March 7, 2020 - March 14, 2020

Wilderness First Responder Course @ Fairfax, VA
George Mason University
4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030
Fairfax, VA 22030
08:00 AM - 06:00 PM EST
michael fisher, 8046051321
mfishe@gmu.edu

George Mason University will be hosting a WFR course in March during their sporing break recess. The week long course will end with your Wilderness Medical Association WFR certification. Below is a link with any FAQ information. For more information please contact Michael Fisher.

March 9, 2020 - March 13, 2020

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course @ Makanda, IL
Southern Illinois University - Touch of Nature Environmental Center
1206 Touch of Nature Road
MAKANDA, IL 62958
09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST
JD Tanner, 6184533942
jdtanner@siu.edu

Learn to travel responsibly and sustainably in the out of doors. Within the diverse ecosystems of our public lands in Southern Illinois and other parts of the United States, you will learn and teach the principles of Leave No Trace and discuss wildland ethics. Most of your courses will begin in an indoor classroom setting at Touch of Nature where you will learn and discuss the history of the Leave No Trace program, receive an introduction to Leave No Trace principles, and make final preparations for backcountry travel (frontcountry courses will start the same way but will consist of day outings after day 1). Throughout the remaining days of the course, you will put your new skills into practice on a multi-day, backpacking or canoeing expedition in a stunning area of the United States.

Leave No Trace courses are conducted in a variety of settings. Touch of Nature has unique access to state parks and national forests for these courses giving students the opportunity to practice Leave No Trace skills in beautiful environments. In addition to hands-on practical application of skills, every student will hone their teaching style by presenting a 15- to 20-minute class on a Leave No Trace topic of their choice. Graduates of Leave No Trace Master Educator courses will have the skills to teach others about Leave No Trace. College credit is available for most Touch of Nature Leave No Trace Master Educator courses.
Wilderness First Responder (Standard WFR) @ Junction, TX
Texas Tech University
David Young, (806) 834-4005
david.young@ttu.edu
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Webinar: Coronavirus and the Outdoor Industry
online
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST
AORE,
nationaloffice@aore.org
Steve Smith of Experiential Consulting will help our members learn about and how to manage the risks of coronavirus.

This webinar precedes two (2) virtual open-forum Association Chats for members to engage in conversations around how members are navigating COVID-19 at their workplace and programming in an effort to share and learn from members on strategies to consider, discuss, or implement. See our homepage or complete listing of events to register for either or both of the Association Chats.

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12:30 PM - 01:30 PM EST

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**Wilderness First Aid Course @ Olympia, WA**

The Evergreen State College

2700 Evergreen Parkway NW

Olympia, WA 98505

08:00 AM - 06:00 PM PST

Sam Hensold, 360-867-6520

hensolds@evergreen.edu

This three-day Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course is hosted by The Evergreen State College with instruction and certification from the Wilderness Medicine Training Center (WMTC). This course can also recertify current WAFA, WFR, and WEMT with an additional $25 testing fee and approval from WMTC. WMTC's Wilderness First Aid course may be the best choice for weekend campers, people taking day hikes within cell phone coverage, and those who are looking for basic instruction. It meets requirements for many outdoor jobs, including Boy Scouts of America and American Camping Association trip leader requirements. Depending on your field and/or activity, a WFR may be more appropriate.
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The Evergreen State College
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
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Wilderness First Responder (Hybrid) @ Caldwell, ID
College of Idaho
Bix Firer, (208) 459-5092
bfirer@collegeofidaho.edu

Training Description

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WEMT is for...
Experienced medical practitioners who are acting as an expedition medic or trip leader; the course is only offered as a hybrid course. Participants must hold a current NREMT certification or state EMT license (basic, intermediate, or paramedic) with patient care experience to receive certification as a WEMT. Similar to a Wilderness First Responder, the Wilderness EMT course focuses on assessment and treatment of traumatic, environmental, and medical emergencies in a wilderness environment. Labs teach field assessment and treatment skills. Lecture during the practical session is brief and focused on answering questions raised during simulations and case study reviews. While the focus remains on expedition medicine, the skills taught during our WEMT course may be applied directly to situations where prolonged EMS transport is unavoidable e.g.: disaster relief, SAR, rural EMS calls, etc.

