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wildlife-related tourism, and it shows an encouraging increase in personal investment of citizens in the future of wildlife and wild places.”

Overall, the 2011 survey found 38 percent of all Americans 16 years of age and older participated in wildlife-related recreation in 2011, which represented an increase of about 2.6 million participants from the previous survey taken in 2006.

In addition, participation in recreational fishing increased by about 11 percent and hunting was up 9 percent. This increase reverses a trend over previous surveys conducted that have shown a 10 percent decline in hunting participation between 1996 and 2006.

Sam Schelhaas, who is a conservation officer for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P) said that although he was unfamiliar with the Wildlife Service study, he thinks that South Dakota would always be up near the top in terms of the

number of hunters.

“A lot of that is because our state is rural,” he said.

He added that the outdoor programs that the GF&P offer are big draws for people to come to the area to hunt. The department offers a number of hunting and fishing courses, safe hunting classes and many other outdoor programs that often draw thousands of people.

“Our programs have been really well received,” Schelhaas said. “It has been a really big push in our department to recruit new hunters and retain the hunters we already have, and I like to think those efforts are paying off.”

He added that the GF&P also started a mentor hunting program that allows youth hunters to get out and hunt earlier than they had been allowed to in years prior. He said that a big draw for residents to hunt in South Dakota is because hunting licenses are very inexpensive.

“Hunting has to rival the tourism industry in South Dakota,” Schelhaas said. “In my opinion, hunting is a big money maker for the state, especially the pheasant hunting seasons.”

The youth pheasant season kicks off during the first weekend

of October. The second weekend is when residents are allowed to hunt pheasants on public state lands, and the third weekend is the official opener for all pheasant hunting in the state.

“The pheasant season is a big one that brings in a lot of out-of-state people,” Schelhaas said.

He added that there are not as many non-residents that come into the state for deer hunting season because of the way the licensing is set up. He said that a non-resident archery hunter can get a hunting tag in South Dakota for a fairly reasonable price, but the big non-resident draw is the pheasant hunting.

“We are improving our public land access and also acquiring more places for people to hunt in the state,” Schelhaas said. “We have more technology available now with maps of the best places to hunt in the area. The GF&P is constantly trying to come up with ways and ideas to retain the hunters we have. However, there is no magic answer as to how we can do that.”

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All the volunteers that helped out were certified in their respective fields. Volunteers included members of the Corps of Engineers; the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P); National Field Archery Association (NFAA) coaches and the Yankton Police Department, among others.

“The fishing pond station requires a mentor or volunteer for every kid out there because of the process of baiting and hooking that goes on,” Cull said. “Fishing has always been popular in the three years that we’ve held the camp here, but different aged kids tend to like different things.”

Last year, the camp instituted a new policy that now charges more money for kids that come alone without a parent or guardian present.

“We made this change to encourage kids and families to bring their parents or guardians with them,” Cull said. “Nugent uses these camps to promote the outdoors and the camaraderie

that comes with parents and their kids being outside together.”

Nugent holds the camps all over the country and each of them are non-profit events.

“The money that we might have left over, last year we put all of it (about \$1,000) into the NFAA scholarships that we offer here,” Cull said.

Cull noted that there is a lot of overhead and planning that goes on to make the camp possible and as enjoyable for kids it can be. Planning for the camp typically starts at the beginning of the year, but things really begin to crank up about 60 days prior to the camp date.

“The biggest issue that we have in planning the camp is finding a date that will not conflict with too many other activities in the area, and also finding a date that works to try and get Ted Nugent out to the camp,” Cull said.

“We also try and have the date be pretty close to the start of hunting season, which we’ve been able to do the past few years.”

He said that next year the camp might expand in terms of the number of registered participants allowed.

“We have always kept this camp local and have not really promoted it outside of the Yankton area,” he said. “Next year we’re thinking about expanding it and advertising it in other areas like Sioux City and Sioux Falls. If that happens, we will likely increase the number of participants allowed.”

Another big hit for campers was all the outdoor gear and prizes they got when the camp ended late in the afternoon.

“Each of the three years that we’ve held the camp here, we have had it in one of the middle two weekends in September, and even with changes to registration going forward, we hope to continue on with that date,” Cull said. “Our number one priority in the camp is for kids’ safety, we try and do whatever it takes to get things done and get them done safely.”

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- Train employees to use equipment properly and review safety procedures with them.
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