



WILDERNESS EMT

November 23 - December 18, 2009

Teton Science Schools are pleased to offer this 4-week program taught by staff of the Wilderness Medicine Institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School (WMI of NOLS). This course provides optimal training for outdoor leaders and backcountry enthusiasts while also preparing EMT's for serving in front country emergency medical services. Combining classroom with experiential learning, the course is designed to teach the skills and knowledge necessary for a safe, successful medical rescue operation or outdoor venture. Exceeding the U.S. Department of Transportation standards, the 180 hours of instruction includes over 60 hours of Wilderness curriculum, providing invaluable training for backcountry users and leaders. In addition to medical instruction, the course contains an introduction to rescue for wilderness environments. Prevention and improvisation in backcountry settings are stressed. Throughout the program, emphasis is placed upon judgment, awareness of safety and conservative decision-making regarding both patients and team members. Clinical observation in a regional emergency room is required during the course. The hospitals are approximately three and 1/2 hours away, and students are responsible for their own transportation and lodging during their clinical visit. Students typically carpool for the rotations, sharing gas and lodging costs. You should expect to spend 2 nights in a motel.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will take the State Practical exam, offered on course. Successful completion of the course also qualifies the student to test for EMT-Basic certification through the National Registry of EMTs. The NREMT EMT-Basic exam is a computer-based exam. Pearson Vue Testing centers are located throughout the country. Opportunity may exist for immediate NREMT computer testing or students may seek a testing center convenient to their home location. For more information regarding Computer Based Testing at the NREMT please refer to the following website. http://www.nremt.org/about/CBT_Home.asp. Graduates also receive Wilderness EMT certification through internationally recognized WMI of NOLS.

University credit is available through the University of Utah. Students may apply for 9 semester hours for an additional fee. Those interested in credit can arrange this with the instructor on the first day of the course.

WMI of NOLS has instructed over 75,000 individuals from such organizations as the United States National Park Service and United States Forest Service, university outdoor clubs, professional Search and Rescue groups, military special forces and international outdoor recreation leaders. All WMI of NOLS instructors have extensive outdoor and Emergency Medical Service experience and have been selected for their expertise in emergency medicine and rescue and their teaching capabilities.

Qualifications

All levels of previous medical training are welcome. **Current healthcare provider CPR certification is a pre-requisite for admission.** Students must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Students must present results from a PPd (Tuberculosis) test within the last twelve months. This university level course is very demanding and occurs in all sorts of weather and terrain. Students must be able to participate in all program elements. Applicants with any concerns about meeting this requirement should contact WMI of NOLS.

Course Location

Situated in beautiful Grand Teton National Park, Teton Science Schools' Kelly Campus is surrounded by grand mountain views, peaceful aspen forests, open grasslands and a rich wildlife population. Participants will stay in comfortable dorm-style cabins with 3 sleeping rooms and 2 shared bathrooms (shower, sinks, toilet) per cabin.

Delicious home-cooked meals are prepared by our professional kitchen staff and are served family style. All staff and participants will assist with daily school chores. These tasks, which consist of meal set-up and clean-up and cleaning your living quarters and classroom space during and at the end of the course, will entail about 2 hours of work per week. There will be a major "Hands to Work" clean up once a week for all participants and Science Schools' staff. Course participants are asked to provide their own bedding, towels and washcloths. If you bring a sleeping bag, you must also bring a sheet to put underneath it.

Weather

November and December in the Tetons are characterized by variable weather. It can be warm and sunny during the day and/or cold and snowing. Daytime temperatures can be subzero. Please expect unpredictable Fall/Winter weather!

Registration Procedure

Please complete the attached application form. To be considered, you must be 18 years of age or older at the start of the course and have current healthcare provider level CPR certification. A deposit of \$1000 must accompany your completed application. You will be notified immediately upon acceptance. Full fees are due by October 23, 2009. **We cannot hold a space without a deposit, nor can we hold a space after October 23, 2009 without the balance of your tuition having been paid.** A complete information packet will be sent upon acceptance. This will include a clothing and equipment list, medical form and travel information etc.

Arrivals and Departures

In-residence participants should plan on arriving Sunday, November 22 as close to 5 p.m. as possible. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Departure is Friday morning after breakfast or you may choose to depart after class on Thursday evening. Please do NOT make air travel arrangements before 7 p.m. on Thursday. TSS may provide airport or town shuttle service for an additional fee when notified in advance about your arrival/departure times. **Non-residence** students should arrive just prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23 and depart after class on Thursday Dec 17.

Fees

The tuition is **\$3300**. This will cover instruction, administrative fees, meals, lodging, text, equipment and certification costs. A deposit of \$1000 is required with the application form. There are a limited number of non-residential spaces available to Teton County residents at a cost of \$2470. Only those with a local address and phone number qualify for non-residential spaces; **no camping out of vehicles** is permitted in Grand Teton National Park or at Kelly Campus. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ALLOWED.** If you arrive with a pet, you will be asked to leave until appropriate arrangements are made. For Jackson area or lodging information, you should contact the Jackson Chamber of Commerce at 307-733-3316 or {www.jacksonholechamber.com}.

Refund Policy

If for some reason you are not accepted, we will refund the full deposit immediately. If you cancel prior to 30 days from beginning of course and we can fill your space, we will refund all but a \$100 processing fee. If we cannot fill your space, the full fee is non-refundable. **If you cancel within 30 days prior to beginning of course, no money will be refunded.** All fees are due by October 23, 2009.

**Specific course related questions should be directed to: Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS
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