

NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Course Sponsor Fact Sheet

Since 1990, NOLS Wilderness Medicine has successfully educated over 300,000 students in partnership with over 400 course sponsors. Sponsors are the hosting organization or individual that brings a Wilderness Medicine course to their local area. These courses are in a variety of settings including: university campuses, summer camps, recreation centers, and community parks. **Our course locations include all 50 US states and many destinations outside of the USA.**



Our sponsors consistently recognize the value of our dynamic educators, evidence-based curriculum, recertification opportunities, and our detailed approach to running high-quality programs. Year after year, sponsors continue to work with us and build long-term relationships with NOLS. We are happy to talk you through the process of sponsoring a course in your area that creates the best learning environment for your participants.

RESPONSIBILITIES

When you sponsor a NOLS Wilderness Medicine course, you have access to a dedicated team that helps you provide the best experience for your students. Together, we share responsibilities for ensuring high-quality programs.

STUDENTS

You are responsible for recruiting students. NOLS can post your course on our web schedule to attract students, but local strong recruitment makes the course more successful.

We can help you set enrollment policies, but most Sponsors handle the actual enrollment and tuition payments themselves.

EQUIPMENT

We provide all training equipment for the courses as well as cover the shipping expenses for courses within the contiguous United States. We ask for your assistance receiving and shipping pre- and post-course.

CLASSROOM AND SCENARIO SPACE

You must provide an indoor, climate-controlled teaching space (30' x 40' or larger) with a large white board and floor space for demonstrations. (Smaller classrooms may accommodate smaller class sizes -- see Sponsor handbook for guidelines.)

Tables and chairs need to move to accommodate various classroom configurations. Outdoor access for scenarios is essential for any course. Digital projectors are required for Wilderness First Responder (WFR) courses.

An on-site host prepared to help with logistics increases the overall quality and success of the course.

LODGING & MEALS FOR INSTRUCTORS

Lodging needs to be provided for the instructors from one night before the course starts until the morning after the course ends. Instructors need private lodging that offers a quiet space away from students to prepare classes and rest. Hotel rooms, guest apartments, and private rooms in hostels are acceptable. Dormitories, bunks in shared rooms, and couches are not. Instructor meal expenses will be charged at a maximum of \$59 per instructor per day. Availability of full cooking facilities or a provided meal plan may reduce this cost for longer courses.

INSTRUCTORS' TRAVEL EXPENSES

You will be billed the actual cost of travel to your site including: airfare, baggage fees, parking, ground transportation, etc. We aim to provide the most qualified instructional team at the most economical cost to you. Contact us for a travel estimate.

LODGING & FOOD FOR STUDENTS

For longer courses, if you are able to arrange affordable lodging/camping options and/or a meal package for attendees it can increase your enrollment for budget-conscious students.

COSTS AND CERTIFICATIONS

(valid through August 31, 2026)

Course	Duration	NOLS Sponsor Fee	Suggested Tuition Range
WFA	(16 hours)	\$200/student	\$310 to \$395
WMPP (no certification)	(16 hours)	\$310/student	\$425 to \$605
WFA with CPR	(20 hours)	\$300/student	\$390 to \$450
WFR Recertification	(24 hours)	\$270/student	\$385 to \$485
Hybrid WFR Recertification	(24 hours)	\$270/student ***	\$385 to \$485
WAFA	(40 hours)	\$410/student	\$500 to \$725
WFR	(80 hours)	\$643/student	\$925 to \$1320
Hybrid WFR	(80 hours)	\$643/student ***	\$895 to \$1320
WUMP	(48 hours)	\$673/student	\$850 to \$1,345

Sponsor Fee is the per-student cost billed to you. The minimum enrollment charge is for 18 students; the maximum enrollment is 30. Wilderness First Aid (WFA) courses with 18 or fewer students can be taught by a single instructor, but this must be arranged in advance. You will receive discounts for courses with 20 and 29 students enrolled.

Instructor expenses Instructor expenses (travel and meals) are additional and actual expenses only will be billed. On the occasion when NOLS has to book lodging for you, the actual expense will also be billed.

Tuition range is the average of student tuition charged by sponsors. This does not include lodging and food options that you might be able to provide.

Student Enrollment services can be provided by NOLS for a per student fee. ***NOLS requires that all sponsors who contract hybrid course options utilize our enrollment services.

Course deposits vary by course type and are due 90 days prior to the course start date unless specifically waived.

General Liability Insurance is required in the amount of **one million US dollars per incident**.

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE PROVIDES

- A widely recognized certification
- Accurate, practical and relevant curriculum
- A full-time office team dedicated to ensuring your course runs smoothly from start to finish
- Qualified, professional instructors selected through an extensive instructor training program
- Student instructional materials and course-related equipment
- Online resources (administrative and promotional materials) at: sponsorNET.nols.edu
- Advertising on the NOLS website at: www.nols.edu/wilderness-medicine



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Kelcey is available to answer questions and explore course dates that could work for your organization.

