multiple hats. Since June of 2015, I serve as the Coordinator for Student Disability Services and Coordinator of the Spearfish Testing Center. My background includes a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, which fuels my drive to provide students with the individualized support they need to thrive.



Garrett

Hello! My name is Garrett Kohler and I am a mental health therapist here at Black Hills State University. I received my bachelor's in psychology here at BH, and I earned my master's in counseling from Regis University in Denver, Co. I am a proud father of a sassy 6-year-old daughter, and fearless 17-month-old boy. I am a huge nerd, so when I can I love to play video games, otherwise I try to spend the rest of my time with my family. This will be my second year being a part of this camp; last year I had a tremendous amount of fun watching the kids learn and plan for their futures, and I am excited to do it again this year.

Meet The Staff



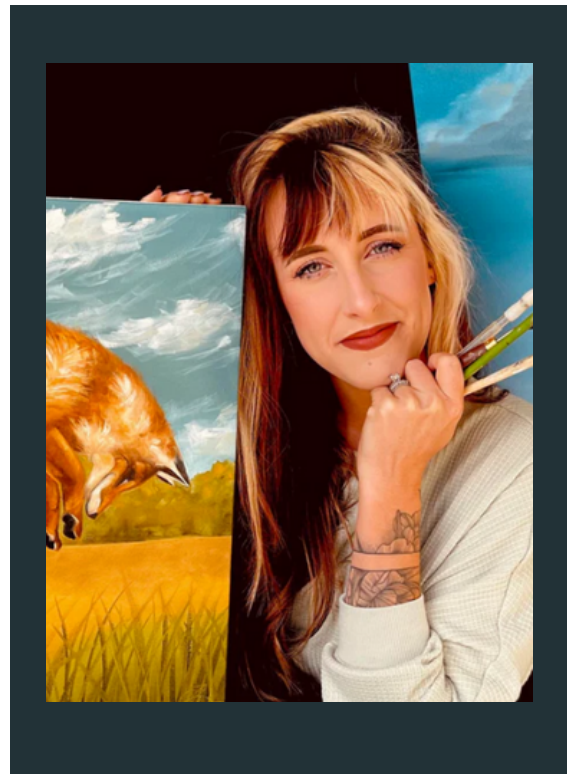
Myndi

Hi! My name is Myndi and I am the Peer and Internship Coordinator at Black Hills State University! I recently graduated from BHSU in May 2023 with a BSED History. I also began working on my MA of Public Policy. In my free time, I love to hike, hammock, read, embroider, and hang out with my cat Fin. I am most excited to meet all the students that will be attending the camp and working with them to discover new interests!

Meet The Entertainment



Noah
Sonie



Alexandra
Hansen

Business & Industry Visits

High Plains
WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER

Opened in September 1989 in Spearfish, SD, the center provides more than 20,000 square feet of presentation space honoring Western legends and pioneers whose rugged individualism created the distinctive landscape and economies of this five state region.

Neiman Enterprises



We're committed to timber production practices driven by forest health. We believe we are caretakers of the forest, utilizing experts who understand the science of legacy-focused forestry practices and committed to take action based on sound research and experience. Since the forest involves many stakeholders, we are partners, choosing to take an active collaborative stance when it comes to the work of ensuring our forests remain a viable, thriving resource, and choose stewardship efforts in pursuit of outcomes that will improve access opportunities for all of our partners.

Business & Industry Visits



The Spearfish Police Department is a value-driven organization committed to excellence and will partner with the community to make the City of Spearfish a better place to live, visit and conduct business.



The Spearfish Fire Department, founded in 1881, is a volunteer organization located in the northern Black Hills of Western South Dakota. The department's mission is to preserve life and property in the fire protection district and mutual aid area. The department also promotes fire safety and knowledge through fire safety education in the local schools and community.

Business & Industry Visits



We are one of the largest reptile zoo in the world, housing more species of reptiles than any other zoo or wild animal park. But, we're not just about the animals! We also showcase a myriad of flowers and flowerbeds, orchids and bromeliads - expanding the park far beyond what Earl Brockelsby could have imagined.

Our second and third generations are dedicated to carrying on his vision, not only by having top-notch displays, but also by offering outstanding hospitality. The State of South Dakota has honored us twice with the George Mickelson Award for Great Service to South Dakota visitors (1994 and 2018), the only organization so far to be honored twice.



ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE

Ellsworth Air Force Base is a United States Air Force base located about 10 miles northeast of Rapid City, South Dakota, and north of the town of Box Elder, South Dakota.

Contact Us

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