

WILDERNESS ADVANCED FIRST AID COURSE

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

DATES: *January 9-13, 2012*

COST: *\$325.00*

LOCATION: *Brewster County Emergency Services Building, Study Butte, Texas*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Whether you find yourself on the river or in the mountains, this course is designed for anyone 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. Be confident in making treatment and evacuation decisions for your clients, friends or family members. 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 **\$100.00** is required to reserve a space in the course. Tuition balance is due **on the** first day of class and is payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or cash. The tuition fee covers textbooks, syllabus, equipment and certifications. A full refund will be given if we are forced to cancel the course for any reason.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

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- The deposit of \$100 is non-refundable, but transferable up to one year.
- Once the course has begun, tuition is NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE.

WMI STUDENT AGREEMENT

(including Assumption of Risks and Agreements of Release and Indemnity)

Please download this agreement from 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 Wafa 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 Wafa 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 (moulage) blood and make-up will be used to emphasize the reality of a scenario. The classroom environment lends itself to a pair of comfy shoes/slipper and a crazy creek-type chair.

This course will involve an evening scenario on Thursday. 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 and a watch with second hand.

TRAVEL/DIRECTIONS

The course will be held at the Brewster County Emergency Services Building on Farm Road 170 one mile west of the intersection of Highway 118 and Farm Road 170 in Study Butte, Texas. For more detailed directions call the Far Flung Office at 800-839-7238 or visit our website at www.ffoc.net.

LODGING

Lodging: Far Flung Outdoor Center now has 6 fully furnished cabins for rent. 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. Call Far Flung at 800-839-7238 for special pricing and details. Or visit www.farflung.net to look up other lodging options in the Big Bend area.

Special Pricing for 2012 Wafa students - \$89/night, double occupancy.

Camping: Camping is available (\$9/night) at Far Flung Outdoor Center (800-839-7238) or Big Bend Resorts & Adventure (800-848-2363).

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE COURSE. THIS INCLUDES LEASHING THEM OUTSIDE. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any student bringing pets to class will be asked to leave class until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility.

NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM OR DURING TRAINING SESSIONS.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. *Our office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00am -5:00pm ,Central Standard Time.*

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