



# GRAND CANYON CONSERVANCY

FIELD INSTITUTE

## WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER RECERTIFICATION

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

NOLS Wilderness Medicine

**DATES:** June 21-23, 2019

**COST:** \$320 GCC members, \$345 nonmembers; Camping \$15pp

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



## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Review, practice, and stay on top of your skills with NOLS Wilderness Medicine's Wilderness First Responder Recertification Course. This scenario-based approach to recertification provides the opportunity to test your skills against realistic situations.

You will practice and relearn wilderness medicine protocols, review evacuation and decision making guidelines, and receive the latest curriculum updates over the course of three days.

You are required to complete both written and practical testing to recertify on this Recertification course. To achieve a passing score (70%) on the written multiple-choice exam, you must review previous course materials. Please come prepared.

These online resources will assist you:

[www.nols.edu/en/resources/wilderness-medicine-resources/](http://www.nols.edu/en/resources/wilderness-medicine-resources/)

Upon successful course completion, dependent on your current certification, you will earn the one of your NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications: Wilderness Advanced First Aid/Wilderness First Responder/ Wilderness EMT, 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. Attendance is required at all classes. The course consists of demonstrations, a few short lectures, skills practice sessions, and many practical scenarios.

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-blood and make-up are used to enhance the realism of a scenario. The classroom environment often lends itself to a pair of comfy shoes and a camp chair.

## 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 Recertification course page:

[www.nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-responder-recertification-WFRR/](http://www.nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-responder-recertification-WFRR/).

## WAFA/WFR/WEMT RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### NOLS Wilderness Medicine Graduates

NOLS Wilderness Medicine certification holders will be afforded a one-year period after expiration within which to recertify. This one-year re-entry period is only offered to those certified through NOLS Wilderness Medicine. Enrolled students must bring their certification card to the course so that the instructor can verify the expiration date.

### Graduates from Other Wilderness Medicine Providers

NOLS Wilderness Medicine welcomes eligible graduates from other providers to recertify on our Wilderness First Responder Recertification course or our Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Recertification course. To be eligible for recertification you must possess a current (unexpired) WAFA certification, WFR certification from a provider whose WFR course is a minimum of 70 hours, or WEMT certification.

There is no re-entry period once your certification expires. It is your responsibility to make sure your certification meets this standard. If you are unsure, please contact NOLS Wilderness Medicine to verify your certification qualifies before enrolling in a course.

Students certified by other wilderness medicine providers are required to submit a photocopy of their unexpired certification card on the first day of the course. We cannot issue you a new card until we have verified your previous training.

Students recertifying the wilderness portion of their WEMT certification must submit a photocopy of their current EMT card on course.

## NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please download this agreement and read it very carefully as it affects your legal rights:  
[www.nols.edu/en/filer/public/1481683959/906/](http://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 AND COLLEGE CREDITS**

### **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 18 CEU hours for participation in a Wilderness First Responder course. Please bring a photocopy of your current EMT card(s) with you to your course.

More information on continuing education credits can be found here:

[www.nols.edu/en/resources/credit-continuing-education/continuing-education/](http://www.nols.edu/en/resources/credit-continuing-education/continuing-education/)

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

The WFR Recert course is pre-approved for one semester hour credit through Western State Colorado University (WSCU) for an additional cost of \$80. 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.

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

Through joint sponsorship with the Wilderness Medical Society active members of WMS may earn up to 14 hours at no additional cost for participation in the Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Recertification course. Learn more about WMS here: <http://www.wms.org/>

## **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 20, 21, 22, and 23. \$15 pp. See Campground Instructions pdf for more details.
- Lodging: Use the Lodge Reservation Form for June 20, 21, 22, and 23. Most rooms in the park are doubles, and will sleep up to four.
- 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

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. MST.  
Phone: 866.471.4435  
FAX: 928.638.2484  
email: [gccfi@grandcanyon.org](mailto:gccfi@grandcanyon.org)  
web site: [www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute](http://www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute)

#### NOLS Wilderness Medicine:

*Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm Mountain Time.*

*Phone: (866) 831-9001*

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