

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE

Wilderness Medicine Expedition Travel and Logistics

We are so excited to have you on the Wilderness Medicine Expedition this summer!

Course Start

In order to minimize interaction with the broader community, your course will meet at Outfitting Camps outside of town, rather than at the NOLS Rocky Mountain campus in downtown Lander.

Arrive	Sunday, August 21, 2022
Meeting place	Alpine Science Institute 50 Field Station Rd Lander, WY 82520 If you are flying, and using a NOLS recommended shuttle, they will know how to get you to the Outfitting Camp. If you drive to Lander, plan on arriving at the Alpine Science Institute between 4:00-6:00pm. We will help shuttle your car to a NOLS parking lot before you leave for the field.
Meeting time	Any time between noon and 8 pm on Sunday, August 21, 2022

Flight Destination

Airport	Riverton, WY (RIW) or Casper, WY (CPR)
Date	Sunday, August 21, 2022

Flight Return

Airport	Riverton, WY (RIW) or Casper, WY (CPR)
Date	Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Ground Transportation

From airport to NOLS	Reserve a space on a Share-A-Ride shuttle from the Riverton or Casper airport to NOLS Rocky Mountain in Lander, WY.
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	Share-A-Ride is committed to providing shuttles operating at 50% capacity in order to allow for physical distancing.
From NOLS to airport	Same as above.

Accommodation

Before Course	You will be camping with your course at NOLS' Outfitting Camp the night you arrive.
After Course	When your course returns from the field, you will return to the Outfitting Camp for the final evening. The following morning you will be brought to your airport shuttle or your vehicle.

Arrival

Your course begins in the evening on Sunday, August 21, 2022. If you are shuttling from Casper or Riverton, your shuttle driver will know how to get you to your Outfitting Camp. We ask that you try to arrive at the outfitting camp between noon and 8:00 pm.

You will meet your instructors the afternoon or evening before your course start date, and will be provided meals starting with dinner that night. Once you arrive, we'll immediately start following physical distancing protocols.

After dinner your course will have an orientation meeting. For the evening, you will be camping in open air shelters. If you do not have a sleeping bag and pad, don't worry—we will provide them for you.

Departure

Your course ends late in the evening on August 30, 2022. **You should plan to leave Lander no sooner than August 31st.** Please do not make travel plans that will require you to arrive late for your course or to leave early once your course is over. You may end up missing the start of your course or missing your plane home.

Travel Arrangements

We recommend that you make your travel plans as soon as possible to avoid complications. You should consider purchasing tickets that are refundable or changeable in case unforeseen circumstances arise.

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Flights & Shuttle Service

The commercial airport nearest to Lander is Riverton, WY (RIW). You can book a contiguous flight all the way into Riverton on United's website.

There is a shuttle service from the Riverton Airport to Lander offered by [Wyoming Share-A-Ride](#). Transit time is approximately 40 minutes. The cost ranges from \$21-83 depending on the number of passengers, and an advanced reservation is always required. [Classic Cruise Control](#) offers taxi service to Riverton for approximately \$42.

The [Casper, WY airport](#) (CPR) is another option for accessing Lander. There is a shuttle service from the Casper Airport to Lander offered by [Wyoming Share-A-Ride](#). Transit time is approximately three hours. The fare is determined by the number of other passengers traveling on the shuttle and time of day, and it ranges from \$66–\$325, per person, each way. The shuttle is not available for all flight arrivals and departures times; before booking your flight into Casper, please plan and confirm availability of shuttle.

Please contact Share-A-Ride directly for booking information by calling 307-696-6116 or through their website <http://sharearidewyoming.com/>. Advance notice and a reservation are required.

Luggage

Carry essential items onto the plane with you, including prescription medications, masks, and hand sanitizer and retain your baggage claim stubs. These are important tools for tracking any missing luggage. Upon your arrival at our outfitting camp, promptly inform the person meeting you and your instructors if you are missing luggage.

Meals

The Casper and Riverton airports have limited food options so we encourage you to pack lunch and snacks. The shuttle does not stop for food on the way to Lander, but you will be served dinner when you arrive at your course's outfitting camp.

If Delayed

If your arrival in Lander is delayed because of weather or other reasons, and you are not going to be able to make the orientation meeting, a NOLS Wilderness Medicine staff member will be on call throughout the weekend. You can reach them by calling (307) 335-2394. This number is only to be used to update us on any changes to your travel plans. If you have other questions about travel, packing, or pre-course preparation, please reach out to me by Friday afternoon.

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Accommodations

On August 21, 22, and 30, NOLS will provide camping style accommodations in our outfitting camp on the outskirts of Lander. This will consist of an open air shelter/tarp with appropriate mosquito netting or, in some cases, a solo tent. Your instructors will camp with you while you are in town. At the end of the course, you will have access to showers.

Please note that the outfitting camp is outside of town and there is no access to in-town services. There will also be no access to the internet and cell service may be limited depending on your carrier.

If you plan to arrive in Lander prior to the night before your course start date, you will be responsible for making your own accommodations. This also applies if you plan to spend more time in Lander after your course is over. Please contact the [Lander Chamber of Commerce](#) for more information regarding various options for accommodations in town.

Vehicles and Valuables

Personal belongings and vehicles may be stored at the NOLS facility for the duration of your course. Valuables may be checked into our safe. Due care will be taken to prevent theft or damage of your stored items. NOLS does not assume any liability for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property while in our care. NOLS will not honor any personal claim for property loss while in our care. If you want insurance coverage for your personal belongings, you must provide it yourself.

Parking is generally available on a NOLS lot for the duration of your course in an unfenced parking lot with little or no security. If all available spaces are filled or you want more secure storage, private companies offer such facilities for a modest fee. Arrangements for parking can be made when arriving at our outfitting camp prior to course start.

Student Mail

You will be able to receive mail before and after your course; however, you will not receive mail while you are in the field. Inform your family and friends that letters and packages they send to you must include your course code (WME 8/22/2022). For example: Your Name, WME 8/22/2022, NOLS, 288 Main Street, Lander, WY 82520.

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Telephone

You will be out of telephone contact for the duration of your field experience. Your family and friends should not expect to hear from you until the final day of your course.

First and Last Day

The first days of your course are busy! All phone calls, emails, and personal matters must be attended to the evening before leaving for the field. After an early breakfast on the morning of the second day, instructors will check your equipment and issue any items you need for your course. You will prepare rations and then pack up to leave town. Once last minute details are completed, just after lunch, you will be transported to the field.

On the final day of your course, you will return to our outfitting camp. There, you will de-issue gear, showers, debrief with NOLS administrators, and have a final celebratory dinner. Your course officially concludes that evening and camping accommodations will be provided at our outfitting camp. Shuttles will depart for the airport from there the following morning.

Contacting NOLS Wilderness Medicine Special Programs

- phone 1-4:30 p.m. MST Monday–Friday at (866) 831-9001 # 2
- Email:

Wilderness Medicine Special Programs: wilderness_medicine_wemt@nols.edu

All completed student forms should be emailed to:

Wilderness Medicine Special Programs: wilderness_medicine_wemt@nols.edu

Payments can be made at nols.edu

If you don't have an account, yet, you can create one there.