

Student Logistics

Hybrid Wilderness First Responder

Sponsored by Mountain Rescue Institute & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: September 19 - 23rd, 2026
Location: La Plata County Fairgrounds + Event Center
Cost: \$925 (Tuition only)

Travel, Meals, and Lodging

- **Getting to Durango by Air**
Regional Airports: Durango- La Plata County Regional Airport: 15 miles | Grand Junction Regional Airport: 173 miles | Telluride Regional Airport (connections to Denver only): 110 miles

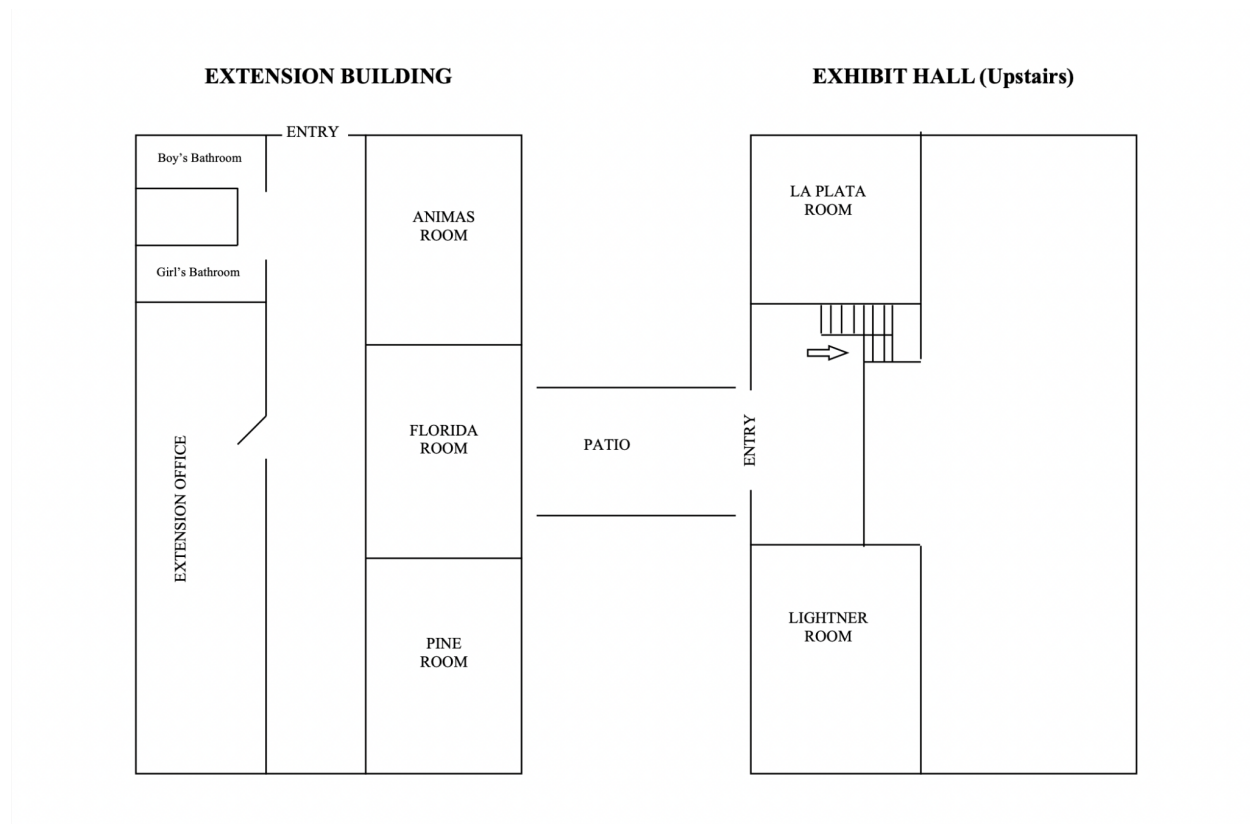
International Airports: Albuquerque International Sunport: 217 miles | Denver International Airport: 361 miles | Salt Lake City International Airport: 391 miles
- **Getting to Durango by Car:** Durango is the perfect destination for a road trip. Since this corner pocket of Colorado is a full day's drive from major cities, it's a bit off the beaten path. On the way, there are tons of attractions from Durango, no matter what direction you are coming from or going to. Here's some information on the drive times to expect.
 - Albuquerque: 215 miles south | 3.5-hour drive
 - Denver is 337 miles north | 6-hour drive
 - Salt Lake City is 339 miles northwest | 6.5 drive
- **Dispersed Camping:**
Bay City Campground is about 30 minutes away from the classroom, offers paved sites and RV hookups. Campers can stay for up to 14 days.
There is quite a bit of forest service land around Durango, so other dispersed camping isn't hard to come by, as long as the roads are snow-free and accessible.
- **Pay Camping:** There are several pay camping options in, and just outside of Durango. Reservations required.
[United Campground Durango](#)
[Lightner Creek Campground + Cabins](#)
- **Hotels**
[Motel Durango](#) + [Adventure Inn](#) are two options nearby the classroom location.

Classroom

The class will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds' Extension Building, in the **Animas Room**. See the [Google Maps Link](#) and the map below.

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- **Meals** There are no meal plans offered for this course. However, the Classroom venue is located in downtown Durango, easy access to many restaurants for lunch and dinner breaks.

Refund, Transfer, and Cancellation Policy

MRI charges a \$75 non-refundable application fee, which will be applied to the course tuition. Refunds and transfer requests will be provided based on course type. Deposits are required to secure a space on your course.

Wilderness First Responder - Within 30 days of the course start date, the \$300 course deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable. The full tuition balance is due 15 days prior to the course start date. No refunds or transfers will be awarded within 15 days of the course start date. **Failure to pay in full for a course by the deadline will result in the cancelation of your registration, and retention of all monies paid.** Outside of 30 days, refunds will be processed upon request minus the \$75 application fee. Transfers will be subject to a \$75 transfer fee. No refunds will be awarded once the course has begun.

Wilderness First Responder Recertification/Wilderness First Aid - Full tuition is due at the time of registration to secure a space on these course types. Within 30 days of the course start date, all tuitions are non-transferable and non-refundable. Outside of 30 days, transfer or refund will be subject to the \$75 application fee. Transfers will be subject to a \$75 transfer fee. No refunds will be awarded once the course has begun.

Course Cancellation - In the unlikely event of a course cancellation, all tuitions will be refunded minus the \$75 application fee.

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