WEMT Description
The practical session of our hybrid WEMT course is 5-days long and requires pre-course study and successful completion of three online exams in order to attend. Adult & Child WCPR/AED certification is included. If you are interested in a hybrid WEMT please visit the hybrid WEMT website’s homepage for course details and read the blog article Is a Hybrid Course in Wilderness Medicine Right for You? before registering and paying for the course.
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March 21, 2020 - March 29, 2020

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Northwest Outward Bound School
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
Anne Morrison, 541-699-1002
amorrison@nwoutwardbound.org

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**Wilderness First Responder (WFR) @ Bellingham, WA**
Western Washington University
All day
Paul Nicolazzo, 509.996.2502
paul@wildmedcenter.com

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Nearest Airport: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), or Bellingham International (BLI).
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Tools You'll Receive:

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Resource examples and templates, including a risk release, health form, orientation checklist, transportation policy, and more.
Student Outdoor Educators Conference (SOEC) @ Madison, WI
University of Wisconsin-Madison (Memorial Union)
800 Langdon St
Madison, WI 53706
09:00 AM - 09:00 PM CST
Ansley Laev, (608) 262-1630
outingpresident@hoofers.org

What is it? Co-hosted by the Wisconsin Hoofers and Adventure Learning Programs, the 21st annual Student Outdoor Educators Conference (SOEC) offers emerging outdoor education and recreation enthusiasts the opportunity to share, teach, and learn while participating in a professional conference setting. SOEC offers aspiring outdoor educators skill development workshops and networking with other emerging professionals. Reaching out primarily to the Midwest region, SOEC draws students from a variety of backgrounds to share their experiences with the greater outdoor industry.

When is it? Friday, March 27- Sunday March 29

Where is it? Memorial Union, University of Wisconsin-Madison

What can be expected? The 2020 Student Outdoor Educators Conference will offer professional development workshops, designed and facilitated by students. Workshops will cover a range of topics including technical skills, history and philosophy of the outdoor recreation and education industry, as well as educational programming best practices.

Students interested in creating and presenting a workshop can find out more information by contacting Elizabeth Hayes at ehayes4@wisc.edu.

Why come? The Student Outdoor Educators Conference provides attendees with an opportunity to meet and interact with like-minded emerging professionals in the field of outdoor education and recreation. Spend a weekend sharing knowledge and experience with future colleagues while gaining valuable insight into our industry’s foundations and best practices.

Find more information:

View our website HERE

View our Facebook event HERE

Visit our Instagram HERE

Contact us:

Ansley Laev- Chair of the Convening Committee (outingpresident@hoofers.org)

Elizabeth Hayes- Workshop Coordinator (ehayes4@wisc.edu)

Clark Roberts- Sponsorship and Vendors Coordinator (mroberts3@wisc.edu)

Michael Makowski- Finance Coordinator (makowski2@wisc.edu)
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REI Wilderness Safety Training with NOLS @ Atlanta, GA
Atlanta REI
1800 Northeast Expy NE
Atlanta, GA 30329
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gilbertd@gonzaga.edu

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jeremyw@trackersearth.com

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Outdoor UW
800 Langdon St
Madison, WI 53706
08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
Joe Webb, 6082658451
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Classroom lectures and demonstrations are combined with realistic scenarios where mock patients will challenge you to integrate your learning. At the end of the course, you’ll have the knowledge, skills and ability to make sound decisions in emergency situations.

The course is taught by seasoned instructors in a two day format, from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Learning takes place both in the classroom and in outdoor settings regardless of weather conditions.

If you have questions, please call 608.262.1630 or stop by our office. Office hours posted to https://union.wisc.edu/events-and-activities/outdoor-uw/. Current Hoofers should inquire with their club president about scholarship opportunities.

Come prepared for wet, muddy, cold or hot environments. To learn more about the curriculum please visit: http://www.nols.edu/wmi/courses/wildfirstaid.shtml
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Our WFR & WEMT graduates are encouraged to attend on a yearly basis to maintain and polish their skills. Prior to your course you should thoroughly review your original course materials; there is NOT enough time in a Recertification course to cover all the material presented in your original course...yet you are still responsible for knowing it. If you wish a more complete review of the WFR or WEMT curriculum, consider taking our DLP WFR or WEMT course. The course includes Adult & Child CPR/AED certification. WMTC certifications remain valid for a maximum of three years with no grace period: Check the expiration date on your card.

Graduates from approved wilderness medicine schools may recertify with us by successfully completing a Recertification course or by completing a Wilderness First Aid course and passing our online WFR & WEMT Recertification test if they are currently certified OR in their grace period. Click here for a list of currently approved providers.

Description

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Advocacy Webinar | Public Lands in the United States: A Curriculum Introduction
Online
02:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST
AORE National Office,
nationaloffice@aore.org
AORE is bringing representatives from The Wilderness Society together to share introductory information about their curriculum with our members.

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The downloadable curriculum includes five chapters, each with context-setting background, step by step lesson plans and materials for each activity—from printable images and “Wilderness Values” cue cards to timeline puzzles and research prompts about current diversity and access efforts and current threats to public lands. Although it’s geared especially for those working with high school-aged students, it’s been downloaded by university staff, nonprofits and agencies such as the National Parks Service and U.S. Forest Service.

