

# **WILDERNESS ADVANCED FIRST AID**

*Sponsored by the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS and Far Flung Outdoor Center*

**Dates:** *January 8-12, 2018*

**Tuition Cost:** *\$395.00*

**Location:** *Oasis Lodge at the Far Flung Outdoor Center*

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Whether you spend time on the river or in the mountains, this course is designed for folks who might have to spend an unexpected night out in the backcountry with an injured patient. The five-day Wilderness Advanced First Aid (WAFA) curriculum emphasizes long-term care and includes more practice time than an introductory level Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course - making it the perfect option for guides who need more extensive training. You'll receive the best education available based on the most updated wilderness medicine curriculum, delivered to you in an intensive, hands-on format. This course is ideal for river guides, outfitters and camp staff who lead trips.

The WAFA course is pre-approved for 32 hours of EMT CEU's by CECBEMS.

Upon successful completion of practical and written exams you will receive a two-year WMI of NOLS Wilderness Advanced First Aid certification and a two-year CPR certification.

This course **DOES** include CPR.

## **RECERTIFICATION**

The WAFA may be used to recertify a WFR certification. If you hold a current Wilderness First Responder certification from WMI, SOLO, or WMA, you will receive a WMI WFR certification upon successful completion of your WAFA course. If you hold a current WFR certification from any other wilderness medicine organization you will receive a letter of course completion in lieu of a WMI WFR certification. This letter of completion may allow you to recertify with your original certifying organization. You must contact that organization prior to your WMI course to ensure that our course will meet their requirements for recertification.

All students are required to submit a photocopy of their WFR certification card on the first day of the course.

There is a one-year grace period for recertification of WMI cards. Please keep in mind that you are not current during this grace period and therefore cannot work as a Wilderness First Responder.

## **REGISTRATION/POLICIES**

A **non-refundable** deposit of **\$50** is required to reserve a space in the course with the tuition balance due **48 hours prior to the first day** of class. Payment may be made by cash, check or credit card. The tuition cost covers instructors, textbooks, syllabus, equipment and certifications only. It does not cover lodging, travel, meals or incidentals.

## CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If a student withdraws from the course:

- Prior to the first day of the class, the deposit of \$50 is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Within 48 hours of the class or during the class, the tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable.

## WMI STUDENT AGREEMENT

**Please download this agreement ([http://www.nols.edu/wmi/pdf/wmi\\_agreement.pdf](http://www.nols.edu/wmi/pdf/wmi_agreement.pdf)) and read it** very carefully as it affects your legal rights. Bring the **two-page** signed document to the first day of the course. If you are a minor, a parent or guardian must sign the document. Failure to provide a signed document will result in you not being able to participate in the course. **WMI participants, including minors, will have unsupervised free time throughout the course. Any activities during the free time are not part of the WMI program and are at the sole risk of the participant.**

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

WMI is proud to be a Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) accredited organization. Current EMTs are eligible to receive 32 CEU hours for their WMI WFA course. Please bring a photocopy of your current EMT card(s) with you to your course.

## CLASS FORMAT/ EQUIPMENT

Check in is at 7:45 AM on the first day of the course. Course days run from **8:00am – 5:00pm**. The format for this 40-hour WFA is classroom lectures integrated with practical scenarios, skills practice sessions, case studies, role-playing and simulated rescues. Attendance is required for all scheduled classes. Scenarios, and practice sessions will take place both inside and outside. Please bring outdoor clothing appropriate for lying on the potentially wet, muddy or snowy, cold ground playing the role of both rescuer and patient. Frequently, stage blood (moulage) and make-up will be used to emphasize the reality of a scenario.

This course will involve night scenario on the Thursday evening of class. You will be asked to participate in this training exercise, regardless of the weather. Please bring sufficient clothing and equipment as if you were going on a day hike with the possibility that you might have to overnight unexpectedly in the backcountry.

**You will need to bring at a minimum:** large day pack water bottle, quality rain gear, quality outerwear such as fleece, sturdy boots, head lamp or flashlight, a watch with second hand and a day pack.

## TRAVEL/DIRECTIONS

The course will be held at the Oasis Lodge on the campus of the Far Flung Outdoor Center. Far Flung Outdoor Center is located on FM 170 about one half mile west of the intersection of Highway 118 and FM 170 in Study Butte/Terlingua. For specific directions go to: <http://bigbendfarflung.com/about-us-2/directions/>

## LODGING

**Casita Lodging:** Far Flung Outdoor Center has 12 fully furnished “casitas” for rent as overnight accommodations. Each unit includes two queen beds, a mini-kitchen with microwave, refrigerator, coffee pot and sink and large porches to enjoy a West Texas sunset. For more information about Big Bend Casitas go to: [www.bigbendfarflung.com/lodging](http://www.bigbendfarflung.com/lodging).

Far Flung Outdoor Center will be offering \$129/night, double occupancy rates for students enrolled in the 2018 WAFA course. Contact us at 432-371-2633 to book your casita!

**Camping:** Tent camping is available at Far Flung for \$15/night which includes the use of campground, showers, restrooms and outdoor kitchen.

Please note that pets are not allowed at the course and cannot be kept in a vehicle on the Far Flung campus. It would be best to leave pets at home or in the care of another person.

Smoking and/or the use of alcohol is prohibited in the classroom or during class training sessions.

**Please contact Far Flung Outdoor Center with any questions at:**

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