

**WMI WILDERNESS FIRST AID  
AND  
WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER RECERTIFICATION**  
**Sponsored by: Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS,  
Caltech Y, Caltech Alpine Club, ASCIT & GSC**

**DATES:** *May 16-18, 2008*  
**COST:** *\$120.00 ( \$80.00 Refunded Upon Course Completion)*  
**LOCATION:** *Caltech Y, Caltech Campus, Pasadena, CA*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Fast paced and hands-on, this two- or three-day course covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors. Whether spending time in the backcountry is your passion or your profession, you should never have to ask, "What do I do now?" On this course, you'll learn how to prepare for the unexpected. WMI's curriculum is unique and includes many advanced topics that other programs leave out such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment and epinephrine administration. In just two days, you'll have the knowledge, skills and ability to make sound decisions in emergency situations. This course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals in remote locations. WMI's course is pre-approved by such organizations as the American Camping Association, the United States Forest Service, and other governmental agencies. This course **includes** CPR. The schedule for the 16-hour WFA section and the 4-hour CPR section of the course is as follows: May 16 6:00pm-10:00pm; May. 17-18 8:00am-5:00pm.

**WFR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

If you hold a current Wilderness First Responder certification from WMI, SOLO, NOLS, WMA or WPT, you will receive a WMI WFR certification upon successful completion of your WFA 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 seeking recertification 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. (Keep in mind that your certification is not current during this grace period and therefore can not work as a Wilderness First Responder.)

**REGISTRATION/POLICIES**

Before registration, applicants are required to submit an application form to Colette Salyk (MC 150-21) by **5pm Friday April 11**. Successful applicants will then be invited to register for the course. Payment in full is required to reserve a spot in the course. Tuition is non-transferable. Tuition is payable by check (with Caltech UID), for \$120, payable to Caltech Alpine Club. The fee may be given to Colette Salyk (MC 150-21) by 5pm Wednesday April 30. The fee covers textbooks, syllabus, equipment and certification cards. A \$80 refund will be issued upon successful completion of the course. A full refund will be given if we are forced to cancel the course for any reason. Refer to course website for specific registration deadlines.

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

Students may cancel their registration without penalty and obtain a full refund before April 25. After that date, but before May 12, students may cancel their registration and obtain a \$40.00 refund. Cancellation after May 12 or failure to attend or complete the course will result in the complete forfeit of the \$120.00 payment.

Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks Release and Indemnity Agreement: Please read the enclosed document very carefully as it affects your legal rights. We ask that you bring this 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.

## **CLASS FORMAT/ EQUIPMENT**

Check in is at 5:45pm on the first day of the course. The format for the WFA course is classroom lectures integrated with practical scenarios. Scenarios, and practice sessions will take place both inside and outside. Please bring outdoor clothing appropriate for laying 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. Please come equipped with a light day pack, waterproof top and bottom, light hiking boots, and layers well suited for spending time outside playing the role of patient and rescuer.

## **TRAVEL/DIRECTIONS**

*See map on course website for exact location.*

## **LODGING/MEALS**

No meals or lodging will be provided. We will provide coffee/tea in the morning. On Sat and Sun, there will be a one-hour lunch break.

**PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE TEACHING SITE. 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 ON SITE**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us:

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Colette Salyk (csalyk @ gps,caltech,edu)

Mary Dunlop (mjdunlop @ caltech,edu)

Or contact WMI directly:

*Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm Mountain Time.*

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