

ADVANCED WILDERNESS AND REMOTE FIRST AID

Date: April 5th-7th, 2024

*Location: Camp Old Indian, 601 Callahan Mountain Rd
Travelers Rest, SC*



Check us out on Facebook at Wilderness First Aid- Venturing Outdoors

What is it? The course is a fun, Friday evening, Saturday, and half day Sunday, 20+ hour academic and practicum, field-training experience. Adult CPR/AED is a pre-requisite and will be offered prior to course or included if needed. WFA is highly recommended for anyone who recreates or works in remote back country settings where emergency response is not readily available. Skills are also applicable to tactical settings where immediate care is needed prior to EMS ability to respond. Students have been from the National Forestry Service, city parks, fire departments, EMS, and Scout organizations. This course meets BSA National High Adventure requirement (Philmont, Summit, Canoe Base & Sea Base) to have at least one trek participant "trained and certified in Wilderness 1st Aid."

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) is the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care of a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available.

- Who?** Course is open to adults & youth (14 years). A current CPR/AED certificate is required, but can be renewed during the course.
- When?** Starts on Friday at 6pm-9:30 pm, Saturday 8am- 7p, Sunday 8am-4pm (class times may vary slightly)
- Where?** Camp Old Indian, Travelers Rest, SC
- Cost?** \$150 Fee includes reference books, instruction, handouts, practice equipment, patch, class supplies and a 2 year certificate. Camping will be in available in cabins, adirondacks, or tent. All meals are on your own. WFA kits and supplies will be available. Full kits are \$90, individual supplies are available at very competitive prices.
- Registration?** Pre-registration is required by one week prior to course. Register through Blue Ridge Council <https://www.scoutingevent.com/551-WFA2022> Also, contact instructor below and send name of participant.
- Bring What?** Please bring snacks, drinks, pen/pencil, note paper. Personal day pack with items you would normally take on a long day hike is needed. Camp chair is recommended. Wear **comfortable older clothes suitable for the weather**. No uniforms as some exercises could stain your clothes.
- More Info?** Instructor- Wesley Miller- Wilderness Paramedic, Wilderness Rescue Technician
Venturingoutdoors@hotmail.com (423) 914-1510 (text are welcomed)
Please send name, address, phone you wish to take to register for course.

About your instructor and course..... Wesley is a Wilderness Paramedic with over 20 years of training and experience in rescue and medical response. He is a veteran Scouter of 35 years, Eagle Scout and Venturing Ranger, and Scoutmaster. He has a varied training resume in Search and Rescue, Rope Rescue, Swiftwater Rescue, Wilderness Medicine, and several other rescue disciplines. He has instructed dozens of WFA courses over the last 13 years which has trained hundreds of WFA students to be better prepared to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Wilderness First Aid situations. His instruction style is suited for all levels and backgrounds of students as he strives to bring the course material to life and ensure you leave the course with the ability to feel confident in handling emergency situations. This will not be your every day sit and listen class!! The course will be full of interaction, hands-on skills, and group participation.