

Student Logistics



Hybrid Wilderness First Responder (WFR)

Sponsored by *Irwin Guides* & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: October 4-8, 2025

Cost: **\$990 Tuition Only**

Location: *Irwin Guides Backcountry Classroom, 440 Forest Service 8261 C, Gunnison, CO. 81224*

Travel, Meals, and Lodging

Meals and Lodging

There is not a meal and lodging package available for this course.

Camping options: 1.5 miles from the backcountry classroom
Irwin Lake Dispersed Camping
Irwin Lake Campground [reserve a campsite here](#)

lodging options: 11 miles from the backcountry classroom
Old Town Inn: 970-349-6184
Elk Mountain Lodge: 970-349-7533
Purple Mountain Lodge: 970-349-5888
Grand Lodge Hotel: 888-443-6715

Travel

The course is NOT held in the town of Crested Butte - it is a 45 minute drive from Crested Butte to our backcountry classroom (see directions below). It is recommended to have a high clearance vehicle to access the classroom.

For any questions regarding the classroom, please call or email the Irwin Guides Office (970)349-5430 / info@irwinguides.com

Participants who are not familiar with the area are asked to meet at Irwin Guides Headquarters at 330 Bellevue Ave. Crested Butte, Co. 81224 on the morning of Day 1 at 7am.

Take highway 135 into the town of Crested Butte.

Take a left at the first stop sign onto Bellevue Ave.

Go two blocks and the Irwin Building will be on your left. It is a large grey structure.

The Irwin Guides Backcountry Classroom Directions:

Continue up Kebler Pass - Co Rd 12

Turn Right onto Co Rd 826

For the Lake Irwin Campground - You can turn onto FS-826 1A - Lake Irwin Campground will be on the left

For the BackCountry Classroom you can continue on Co Rd 826

NOLS Wilderness Medicine – M-F from 8am - 5pm Mountain Time
(866) 831-9001 – wilderness_medicine@nols.edu – [NOLS.edu](https://www.nols.edu)

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At the fork in the road take a right

At the next fork in the road take another right

The classroom will be on your left about 0.4 miles up the road – It's a big barn

Registration

How to Register

Please use this [link](#) to register on the NOLS website.

Cancellation Policies

NOLS is taking all registration for this course. Please visit their [Policies Page](#) for an overview of cancellation policies.

For Questions about location, logistics, and registration, contact:

Course Host: Irwin Guides

Office Hours: Mon - Sun 8am - 6pm

Phone: (970)-349-5430

Email: info@irwinguides.com

Website: irwinguides.com