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February/March 2009 Open Enrollment Courses

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder

Asheville, NC	February 14 - 22, 2009
Valle Crucis, NC	March 7-15, 2009
Montreat, NC	March 14-22, 2009
Cape Girardeau, MO	March 14 - 22, 2009
Newark, DE	March 28 - April 5, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder Recertification

Asheville, NC	February 27-March 1, 2009
Cullowhee, NC	March 20-22, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Aid

Blackburg, VA	February 7-8, 2009
Winston Salem, NC	February 14 - 15, 2009
Tampa, FL	February 21-22, 2009
Johnson City, TN	February 27 - March 1, 2009
Cabin John, MD	March 6-8, 2009
Columbia, SC	March 28-29, 2009

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Quito, Ecuador	March 25 - 29, 2009
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For course registration information visit our online calendar at <http://www.landmarklearning.org/course-calendar.php>.

From the Director Desk:

I am excited about 2009. We are in the second month of year and 10 months from Thanksgiving. I feel thankful now and feel like I should share it.

- It seems there is a lot of positive energy within the federal government to recognize and begin creating for development that will keep the American economy strong.
- We have a new Student Services Coordinator in the office. Welcome Jess Mickey! Dusty Allison is moving over to work on staffing and pre-course logistics with course sponsors for our away courses as our new Programs Director.
- January courses were full of remarkable students from around the globe.
- Landmark has added Professional Climbing Instructors Association course work to our catalog of course offerings.
- The Wilderness Risk Managers Conference will be in North Carolina this fall.
- And it looks like the Western North Carolina mountains are remembering what winter is like!

Justin S. Padgett

Justin S. Padgett, M.S., Paramedic, WEMT
Executive Director

2009 WMI Instructor Meeting - Lander, Wyoming



Nearly 70 instructors of wilderness medicine have descended on Lander, WY, this week - some to refresh their medical certifications, but most to reconnect with friends and colleagues. It's a fantastic line-up of the friendliest and most hardworking instructors I've met, ready for an equally fantastic line-up of presenters for the annual WMI Instructor meeting.

Legal issues, mental health curriculum ideas, staffing, retail, logistics, and of course a scenario to challenge the instructors rounded out day 1 of this three-day experience. Day 2 brings us Dr. David Jones of WMA, med wars, and many more topics of interest.

WMI does a great job supporting their instructors, housing, feeding, and enriching us for three days every February. Thank you for a great experience, and for giving me so many tips and tricks to bring home to Landmark and our students.

Course Highlight:
PCIA Base Managed Climbing Instructor Course

This three day course consists of thirty-hours of curriculum that builds upon the existing skills of competent recreational climbers. We will take an in depth look at site selection, equipment, knot selection, anchor construction, rope systems, Leave No Trace practices, rescue and assistance skills as well as key instructional skills. Most importantly the course stresses blending these skills together to form a more seamless and efficient climbing experience for participants. Upon completion of all course components participants are considered PCIA Assistant Instructors. Assistant Instructors may elect to take an optional certification exam to achieve Base Managed Climbing Instructor™ Certification. The one-day examination stresses efficient site and gear utilization, client and instructor safety, site management and educational delivery. The exam may be taken any time after completing all course components.

This course may be taken as stand alone course or coupled together with the one day Top Managed Climbing Instructor Module/ Single Pitch Instructor Module.

Dates:
Base Managed Climbing Instructor : May 18 - 20
Base Managed Climbing Instructor Exam: May 21
Single Pitch Climbing Instructor: May 22
Top Managed Climbing Instructor: May 22

Instructor Highlight: John Carrico

Full Name: John Carrico

Nick Name: John Boy or Carrico John

How long have you been working with Landmark?
Since the Fall of 2008

What courses do you teach for Landmark?
Currently - EMT- Basic intensive

What are your "special" skills - your specific skill set that you contribute to Landmark?
I know just a small bit about nearly everything...

What other outdoor company(ies) have you worked for?
Eagles Nest Foundation and the Outdoor Academy, Hurricane Island Outward Bound and Appalachian State Univ. Outdoor Programs

What is your actual day/night job?
EMT-Paramedic with Henderson County EMS

What are your favorite outdoor activities?
Snow Sledding, Leaf Pile Jumping, Mud-wallowing , Whitewater Canoeing/Kayaking, Surfing, Rockclimbing, and Winter Expeditioning / Telemark Skiing

Where are your favorite outdoor locations to visit?
Any moving water (salt or fresh - let's be open)
Any mountain more than 5 miles from the nearest road
Any good hill with snow and enough degree of slope to propel a sled!

Why do you work for Landmark?
To continue to learn from and teach individuals who create the community of outdoor recreation, emergency medicine, and wilderness preparedness professionals. Also, to continue meeting great folks who do great things

Any words of wisdom you live by or would like to share?
"I can't always change people, but I can inspire them to want to change themselves"



**Winter 2009 Training Season is Filling Fast
Landmark Learning Calendar**

Check out our [web calendar](#) for current courses and bookmark the page as the calendar is constantly changing as 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 Include:**
- [WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Aid, Wilderness Advanced First Aid, WildernessFirst 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 for a look at nationwide course availability.
 - [WFR](#): February 14 - 22, April 4 - 12, May 9 - 17, July 4 - 12
 - [WFR Recertification](#): February 27 - March 1, May 18-20
 - [WEMT Intensive](#): January 5 - 30, May 25 - June 20
 - [WUMP](#): January 26 - 30, June 15 - 20, August 3 - 8
 - [EMT-Basic](#): January 4-24, May 25 - June 13
 - [SAI Wilderness Lifeguard Course](#): June 6-7
 - [Leave No Trace Master Educator](#): April 20 - 24, August 10 - 14
 - [ACA Swiftwater Rescue](#): April 25 -26, May 23 - 24
 - [ACA Swiftwater rescue Instructor IDW/ICE](#): May 4 - 8
 - [ACA Whitewater Kayak Instructor IDW/ICE](#): May 1-3 and 15 - 17
 - [Relief Medic Ecuador](#) : June 8-20, August 15 - 27
 - [PCIA Base Managed Climbing Instructor](#): May 18 - 21



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