Student Logistics

Wilderness First Responder (WFR)

Sponsored by OMSI & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: February 9th - 18th, 2022

Cost: OMSI Members \$705 + \$315 lodging; Non-members \$850 + \$315 lodging

Location: 39472 HWY 218, Fossil, OR 97830

Meals, Lodging, Travel, and Arrival

Meals and lodging are provided for this course. Unless you live locally, we strongly suggest you register for food and lodging. The fee includes ten nights' comfortable overnight lodging at Hancock Field Station, and three hot and fresh buffet-style meals each full day of the course.

Meals

Meals are typically served at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm. They are homemade and hearty, and if Covid guidelines allow, will include a breakfast bar and dinner salad bar. We can accommodate vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan diets, and we are versed in serving people with food allergies to nuts, wheat, soy, eggs, and more. Please contact us with specific food service questions or concerns.

Lodging*

Lodging is generally in large shared cabins, with electricity (including 1-2 outlets) and heaters. The cabins are somewhat insulated, but they may get chilly. Smaller cabins may also be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Warm sleeping bags and clothes are necessary. Shower houses with hot and cold running water, heat, electricity, and individual toilet and shower stalls are a short walk from the cabins. Limited RV parking may also be available. Please contact us with specific lodging questions.

Other Lodging/Camping Options**

There are no campgrounds close to our facility and RV and tent camping is not available at HFS without the purchase of the lodging and food option. The nearest camping/lodging is approximately 30-45 minutes away. For information, visit: http://www.wheelercountyoregon.com/recreation, or https://wilsonranchesretreat.com/

*Due to Covid restrictions, lodging information is subject to change. OMSI will provide an update if necessary.

**If you do not register for food and lodging you must provide your own food for the entire course. Limited refrigerator space, hot water, and a microwave may be available in the common dining area.

Travel

Hancock Field Station (HFS) is a small science camp located in a rural part of the state, about 18 miles west of Fossil. There is no cell phone reception in the area, however there is limited WIFI at HFS. We are 30 minutes from Fossil, one hour from Madras, two hours from Bend, three and a half hours from Portland, and four hours from Eugene. Please drive safely, and please get gas, as fuel stations are scarce.

The road to HFS (Highway 218) is particularly curvy, and road conditions vary. Check <u>www.tripcheck.com</u> for the latest conditions. You may encounter poor weather and road conditions in February, particularly if you travel over any of the mountain ranges. Find us on <u>Google Maps!</u>

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Arrival

You may check in at Berrie Hall upon arrival. Due to the remote nature of this venue, you may arrive the day before between 12:00 pm and 8:00 pm. If you would like to arrive the day before, please call or email the facility manager at 541-489-3233, or hancockfieldstation@omsi.edu for early arrival registration and instructions.

Hancock Field Station is uniquely situated within the Clarno Unit of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Public collecting or digging for fossils is never allowed in the monument. The removal, possession, or disturbance of any fossil, mineral, plant, archaeological object, or any other natural or cultural feature is prohibited.

Registration

How to Register

Send an email to register@omsi.edu, or call (503) 797-4661.

Cancellation Policies

Participant cancellation:

- 30 or more days prior to the course starting, OMSI will retain a \$75.00 administrative fee
- 14-29 days prior to the course starting date, OMSI will retain 50% of the course tuition
- 13 or fewer days prior to the course starting and throughout the duration of the course, all deposits and tuition are nonrefundable

All course registrations are non-transferable.

Questions?

Contact:

OMSI Hancock Field Station

Office Hours: M-F 10 am - 4 pm PST

Phone: 541-489-3233

Email: hancockfieldstation@omsi.edu