

WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

Sponsored by the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS and the Far Flung Outdoor Center

DATES: *January 7-8, 2009*

COST: *\$160.00*

LOCATION: *Far Flung Outdoor Center, Study Butte, Texas*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Whether you find yourself on the river or in the mountains, this course is designed for anyone who might have to spend an unexpected night out in the backcountry with an injured patient. The two-day Wilderness First Aid (WFA) curriculum emphasizes long-term care and includes more practice time than an introductory level Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course, making it the perfect option for guides who need more extensive training. You'll receive the best education available based on the most updated wilderness medicine curriculum delivered to you in an intensive hands-on format. Be confident in making treatment and evacuation decisions for your clients, friends or family members. This course is ideal for river guides, outfitters and camp staff who lead trips. The WFA course is pre-approved for 32 hours of EMT CEU's by CECBEMS.

Upon successful completion of practical and written exams you will receive a two-year WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Aid certification. Due to time constraints, this class **does not** include CPR. CPR is **not** required to attend this course.

WFR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If you hold a current Wilderness First Responder certification from WMI, SOLO, or WMA, you will receive a WMI WFR certification upon successful completion of your WFA. Please bring a copy of your current certification if other than WMI. If you hold a current WFR certification from any other wilderness medicine organization you will receive a letter of course completion in lieu of a WMI WFR certification. This letter of completion may allow you to recertify with your original certifying organization. You must contact that organization prior to your WMI course to ensure that our course will meet their requirements for recertification.

WFR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants using the WFA course to recertify their WFR will be required to pass both a written and a practical test on day 2 of the course. Check the following web page for information and resources on how to best prepare for your course. <http://www.nols.edu/wmi/about/faq.shtml#prepare>

All students are required to submit a photocopy of their WFR certification card on the first day of the course.

There is a one-year grace period for recertification of WMI cards (Please keep in mind that your certification is not current during this grace period and will not be viewed as a valid Wilderness First Responder certification once the grace period has begun.)

REGISTRATION/POLICIES

A **non-refundable, non-transferable** deposit of **\$100** is required to reserve a space in the course. Tuition balance is due **on the** first day of class and is payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or cash. The

tuition fee covers textbooks, syllabus, equipment and certifications. A full refund will be given if we are forced to cancel the course for any reason.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If a student cancels or withdraws from a course:

- The deposit of \$100 is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Once the course has begun, tuition is NON REFUNDABLE and NON TRANSFERABLE.

Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks Release and Indemnity Agreement: Please read the enclosed document very carefully as it affects your legal rights. Bring the signed document to the first day of the course. If you are a minor, a parent or guardian must sign the document. Failure to provide a signed document will result in you not being able to participate in the course. WMI participants, including minors, will have unsupervised free time throughout the course. Any activities during the free time are not part of the WMI program and are at the sole risk of the participant.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

WMI is proud to be a Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) accredited organization. Current EMTs are eligible to receive 32 CEU hours for their WMI WAFA course. Please bring a photocopy of your current EMT card(s) with you to your course.

CLASS FORMAT/ EQUIPMENT

Check in is at 7:45 AM on the first day of the course. Course days run from **8:00am – 5:00pm**. The format for this 16-hour WFA is classroom lectures integrated with practical scenarios, skills practice sessions, case studies, role-playing and simulated rescues. Attendance is required for all scheduled classes. Scenarios, and practice sessions will take place both inside and outside. Please bring outdoor clothing appropriate for lying on the potentially wet, muddy or snowy, cold ground playing the role of both rescuer and patient. Frequently, stage (moulage) blood and make-up will be used to emphasize the reality of a scenario. The classroom environment lends itself to a pair of comfy shoes/slipper and a crazy creek-type chair. You will need: a large day pack with multiple layers, water bottle, waterproof tops and bottoms, sturdy boots, head lamp or flashlight and a watch with a second hand.

TRAVEL/DIRECTIONS

The course will be held at the Far Flung Outdoor Center located on Farm Road 170, one-half mile west of the intersection of Highway 118 and Farm Road 170 in Study Butte, Texas. For more detailed directions call the Far Flung Office at 432-371-2633.

LODGING/ RECREATION

Camping: Camping is available in the area at the Far Flung Outdoor Center or Big Bend Motor Inn (800-848-2363).

Lodging: Check out www.farflungoutdoorcenter.com under “Where to stay” for lodging suggestions.

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE COURSE. THIS INCLUDES LEASHING THEM OUTSIDE. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any student bringing pets to class will be asked to leave class until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility.

NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM OR DURING TRAINING SESSIONS.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. *Our office hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00am -5:00pm Central Standard Time.*

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