



GRAND CANYON CONSERVANCY

FIELD INSTITUTE

WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER (WFR)

Sponsored by Grand Canyon Conservancy Field Institute & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

DATES: June 8-17, 2020

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

LOCATION: Grand Canyon National Park, AZ



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 to 5:00 PM, 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 a second hand or digital second
- Sunglasses and hat
- Water bottle
- Light day pack
- Headlamp
- 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 [NOLS Wilderness Medicine WFR](#) course page.

REGISTRATION AND TUITION PAYMENT

Tuition is due in full at the time of registration.

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

WAF/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) WAF 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 the [NOLS Student Agreement](#) and read it carefully as it affects your legal rights.

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

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE 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.

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. 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](#).

COLLEGE CREDITS

Pre-Course Access to College Credit

The WFR course is pre-approved for 3 credit through Western State Colorado University or an additional cost. Interested students must initiate registration and payment for credit by contacting Western at least 30 days prior to the course start. More information can be found [here](#).

On-Course Access to College Credit

The WFR course is pre-approved for one semester hour credit through the University of Utah for an additional cost. If you are interested in receiving college credit, please ask 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: 11 nights of discounted camping at **Mather Campground**, Grand Canyon National Park, for June 7-17. \$50 pp. See Campground Instructions pdf for more details.
- Lodging: Use the **Lodge Reservation Form** for June 7-17. Most rooms 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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