

WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE

Sponsored by Ready SF and NOLS Wilderness Medicine



DATES: Dec 8-9, 2018

COST: \$230.00 Tuition Only

LOCATION: Bay Model, 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Whether spending time in the backcountry is your passion or your profession, you should never have to ask, "What do I do now?" Prepare for the unexpected with this fun, hands-on introduction to wilderness medicine. If you like to take short trips relatively close to medical resources, work at camps or lead wilderness trips, enjoy weekend family outdoor activities, or recreate outdoors, this course is for you. You'll learn the Patient Assessment System, how to provide effective first aid treatments for injuries and illnesses common in the outdoors, how to manage environmental emergencies, and how to make appropriate evacuation decisions. You will spend half your time practicing skills and participating in realistic scenarios.

NOLS Wilderness Medicine's course is approved by such organizations as the American Camp Association, the United States Coast Guard, and other state and federal agencies.

Upon successful course completion you will earn the following NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications: Wilderness First Aid and Epinephrine Auto-injector

CLASS FORMAT AND PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

Check in is 7:45 a.m. on the first day. Course days run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The class format is classroom lectures integrated with practical scenarios, case studies, and skills practice sessions. Attendance is required at all classes. Scenarios and practice sessions will take place both inside and outside. Bring outdoor clothing appropriate for lying on the potentially wet, snowy, or cold ground playing the role of both rescuer and patient. Frequently stage (moulage) blood and make-up are used to enhance the realism of a scenario. The classroom environment generally lends itself to a pair of comfy shoes or slippers and a camp chair.

Packing Checklist

- Notebook and pencil or pen
- Watch with second hand or digital second
- Sunglasses and hat
- Water bottle
- Light day pack
- Waterproof outerwear top and bottom
- Light hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- Clothing layers that allow you to be comfortable in a variety of weather conditions
- Slippers or comfortable shoes for classroom time (optional)

- Camp chair for classroom time (optional)

COURSE OUTLINE

For the full course outline, visit the WFA course page, scrolling to Section 2 to click on “DOWNLOADS: Course Outline” at:

<https://nols.edu/en/coursefinder/courses/wilderness-first-aid-WFA/>.

WAF/WFR/WEMT RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

NOLS Wilderness Medicine certification holders may take a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course to recertify a WFA, WFR or WEMT certification. Certification holders from other wilderness medicine training organizations cannot recertify through a Wilderness First Aid course. NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications will be afforded a one-year period after expiration within which to recertify. You should bring your certification card to the course so the instructor can verify the expiration date. For more information please visit our recertification policy at the following link: <https://nols.edu/en/courses/wilderness-medicine/recertify/>

You will be required to pass both a written and a practical test. Check the following web page for information and resources on how to best prepare for your course.

<https://nols.edu/en/resources/wilderness-medicine-resources/>

REGISTRATION

Tuition payment in full is required to reserve your spot in the course. You can pay your tuition online (we accept Visa or Mastercard), by calling the NOLS Wilderness Medicine office with credit card information, or by mailing a check (with driver's license number).

The tuition fee includes instruction, textbooks, equipment use, and certification. A full refund will be given if we need to cancel the course for any reason.

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please download this agreement and read it very carefully as it affects your legal rights:

https://www.nols.edu/media/filer_public/1c/20/1c20e13a-7019-4cf8-b730-6ffa053e482b/wmi_agreement_2017_january.pdf

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. Without a signed document, you cannot participate in the course. **NOLS Wilderness Medicine participants, including minors, will have unsupervised free time throughout the course. Any activities during the free time are not part of the NOLS Wilderness Medicine program and are at the sole risk of the participant.**

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE POLICIES

Cancellations

If you cancel or withdraws from a course:

- Greater than or equal to 30 days prior to the course start date, NOLS Wilderness Medicine will retain a \$35.00 administrative fee. The remainder of tuition collected to date will be refunded.
- Within 30 days of the course start date, tuition is non-refundable and non-transferable as per the following:
 - WFA, WFR-R, WMPP – loss of full tuition.
 - WFR, WAFA, WUMP – loss of course deposit.
- Once the course begins, no refunds will be awarded. All course registrations are non-transferable.

Pets

Pets are not allowed at the course site. This includes leashing them outside. Any student bringing a pet to class will be asked to leave until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility. No exceptions.

Alcohol and Tobacco

No alcohol or tobacco is allowed on site.

COLLEGE CREDIT

Pre-Course Access to College Credit

The WFA course is pre-approved for 0.5 semester hour credits through Western State Colorado University (WSCU) for an additional cost of \$60. Thirty days **prior** to the NOLS Wilderness Medicine course, interested students must initiate registration and payment for credit by requesting an enrollment form for WSCU from NOLS Wilderness Medicine.

On-Course Access to College Credit

The WFA course is pre-approved for one semester hour credit through the University of Utah for an additional cost of \$95. If you are interested in receiving college credit, please inquire with your instructors on the first day of class for the necessary information.

STUDENT LOGISTICS

Directions: The classroom location is 2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965. Parking is available and free. Please arrive at 7:45 on Saturday morning.

Meals and Lodging: There is not a meals and lodging option for this course. Below are some lodging options. There are plenty of restaurants close to the Bay Model as well as a Mollie Stones grocery.

Camping: <http://www.parksconservancy.org/visit/camp/> - Bicentennial

Lodging: Look at www.hotels.com, or airbnb.com for local options.

Youth Hostel: <http://www.norcalhostels.org/marin>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Course Sponsor:

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NOLS Wilderness Medicine - registration:

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm Mountain Time.

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