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REI Wilderness Safety Training with NOLS @ Asheville, NC
Asheville REI
31 Schenck Parkway
Asheville, NC 28803
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST
NOLS Risk Services, 307-335-2222
risk_services@nols.edu

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Wilderness First Aid (Hybrid WFA) + A/C WCPR & AED @ Laramie, WY
University of Wyoming
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM MST
Garrett Genereux, 307-766-6488
Garrett.Genereux@uwyo.edu
For

Our Wilderness First Aid course may be the best choice for weekend campers, people taking day hikes within cell phone coverage, and those who are just looking for basic instruction. If you like it and want more, you can always come back later and take a longer, more intensive course. Our WFA course meets the Boy Scouts of America and the American Camping Association trip leader requirements.

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Wilderness First Responder (WFR) + Wilderness EMT (Hybrid) @ Anchorage, AK
Alaska Pacific University
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM ALA
Raina Panarese, (907) 564-8388
rpanarese@alaskapacific.edu
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May 4, 2020 - May 8, 2020
University of Michigan
Wilderness First Responder (Hybrid WFR) & Hyrbid WEMT @ Ann Arbor, MI
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM EST
Emily Wall, 734-764-3967
wallems@umich.edu
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Emerging Outdoor Leaders Webinar | Transforming Youth Outdoors
Online
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST
Details coming soon!

May 13, 2020
Webinar: Savvy Women Save for Success
online
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST
AORE, 810-299-2782
nationaloffice@aore.org
Even when it doesn’t seem like you have much to work with, developing the saving habit will lead to success. In this webinar we’ll discuss the habit of saving, using your life purpose as motivation, various saving vehicles (e.g. account types), when to use them and the miracle of compound interest. We’ll answer questions and prepare you to take action toward your money goals!

Learning Objectives:

Why saving is important for reasons of freedom, opportunities, and independence
Automating the habit of saving
Aligning saving goals with your life purpose and priorities
Understanding saving vehicles and why each is useful for different scenarios
Compound interest and how it works to the good and the bad
May 15, 2020 - May 16, 2020

WFR & WEMT Recertification (Hybrid) @ Tacoma, WA
University of Puget Sound
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
The Expeditionary, (253) 879-3403
expy@pugetsound.edu

This hybrid course is sponsored by Puget Sound Outdoors. The 2-day practical session is held on the UPS campus in Thompson Hall room 171. Fields and some wooded areas offer ample outdoor space within walking distance of classrooms for practice simulations.

Nearest Airport: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac)
Lodging: Several motel and AirBNB options are available off-campus in Tacoma
Meals: College is not in session; pack and bring lunch and snacks.
Parking: Parking is free in lot P4 off Union Avenue

For more course details and logistics information click here

May 15, 2020 - May 17, 2020

WMI Wilderness First Responder Certification Course @ San Antonio, TX
The University of Texas at San Antonio
07:45 AM - 05:00 PM CST
Dave Denny, 210-458-6720
outdoors@utsa.edu

Review, practice, and stay on top of your skills with NOLS Wilderness Medicine's Wilderness First Responder Recertification Course. This scenario-based approach to recertification provides the opportunity to test your skills against realistic situations. You will practice and relearn wilderness medicine protocols, review evacuation and decision making guidelines, and receive the latest curriculum updates over the course of three days. This course is hosted through a partnership between Texas State Parks and Wildlife and The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Course cost is: $325.00 which includes camping at Government Canyon State Natural Area where the course will be held. Campsite has water, toilets, laundry, refrigerator, and is only 1 mile from the training site. To register go to https://portal.campusrec.utsa.edu/Program/GetProgramDetails?courseId=93c2301b-3be3-46e7-b758-72d5c9fd79a4&semesterId=519ab2bf-8b8c-4b01-b3f5-555d66f5a4c8 and create an account. It's easy!
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The course cost is $725.00 which includes camping at Government Canyon State Natural Area where the course will be held. The campsite has water, toilets, laundry, refrigerator, and is only 1 mile from the training site. To register go to https://portal.campusrec.utsa.edu/Program/GetProgramDetails?courseId=7aeaa0e7-d637-4be5-a88c-2308dc78396f&semesterId=519ab2b2-8b8c-4b01-b3f5-555d66f5a4c8 and create an account. It’s easy!

May 26, 2020
- June 3, 2020
Wilderness First Responder (WFR) @ Tacoma, WA
University of Puget Sound
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
The Expeditionary, (253) 879-3403
exp@pugetsound.edu
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12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
The Expeditionary, (253) 879-3403
expy@pugetsound.edu
Sponsored by Puget Sound Outdoors, this 3-day course is taught on campus in Thompson Hall room 171. Fields and some wooded areas offer ample outdoor space within walking distance of classrooms for practice simulations.

