



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

PRAIRIE NEWS



MEET THE LODGE TEAM

ALEX ARNONE

Alex is a core piece of our team here at the Lodge. He is starting his senior year of high school in Kimball, and when he is not busy studying, he helps with guiding groups who are hunting prairie dogs, pheasants, and more. If you have met Alex, you know he always has a smile on his face and can talk to anyone!

When Alex is not at work, you'll find him fishing on the Missouri River or fixing up his boat. He is also training his red lab puppy, Ember, to be a talented hunting dog one day. Don't forget to say hello to Alex next time you visit!

Home State: Massachusetts

Favorite Hunt: Snow Geese

Top Meal: Mac 'n' Cheese

THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT THE LODGE



Summer is winding down, and our whole team is thankful for some cooler days and nights on the prairie. We are also hard at work readying the Lodge for bird season, which is coming up in no time! We have been mowing paths around food plots to make pheasant hunting easier, and we are preparing for early groups of dove hunters that are coming through in the next couple of weeks. Sunflowers are in bloom at the Lodge, and both pheasants and doves love the seeds. Of course, the preparations do not end outdoors. We are also ensuring that the indoor spaces at the Lodge and all of our amenities are ready to welcome you. There is a selection of exciting new items in the [gift shop](#) for you to take home, too!

BIRD SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Dove season starts on Monday, September 1, and we are excited to kick off the bird hunting portion of the year. While there are many places to hunt mourning doves in the United States, South Dakota provides an opportunity to combine different hunts into one exciting [package deal](#). You might even shoot prairie dogs, hunt doves, and fish for walleye in one action-packed trip! Do not forget these other key 2025 bird hunting dates to keep in mind for this fall:

Doves: Sep 1 - Nov 9
Waterfowl: Sep 27 - Dec 9
Pheasant: Oct 18 - Jan 31

There is still time to book waterfowl and late-season pheasant hunts with us at the Lodge. Make sure that you reach out to Toni ASAP to lock in your spot and make memories that will last a lifetime.



TOP-NOTCH LODGING AND AMENITIES

Here at the Lodge, we are constantly striving to improve the experience of every person who stays and hunts with us. That is why we are always adding new amenities, design features, and outdoor adventures to our repertoire. If you have not visited us in the past few years (or even the past few months), you are likely to discover something new when you walk through our doors. As the gravel crunches under your tires and you pull into our wide driveway, you know you are coming home. You know it when you open the car door and take a deep breath of the fresh prairie air, feeling the breeze tug at your hat. As you step inside to a warm welcome from our familiar team, saying hello to smiling faces you have

not seen since last fall, you sense the stresses of everyday life flowing out of your body. Your shoulders relax; you can breathe easy again. This is *your* Lodge. This is home. Every time you stay with us, that is exactly the experience we hope you enjoy: a sense of returning to comfortable, familiar territory where you can share laughs, drinks, and memories with friends throughout the weekend. Every update we make to the Lodge, we make with you in mind. Let's take a look...



EXPERIENCE OUR MODERN COMFORTS IN A RUSTIC AND RURAL SETTING

We are proud to continue adding features and amenities to our Lodge setup. These days, you will find a fully stocked gift shop, countless lounging and social areas, and amplified outdoor spaces as well. Our backyard fire pit, surrounded by comfortable rockers, is a much-loved new addition. You are also sure to notice exciting new mounts, like a porcupine and a wolf head, when you walk through our doors. Want to explore some more? Check out the [full Lodge gallery](#) online!



PRAIRIE PUZZLE

August Question: Which one of these National Parks or monuments is *not* located in South Dakota?

- a) Mammoth Cave
- c) Badlands

- b) Jewel Cave
- d) Wind Cave



Submit your answer by September 10, 2025, for a chance to win! Answers will be accepted via email, phone, or mail. Correct answers will be entered into the prize drawing to receive a FREE Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hat.