



**GRAND CANYON  
CONSERVANCY**

**FIELD INSTITUTE**

## **WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER**

Sponsored by **Grand Canyon Conservancy Field Institute (GCCFI)** and

NOLS Wilderness Medicine

**DATES:** June 10-19, 2019

**COST:** \$715 GCC members, \$740 nonmembers; Camping \$50pp

**LOCATION:** Community Building, Grand Canyon National Park



## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Wilderness First Responder course is essential if you work or recreate in the outdoors or in other austere environments where access to medical care is delayed or communication is unreliable. It is the industry standard for professional guides, trip leaders, search and rescue team members, outdoor recreationists, and international travelers. Upon completion, you will be able to conduct a thorough physical exam, obtain a patient history, assess vital signs, provide emergency care in the wilderness, and make crucial evacuation decisions. During this fast-paced, engaging course, you will spend half your time practicing skills and participating in realistic scenarios, including a full-scale night mock rescue.

NOLS Wilderness Medicine's nationally recognized curriculum encompasses a wide range of topics including long-term patient care, wound management, selective spine immobilization, reducing dislocations, litter packaging, and epinephrine administration. Dynamic educators who have practiced medicine in both wilderness and urban environments will teach you skills and protocols to step forward in an emergency, and you will finish the intensive 80-hour course with the tools and confidence to manage patients in the backcountry for multiple days.

Upon successful course completion you will earn the following NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications: Wilderness First Responder, Adult and Child CPR & Airway Management, and Epinephrine Auto-injector.

## **CLASS FORMAT AND PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS**

Check in is at 7:45 a.m. on the first day of the course. Course days run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with two additional evening sessions. Ten-day courses will include a day off; nine-day courses do not. The class format is classroom lectures integrated with practical scenarios, case studies, and skills practice sessions. Attendance is required at all classes.

Scenarios and practice sessions will take place both inside and outside. Bring outdoor clothing appropriate for lying on the potentially wet, snowy, or cold ground playing the role of both rescuer and patient. Frequently stage (moulage) blood and make-up are used to enhance the realism of a scenario. The classroom environment generally lends itself to a pair of indoor comfy shoes and a camp chair. A 4-hour evening, outdoor mock rescue is part of the curriculum; dress accordingly.

## PACKING CHECKLIST

- ✓ Notebook and pencil or pen
- ✓ Watch with second hand or digital second
- ✓ Sunglasses and hat
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Light day pack
- ✓ Waterproof outerwear top and bottom
- ✓ Light hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- ✓ Clothing layers that allow you to be comfortable in a variety of weather conditions
- ✓ Slippers or comfortable shoes for classroom time (optional)
- ✓ Camp chair for classroom time (optional)

## COURSE OUTLINE

For the full course outline, visit the WFR course page: [www.nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-responder-WFR/](http://www.nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-responder-WFR/)

## NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please download this agreement and read it very carefully as it affects your legal rights: <https://www.nols.edu/en/filer/public/1481683959/906/>

Bring the two-page signed document to the first day of the course. If you are a minor, a parent or guardian must sign the document. Without a signed document, you cannot participate in the course.

**NOLS Wilderness Medicine participants, including minors, will have unsupervised free time throughout the course. Any activities during the free time are not part of the NOLS Wilderness Medicine program and are at the sole risk of the participant.**

## POLICIES

### Cancellations

Please notify our office as soon as possible should you need to cancel your registration. If you cancel more than 45 days prior to your class, you will receive a full refund less \$95.00 (per person). If you cancel within 45 days prior to your class, we must retain your entire tuition with no exceptions. Participants are strongly urged to purchase trip cancellation insurance through a travel agent. This insurance protects you against financial loss if you must cancel or interrupt a trip due to an illness or injury to yourself, a family member, or traveling companion.

### Pets

Pets are not allowed at the course site. This includes leashing them outside. Any student bringing a pet to class will be asked to leave until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility. No exceptions.

### Alcohol and Tobacco

No alcohol or tobacco is allowed on site.

### Firearm

You may not bring firearms or other weapons on a GCCFI course.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **EMT Continuing Education**

NOLS Wilderness Medicine is proud to be a Commission on Accreditation of Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE) accredited organization. Current EMTs are eligible to receive 70 CEU hours at no additional cost for participation in a Wilderness First Responder course.

Please bring a photocopy of your current EMT card(s) with you to your course. Also, ensure that CAPCE CEUs will be accepted by your State EMS organization.

### **Fellowship in the Academy of Wilderness Medicine (FAWM)**

Through joint sponsorship with the Wilderness Medical Society active members of WMS may earn up to 55 hours at no additional cost for participation in the Wilderness First Responder course. Learn more about WMS here: [www.wms.org](http://www.wms.org)

## **COLLEGE CREDITS**

### **Pre-Course Access to College Credit**

The WFR course is pre-approved for three semester hour credits through Western State Colorado University (WSCU) for an additional cost of \$240. Thirty days **prior** to the NOLS Wilderness Medicine course, interested students must initiate registration and payment for credit by requesting an enrollment form for WSCU from NOLS Wilderness Medicine.

### **On-Course Access to College Credit**

The WFR course is pre-approved for three semester hour credits through the University of Utah for an additional cost of \$300. If you are interested in receiving college credit, please inquire with your instructors on the first day of class for the necessary information.

## **STUDENT LOGISTICS**

### **Meals and Lodging**

There is no meal and lodging package available for this class. Here is a list of lodging options to assist you in making your own arrangements:

- Camping: Discounted camping at Mather Campground, Grand Canyon National Park, for June 9-19. \$50 pp. See Campground Instructions for more details. Showers and laundry are adjacent to the campground.
- Lodging: Use the Lodge Reservation Form for June 9-19.
- Getting Around: There is a free [in-park bus system](#) that connects the campground with the historic district, where our classroom is found. **Biking around Grand Canyon Village is a wonderful way of getting around due to the short distances between points of interest.**
- Shopping: Grand Canyon Village has a small grocery store where one can buy most staples.
- Recreation: During your day off a day hike might be the order of the day. Look at Grand Canyon National Park's [website](#) for more details about the trails.

### **Travel**

The class will be conducted at the Community Building ([Google Map](#)) in Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. (See the accompanying map). To get to Grand Canyon Village, consider a car or [www.arizonashuttle.com](http://www.arizonashuttle.com).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

### Course Host

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