



# WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER

**January 3-11 (NAU students only)**

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## 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 AM on the first day of the course. Course days run from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Two evening sessions will be scheduled. The format for this 80-hour WFR 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. The weather in northern Arizona can be unpredictable and varies with the season. Bring outdoor clothing appropriate for lying on the potentially wet, muddy, or frozen 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. Generally, the classroom environment lends itself to a pair of comfy shoes/slippers and a camp-type chair.

### Packing Checklist

- ✓ Notebook and pencil or pen
- ✓ Watch with second hand or digital second
- ✓ Sunglasses and hat
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Headlamp
- ✓ 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)

### REGISTRATION

**Tuition for the course is \$770, and a deposit of \$470 is required to reserve a space in the course. Tuition balance is due on or before the first day of the course.** The tuition fee covers instruction, textbooks, equipment use, certifications, and continuing education credits. Enroll online at [www.FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com](http://www.FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com) or mail the attached registration form with a check or money order. The tuition balance may be paid with cash, check, or VISA/MC.

The January 3-11 WFR course will be held at Northern Arizona University and is open only to NAU students enrolled in PRM 216. Participants in the January 3-11 course must pay the entire tuition at the time of enrollment, and all enrollments must be made online at [www.FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com](http://www.FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com).

### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If a student cancels or withdraws from the course

- Greater than or equal to 30 days prior to the course starting date, Flagstaff Field Institute will retain a \$50 administrative fee. All other funds will be returned.
- Within 30 days of the course start date and throughout the duration of the course all deposit and tuition moneys are non-refundable.
- All course registrations are non-transferable.

### NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please download the NOLS Wilderness Medicine Student Agreement and read it carefully as it affects your legal rights:

<http://flagstafffieldinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NOLS-agreement-2018.pdf>

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 as well. 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 NOLS Wilderness Medicine program and are at the sole risk of the participant.

## 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. Please 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: <http://www.wms.org/>

## COLLEGE CREDIT

### **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.

## COURSE LOCATIONS AND TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

Most courses are held at the Colton Research Center:

Pearson Hall – Building #34  
Colton Research Center  
3100 North Fort Valley Road  
Flagstaff, Arizona

From downtown Flagstaff and the intersection of Route 66 and Humphreys Street, drive north on Humphreys Street. After many blocks, turn left onto Fort Valley Road/US 180 and go approximately 2.1 miles. Turn right onto North Winding Brook Road (marked by a large blue sign to a senior community named 'The Peaks') and go 0.2 miles to the intersection with West Research Center Drive. Turn left and park in one of the parking lots on either side of the road. The class will be held in Pearson Hall, Building #34, just west of the parking lots. A map is available on the FFI website: [www.flagstafffieldinstitute.com/resources/course-locations/](http://www.flagstafffieldinstitute.com/resources/course-locations/)

The January 3-11 WFR course will be held in the SBS West building on the campus of Northern Arizona University.

## LODGING

There is no lodging option available at the course site, but there are many, many lodging options in and around Flagstaff. Flagstaff is completely surrounded by national forest, and camping is available in various campgrounds around town. For more information on campgrounds as well as 'dispersed camping', please visit the Coconino National Forest website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/coconino/>

Many students choose to stay at the Grand Canyon Hostel in downtown Flagstaff. The Grand Canyon Hostel provides great access to the local climbing gym, restaurants, outdoor equipment shops, etc. For more information on the hostel, please visit [www.grandcanyonhostel.com](http://www.grandcanyonhostel.com). The hostel offers a 'free, hearty breakfast' every day, and you'll receive a 15% discount off the cost of lodging if you mention that you're participating in a WFR course with Pete Walka and the Flagstaff Field Institute.

For other lodging options such as hotels, motels, or B&Bs, please visit the following websites:

Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce: [www.flagstaffchamber.com](http://www.flagstaffchamber.com)

City of Flagstaff web site: [www.flagstaff.az.us](http://www.flagstaff.az.us)

## RECREATION

Only 80 miles from the Grand Canyon, Flagstaff has long been recognized for its outstanding recreational opportunities. *Rock & Ice*, a climbing magazine, named Flagstaff one of the "10 Climbing Towns to Live For", and Flagstaff is surrounded by hundreds of miles of trails for running and mountain biking. The Arizona Nordic Village and Arizona Snowbowl provide cross-country and downhill skiing opportunities during the winter. Flagstaff also boasts a vibrant arts and entertainment scene and lots of great coffee shops. Bring your climbing shoes, hiking boots, running shoes, mountain bike, skis, and snowshoes – the recreational opportunities are amazing!

## PLEASE NOTE

\*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 class until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility. No exceptions.

\*No smoking, alcohol, or illegal drugs allowed in class.

\*No firearms or other weapons are permitted on NOLS courses.

**Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.  
I'm looking forward to having you in the course!**

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# WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which course you would like to attend:**

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To reserve a spot in the course, you may enroll online at [www.FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com](http://www.FlagstaffFieldInstitute.com) or submit this form with a check or money order for \$470 as deposit. Please make check or money order payable to **Flagstaff Field Institute**. The balance of the course tuition will be due on the first day of class.

Mail your completed registration form and tuition payment to

**Flagstaff Field Institute  
975 North Manzanita Way  
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001**

I have read and understand the refund policy described on the accompanying course letter.

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Signature

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Date