

STUDENT COURSE INFO

Hybrid WFR Recert

Joshua Tree, California • October 30 – 31, 2026

Welcome! This sheet has everything you need to arrive prepared for your course in Joshua Tree. Please read it in full and reach out with any questions.

Your Course at a Glance

Course: Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Recertification (Hybrid WFR Recert)

In-person dates: October 30 – 31, 2026

Tuition: \$415— tuition only

Duration: 24 hours (self-paced online coursework + 2 days in-person, incl. 2 hours CPR)

Certifications: WFR, CPR, Epinephrine Auto-Injector

Location: Joshua Tree Lake Campground, in collaboration with the Joshua Tree Music Festival

Address: 2601 Sunfair Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Tuition reflects NOLS pricing for this session and is subject to change; the amount shown at checkout on the NOLS website is authoritative. This course includes a self-paced online component that must be completed before the in-person dates.

Arrival & Directions

- **Daily schedule:** In-person sessions run 0800 – 1700, plus the evening session noted below.
- **From Park Blvd (Joshua Tree):** Drive east on HWY 62 for ~4 miles, then turn left (north) on Sunfair Rd.
- **From Twentynine Palms:** Drive ~11 miles west on HWY 62 from Adobe Rd, then turn right (north) on Sunfair Rd.
- **Final leg:** Continue ~5 miles north on Sunfair Rd. The site is on your right — look for campground signs.

Map link: [Joshua Tree Lake Campground on Google Maps](#)

- **Parking & camping:** *[Insert parking & camping instructions for students]*

Special Evening Session

- **CPR session — Day 1 (Oct 30):** An onsite evening CPR session. Plan to stay for the evening on Day 1.

The Desert Environment & What to Bring

Weather reminder

Desert environments swing dramatically. Days can be warm and sunny while evenings drop quickly — and the outdoor portions of the course run regardless of weather, so come prepared for hot, cold, windy, or wet conditions.

Most of the course is taught outdoors. There are bathrooms in the area. Bring clothing that will keep you comfortable outdoors for extended periods in the forecasted weather. We also recommend bringing a **camp-style folding chair** for lectures, scenarios, and debriefs held outside the classroom.

Required Items

- Layers for cold mornings and nights (fleece or puffy, warm hat, gloves)
- Sun protection: brimmed hat, sunscreen, sunglasses
- Headlamp with extra batteries
- Sturdy, closed-toe footwear
- Reusable water bottle (bring more capacity than you think you need)
- A camp-style folding chair for outdoor sessions
- Rain gear and clothing you don't mind getting dirty — you'll spend time on the ground as both rescuer and patient

On-Site Amenities

- **Restrooms & water:** Flush toilets, showers, and potable water available on-site.
- **Leave No Trace:** Please keep all campground facilities clean and pack out what you pack in.
- **Wi-Fi:** Network: *[Insert network]* Password: *[Insert password]*

Meals, Travel & Lodging

Meals

There is no meal package for this course — students arrange their own food.

Travel to Course Site

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Lodging

On-Site: Joshua Tree Lake Campground

Camping right at the course venue is the most convenient option and keeps you close for early starts and evening sessions.

Special Lodging Offer

Here's a special lodging option for course attendees, offered in partnership with the Joshua Tree Music Festival. For details, reach out to Barnett at the JTMF: jtmusicfest@gmail.com

Options include:

- **Trailer rental:** Stay in a JTMF trailer for \$250 (5-day course) or \$150 (2-day course), including use of a private shower and the JTMF kitchen.
- **Dry camping:** Bring your own van, car, or RV for \$25/night, also including use of a private shower and the JTMF kitchen.

Nearby Hotels, Motels & Rentals

The towns of Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms (both a short drive south on HWY 62) offer motels, inns, and vacation rentals across a range of budgets. Booking sites like Airbnb, Vrbo, and the major hotel chains all serve the area. Because this is peak season, reserve early.

What to Bring

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- Layers for cold mornings and nights, plus sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses)
- Headlamp with extra batteries, sturdy closed-toe footwear, and a reusable water bottle
- Rain gear and clothing you don't mind getting dirty — you'll be on the ground as both rescuer and patient

Registration

How to Register

NOLS is collecting tuition and enrollment information for this course. Please register on the [NOLS Wilderness Medicine website](#).

Travel insurance is recommended; NOLS's preferred provider is [MDM](#).

Cancellation Policy

NOLS is handling all registration for this course. Please visit their [policies page](#) for an overview of cancellation and transfer policies.

Questions & Contact

For questions about location, logistics, and registration, please contact:

Course Host

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