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WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

Sponsored by Cal Adventures and NOLS Wilderness Medicine

DATES: March 21 – 22, 2020
COST: \$250.00 Tuition Only
LOCATION: Berkeley, CA

*Please see Student Logistics below for additional information on course location

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Whether spending time in the backcountry is your passion or your profession, you should never have to ask, "What do I do now?" Prepare for the unexpected with this fun, hands-on introduction to wilderness medicine.

If you like to take short trips relatively close to medical resources, work at camps or lead wilderness trips, enjoy weekend family outdoor activities, or recreate outdoors, this course is for you.

You'll learn the Patient Assessment System, how to provide effective first aid treatments for injuries and illnesses common in the outdoors, how to manage environmental emergencies, and how to make appropriate evacuation decisions. You will spend half your time practicing skills and participating in realistic scenarios.

NOLS Wilderness Medicine's course is approved by such organizations as the American Camp Association, the United States Coast Guard, and other states as well as federal agencies.

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

CLASS FORMAT AND PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

Check in is 7:45 a.m. on the first day. Course days run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 comfy shoes or slippers 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 WFA course page:

<https://nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-aid-WFA/>.

WAF/ WFR/ WEMT RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

NOLS Wilderness Medicine certification holders may take a **Wilderness First Aid** (WFA) course to recertify a WAF, WFR or WEMT certification. Certification holders from other wilderness medicine training organizations cannot recertify through a Wilderness First Aid course.

NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications will be afforded a one-year period after expiration within which to recertify. You should bring your certification card to the course so the instructor can verify the expiration date. For more information please visit our recertification policy at the following link: <https://nols.edu/en/courses/wilderness-medicine/recertify/>

The **Wilderness First Aid** (WFA) course is an introductory course for individuals with no prior knowledge and generally does not include CPR.

The preferred way to recertify your certification is to enroll in a Wilderness First Responder Recertification course, or through our Hybrid WFR Recertification course, which adds an online component in addition to traditional scenarios and skills.

These courses are specifically designed for students needing recertification. You can find more information at the links below.

WFR-R: <https://www.nols.edu/en/courses/courses/wilderness-first-responder-recertification-WFRR/>

Hybrid WFR-R: <https://www.nols.edu/en/courses/courses/hybrid-wilderness-first-responder-recertification-HWRR/>

You will be required to pass both a written and a practical test. Check the following web page for information and resources on how to best prepare for your course. <https://nols.edu/en/resources/wilderness-medicine-resources/>

REGISTRATION

Tuition payment in full is required to reserve your spot in the course. You can pay your tuition 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, and certification. A full refund will be given if we need to cancel the course for any reason.

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/1479518011/652/>

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 withdraws from a course:

- Greater than or equal to 30 days prior to the course start date, Cal Adventures 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.

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.

COLLEGE CREDITS

Pre-Course Access to College Credit

The WFA course is pre-approved for 0.5 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 WFA 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

The course will take place at the Haas Clubhouse in the Strawberry Canyon Recreation Area (SCRA) on the campus of UC Berkeley. Strawberry Canyon Recreation Area is located on Centennial Drive, 0.2 miles up the hill from the intersection of Centennial and Stadium Rim Way. The facility is on the right as you head up the hill and contains a pool (Strawberry Canyon Pool) which can be spotted from the road. The adjacent parking lot to the facility is called Wittier Lot.

A map can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/SCRAMap>

The facility is located in a natural setting, but the parking lot occasionally experiences break-ins. Please do not leave valuables in the car. The parking lot immediately adjacent to SCRA requires a fee of \$1 / hr for parking which can be paid in the yellow pay station adjacent to the facility entrance. Bicycles may be brought inside the facility gate, but must remain outside the buildings and clear of egress routes.

LODGING AND MEALS

There are no provided meals or lodging options for this course. There are a number of hotels and restaurants within one mile walking distance to the course location, and many options in the greater Berkeley area. Year round camping is also an option at Anthony Chabot Regional Park, about a 30 minute drive from the course.

A kitchen space to include a refrigerator, microwave, sink & stovetop are available for use. Please bring any cookware you may need and label items in the refrigerator.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 7:00pm Pacific Standard/Daylight Time.

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Web Site: <https://recsports.berkeley.edu/wilderness-medicine/>

NOLS Wilderness Medicine:

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