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Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Certification Course (WFR)

Sponsored by Anza-Borrego Foundation & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: February 10-14, 2027

Cost: $1,050.00 Tuition Only
$1,250.00 Tuition & Bunkhouse

Location: Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (401 Tilting T Dr., Borrego Springs, CA 92004)

Anza-Borrego Foundation:

Anza-Borrego Foundation (ABF), founded in 1967, is the official nonprofit partner of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Our mission is to protect and preserve the natural landscapes, wildlife habitat and cultural heritage of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and its surrounding region for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. We raise funds for initiatives in the Park, acquire land for conservation, educate the public about the Park's resources, and fund research relevant to our region. Our small, dedicated staff, together with our board and volunteers, work hard to protect the Park and cultivate an understanding and appreciation of this land.

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park:

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP) is the largest state park in California and one of the largest desert protected areas in the west. Located in the eastern half of San Diego County, the Park extends roughly 25 miles east to west and 50 miles north to south and encompasses 615,000 acres with 12 wilderness areas and over 100 miles of hiking trails. The Park is known for its sweeping vistas and unique rock formations, palm groves, wildflowers, and species such as the bighorn sheep. It's the perfect setting for learning and testing life-saving wilderness skills.

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Photo: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Travel, Meals, and Lodging

Meals and Lodging

Lodging is available at the **Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center** (SBABDRC). SBABDRC is an 88-acre property that lies on the western edge of the Colorado Subdivision of the Sonoran Desert in eastern San Diego County. SBABDRC is housed in a former country club and is located adjacent to the State Park in the town of Borrego Springs. An agreement with Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Anza-Borrego Foundation makes SBABDRC available to support ABF's public education programs.

Amenities at SBABDRC include four private rooms with bathrooms, four dorm rooms with a total of 24 bunk beds and two shared bathrooms, a large event space, a classroom, a lab, a shared kitchen, and an outdoor patio. Registration with lodging for this course includes a bed in a shared dorm room and full use of the facility's shared restrooms (with showers) and fully equipped kitchens. Participants should bring their own bedding, toiletries, and food but may use kitchen appliances and refrigerators/freezers. For questions about lodging at SBABDRC, please contact Emily Blanchard, Education Coordinator at Anza-Borrego Foundation, at emily@theabf.org.

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Alternate lodging options include camping in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (in developed campgrounds, Borrego Palm Canyon and Tamarisk Grove Campground, or dispersed camping) or staying at nearby Borrego Springs hotels:

- Borrego Springs Resort & Spa (1112 Tilting T Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004)
- Palm Canyon Hotel & RV Resort (221 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004)
- Borrego Valley Inn (405 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004)
- La Casa del Zorro Desert Resort & Spa (3845 Yaqui Pass Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004)
- Hacienda del Sol (610 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA, 92004)
- Stanlunds Inn & Suites (2771 Borrego Springs Rd, Borrego Springs, CA 92004)

Travel

The Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center is located approximately 160 miles from Los Angeles International Airport, 90 miles from San Diego International Airport, and 85 miles from the Palm Springs International Airport.

Google Maps link to directions to SBABDRC
Apple Maps link to directions to SBABDRC

Registration

How to Register

NOLS is collecting tuition and enrollment information for this course. Please register on the NOLS website.

Travel insurance is recommended; NOLS's preferred provider is MDM.

Cancellation Policies

NOLS is taking all registration for this course. Please visit their **policies page** for an overview of cancellation and transfer policies."

For Questions about location, logistics, and lodging, please contact:

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