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### From the Director's Desk

Spring has sprung, the creeks are running again and big things are a foot at the Landmark Base. A big welcome goes out to our new Student Services Coordinator, Dusty Allison, and new Marketing Coordinator, Amy Allison. Back to Western North Carolina after three years on the road as Traveling Trainers for the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. We are thrilled to have the energy and ideas of great folks in our office!

Course numbers are up this year so far, thanks to the diligent work of our instructional staff, coordination and course management of our sponsors, and course support of our base staff. Go 2008, Landmark's twelfth year of service to the Outdoor Industry!

Be in the Know Before You Go,

*Justin S. Padgett*

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### Wilderness Lifeguard Course June 2008

This course uses the Starfish Aquatic Risk Management Model to provide information specific to the wilderness aquatic environment in the areas of prevention, surveillance, managing conscious and unconscious victims, and personal safety.



Students have the opportunity to practice improvising flotation, in-water rescues, spine immobilization techniques, water extrications, adult CPR, and the creation of emergency action plans. Discussion topics include standards of care, site assessments, potential hazards, and emergency teamwork.

If you plan on spending time playing or leading groups on lakes and rivers this summer, this course is perfect for you! The course will be held at our base in Cullowhee, NC on June 7th - 8th. **Sign Up Now!**

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### Jerry's Baddle - April 19, 2008

Jerry's Baddle is a sporting event and festival honoring the life of our friend Jerry Beckwith, an avid cyclist and kayaker, who died of ALS in 2006. The race was born out of the desire to keep his spirit and passion alive by raising money to help fight the disease that took his life, and to foster the community that he loved. All money raised during this event will be split between the National and local ALS chapter's, and the Green river Access Fund. The Green River was one of Jerry's favorite rivers to kayak.

The festival will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Wilderness Cove Campground in Saluda, NC. You can join the fun by participating in the Green Man Biathlon, the Green Team Biathlon, or the Green Monster Bike Race! The Festival will include live music, hot food and a silent auction starting at noon.



Landmark Learning will be contributing \$100 annually to Jerry's Baddle. Check it out at



[www.jerrysbaddle.org](http://www.jerrysbaddle.org). We hope to see you there!

## Man, Mountain, Mishap, and Medicine!

My team and I had been in the remote town of Karakol, Kyrgyzstan near the northwest China border for about 4 months when our landlady convinced us to go with her to a little place outside of town where they did some snow skiing.... I wind-milled downhill and while tumbling my skis stuck into the snow and my body torqued breaking both legs. ...It took them over 2 hours to get me off the mountain. The training you... provided was immensely helpful! [Go Here To Read The Whole Story!](#)

**Calling all Landmark Alumni- Have you found yourself in a situation where you needed to exercise your wilderness medicine skills? Send an account of your story our way and each month we will post a new tale in our e-newsletter!**

## 2008 Training Season is Filling Fast

### [Landmark Calendar](#)

Check out our web calendar for current courses and bookmark the page as the calendar is constantly changing when courses fill! Visit this page to download registration packets for courses running from our base in Cullowhee, NC, or for contact information for our sponsored courses.

### Highlights for this spring include:

- [WMI of NOLS Courses](#) - Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness Advanced First Aid, Wilderness First Responder and WFR Recertification, and Wilderness EMT in a "3+1" Format (see below). Plan ahead and prepare for the busiest training time of the year. Please also visit [www.nols.edu/wmi](http://www.nols.edu/wmi) for a look at nationwide course availability.
  - WFR - May 10th - 18th, July 5th - 13th
  - WFR-R - May 19th - 21st
  - WUMP - June 16th - 21st, August 4th - 9th
- [EMT-B Intensive Course](#) - May 26<sup>th</sup> - June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>
- [EMT Refresher Training Program](#) - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>
- [Relief Medic - Ecuador](#) - Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>
- [SAI Wilderness StarGuard](#) - June 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- [SAI Wilderness StarGuard Instructor Development Workshop](#) - Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>
- [Leave No Trace Master Educator Course](#) - Apr. 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>
- [ACA Swiftwater Rescue](#) - May 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>
- [ACA Advanced Swiftwater Rescue](#) - Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>
- [Cave Trip Leader School](#) - May 28th - 29th

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