

Wilderness First Responder

Sponsored by NOLS Wilderness Medicine

DATES: April 16-25, 2019

COST: \$775 Tuition Only

VENUE: Columbia Cottage at
Columbia Park, 4339 N Lombard, Portland OR 97203

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

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 on Day 3 (dislocations practice/skills in the classroom) and Day 8 (mock rescue outdoors) that run from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.. Ten-day courses will include a day off on Day 6. 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 emphasize the reality of a scenario. Day 8's evening session is 4-hour outdoor mock rescue is part of the curriculum; dress accordingly.

The classroom environment has tables for writing, as well as limited space to practice skills. Within the building are restrooms and access to a small kitchen.

Packing Checklist

- Packed lunch (recommended, no meals provided)
- Notebook and pencil or pen
- Watch with second hand or digital second
- Sunglasses and hat
- Water bottle
- Light day pack
- Waterproof outerwear
- Headlamp
- Light hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- Clothing layers that allow you to be comfortable in a variety of weather conditions
- Soft-soled shoes (slippers, etc.) for classroom time for use inside the Columbia Cottage to avoid extra wear on the floor.**

Course Schedule

For the full course outline, visit the WFR course page, scrolling to Section 2 to click on "DOWNLOADS: Course Outline" at: <https://nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-responder-WFR/>.

Registration

Tuition

A deposit of \$300 is required to reserve your spot on the course. The balance of tuition is due two weeks prior to the first day of the course. You can pay your balance online (we accept Visa or Mastercard), by calling the NOLS Wilderness Medicine office with credit card information, or by mailing a check (with driver's license number).

The tuition fee includes instruction, textbooks, equipment use, certification, and continuing education credits. A full refund will be given if NOLS needs to cancel the course for any reason.

Course Cost: \$775
Deposit to reserve spot: \$300 (due at time of registration)
Your balance due: \$475 (due two weeks prior to the course start date)

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.

NOLS Wilderness Medicine Policies

Cancellations

If you cancel or withdraw from a course:

- Greater than or equal to 30 days prior to the course start date, NOLS Wilderness Medicine will retain a \$35.00 administrative fee. The remainder of tuition collected to date will be refunded.
- Within 30 days of the course start date, tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable as per the following:
- WFA, WFR-R, WMPP - loss of full tuition.

- WFR, WAFA, WUMP - loss of course deposit.
- Once the course begins, no refunds will be awarded. All course registrations are non-transferable.

Course Policies

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.

Service Animals

Please contact the Wilderness Medicine office at 1-866-831-9001 if you intend to bring a service animal to the course.

Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, & Weapons

No alcohol, no drugs, no tobacco, and no weapons are allowed in the classroom.

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.

Travel, Meals, & Lodging Logistics

Travel

The Columbia Cottage located in Columbia Park at 4339 N. Lombard Portland, Oregon 97203.

It is recommended that participants secure their vehicles and bikes to prevent theft.

A link to the Portland Parks & Recreation webpage about Columbia Park is located at:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/finder/index.cfm?PropertyID=17&action=ViewPark>

Meals

Meal service is not provided during the course and participants are responsible for their own meals. Participants should plan on bringing lunch and will have access to a small kitchen during the 1-hour lunch break.

Lodging

It is the responsibility of each participant to secure lodging for themselves. While NOLS Wilderness Medicine does not specifically endorse any of the following properties, the following lodging options are within a 10-minute drive of Columbia Cottage:

Friendly Bike Guest House	4039 N Williams Ave	(503) 799-2615
Travelers' House	710 N Alberta St	(503) 954-2304
Viking Motel	6701 N Interstate Ave	(503) 285-4896
Motel 6 Portland North	1125 North Schmeer Road	(503) 247-3700

Contact Information

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

NOLS Wilderness Medicine

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