Nearest Airport: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac)
Lodging: Several motel and AirBNB options are available off-campus in Tacoma
Meals: College is not in session; pack and bring lunch and snacks.
Parking: Parking is free in lot P4 off Union Avenue

For more course details and logistics information click here

Wilderness First Responder Course @ University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
University of Puget Sound
1500 N Warner
Tacoma, WA 98416
08:00 AM - 06:00 PM PST
Kevin Buchanan, 253-879-6149
kbuchanan@pugetsound.edu
This 9-day course is sponsored by Puget Sound Outdoors, and is held on the UPS campus. Fields and some wooded areas offer ample outdoor space within walking distance of classrooms for practice simulations. More complicated and interesting simulation sites are within a short drive at Point Defiance State Park and Owen Beach.

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Wilderness First Aid (Standard WFA) + A/C WCPR & AED @ Silverton, CO
Southwest Rescue
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM MST
Aaron Ball, 970-903-8355
aaron@southwestrescue.com

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Wilderness First Responder (Standard WFR) @ Mazama, WA
Northwest Outward Bound School
June 29, 2020 - July 7, 2020
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
Joel Reid, 509-996-3170
jreid@nwoutwardbound.org

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Leave No Trace Master Educator Course @ Makanda, IL
Southern Illinois University - Touch of Nature Environmental Center
August 3, 2020 - August 7, 2020
1206 Touch of Nature Road
MAKANDA, IL 62958
09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST
JD Tanner, 6184533942
jdtanner@siu.edu

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
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*Mark your calendar for the 27th annual conference in Burlington, Vermont, October 28-30, 2020.*

*The core objective of the Wilderness Risk Management Conference (WRMC) is to offer an outstanding educational experience to help you mitigate the risks inherent in exploring, working, teaching, and recreating in wild places.*

*Attend the WRMC to gain practical risk management skills, network with others in the industry, share field and administrative techniques, and help develop risk management standards for the outdoor adventure and education industries.*

*The WRMC is presented by NOLS in partnership with Outward Bound, Student Conservation Association, and the members of the WRMC Steering Committee.*
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Learn to travel responsibly and sustainably in the out of doors. Within the diverse ecosystems of our public lands in Southern Illinois and other parts of the United States, you will learn and teach the principles of Leave No Trace and discuss wildland ethics. Most of your courses will begin in an indoor classroom setting at Touch of Nature where you will learn and discuss the history of the Leave No Trace program, receive an introduction to Leave No Trace principles, and make final preparations for backcountry travel (frontcountry courses will start the same way but will consist of day outings after day 1). Throughout the remaining days of the course, you will put your new skills into practice on a multi-day, backpacking or canoeing expedition in a stunning area of the United States.

Leave No Trace courses are conducted in a variety of settings. Touch of Nature has unique access to state parks and national forests for these courses giving students the opportunity to practice Leave No Trace skills in beautiful environments. In addition to hands-on practical application of skills, every student will hone their teaching style by presenting a 15- to 20-minute class on a Leave No Trace topic of their choice. Graduates of Leave No Trace Master Educator courses will have the skills to teach others about Leave No Trace. College credit is available for most Touch of Nature Leave No Trace Master Educator courses.
REI Wilderness Safety Training with NOLS @ North Conway, NH
North Conway REI
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North Conway, NH 03860
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Hybrid Wilderness First Responder (WFR) and WEMT Recertification @ Seattle, WA
Cascade Outdoor Education
12:00 AM - 12:00 AM PST
Joel Reid, 360-701-9105
joel@cascadeoutdoored.com

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Our WFR & WEMT graduates are encouraged to attend on a yearly basis to maintain and polish their skills. Prior to your course you should thoroughly review your original course materials; there is NOT enough time in a Recertification course to cover all the material presented in your original course...yet you are still responsible for knowing it. If you wish a more complete review of the WFR or WEMT curriculum, consider taking our DLP WFR or WEMT course. The course includes Adult & Child CPR /AED certification. WMTC certifications remain valid for a maximum of three years with no grace period: Check the expiration date on your card.

Graduates from approved wilderness medicine schools may recertify with us by successfully completing a Recertification course or by completing a Wilderness First Aid course and passing our online WFR & WEMT Recertification test if they are currently certified OR in their grace period. Click here for a list of currently approved providers.

Description
Our standard WFR & WEMT Recertification course is 3-days long; our hybrid WFR & WEMT Recertification course is only 2-days but requires pre-course study and successful completion of an online exam. If you are interested in a hybrid WFR & WEMT Recertification please visit the hybrid WFR & WEMT Recertification course website's homepage for course details and read the blog article Is a Hybrid Course in Wilderness Medicine Right for You? before registering and paying for the course. You may also recertify your WFR or WEMT by taking one of our Wilderness First Aid courses and passing the online WFR & WEMT Recertification exam.