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2009 January EMT-Basic

We are currently running our January EMT-Basic course at the Balsam Mountain Inn, in nearby Balsam, NC. The students have been having a great time soaking in the medical knowledge, getting hands on experience at clinical sites, and playing in the snow. To learn more visit our [blog](#) to read what lead instructor Justin Padgett has to say about the course.

January/February Open Enrollment Courses

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder

Asheville, NC February 14 - 22, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder Recertification

Asheville, NC February 27-March 1, 2009

Valle Crucis, NC March 7-15, 2009

Montreat, NC March 14-22, 2009

NCOEMS EMT-Basic Intensive

Balsam, NC January 5 - 24, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Aid

FSU, Tallahassee, FL January 17 - 18, 2009

Columbia, SC January 24-25, 2009

Blackburg, VA February 7-8, 2009

Winston Salem, NC February 14 - 15, 2009

Tampa, FL February 21-22, 2009

Johnson City, TN February 21 - March 1, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals

Balsam, NC January 26 - 30, 2009

For course registration information visit our online calendar at <http://www.landmarklearning.org/course-calendar.php>.

WFR Course Bites and Stings

Students in the December WFR course at our North Carolina base had a special treat during their Bites and Stings component of the course. Fellow student Michael Skinner came prepared for the discussion by bringing several snake that he works with on a regular basis. Michael Skinner is a naturalist and the Executive Director of the nearby Balsam Mountain Trust where he works daily to educate visitor and residents of the trust about the flora and fauna of natural area.

Michael taught the students about the rattle snake, copperhead and milk snake that he brought to the class. It was great to hear all of his first hand knowledge about the reptiles and the common myths surrounding the animals.

"I found the bites and stings component of the course to be extremely relevant as these are more common everyday challenges in the outdoors," said student Dusty Allison. We look forward to having Michael and his scaly friends join us in future courses!



Instructor Highlight - Eli Helbert

Full Name: Eli Bunch Helbert

Nickname: "Hey You"

How long have you been working with Landmark? I honestly don't remember when I first taught canoeing courses with Landmark. I have been teaching Wilderness Medicine for the past 2 years.



What courses do you teach for Landmark? WMI of NOLS courses

What are your "special" skills - your specific skill set that you contribute to Landmark? I identify well with the river hippies.

What other outdoor company (ies) have you worked for? Nantahala Outdoor Center, Appalachian Wildwaters, Mountain Stream and Trails, Watershed Drybags, Robson Paddles, Esquif Canoes, OS Systems, SaVage,

Pyranha.

What is your actual day/night job? I am the French Broad River Manager for the Nantahala Outdoor Center.

What are your favorite outdoor activities? I love canoeing. I enjoy frisbee golf when I don't want to be wet.

Where are your favorite outdoor locations to visit? Hot, green, lush rainforests with hot springs, waterfalls and fast retentive waves.

Why do you work for Landmark? My first WFR with Justin Padgett blew away all previous instruction. I enjoy striving towards his goal of excellence. I also enjoy the flexible schedule and the ability to keep my skills fresh while preparing students to help their friends.

Any career or personal highlights you'd like to share? OC Rodeo World Champion 1999-2003. OC World Extreme Race Champion 2001. OC Rodeo World Cup Champion 2006. These are the only international ones...

Any words of wisdom you live by or would like to share? Prevention trumps medicine...hit your boof!

Photo courtesy of Megan Richardson



Course Highlight - Relief Medic - Ecuador

This year we will have two sets of dates available for those interested in being a part of our Relief Medic Experience. This course is a must for anyone interested in using their medical skills in an area where it is most needed.

We meet in Quito, Ecuador, for 4 days of training and then head off to the Southern Andes Mountains for clinical time in small underserved villages. The course tuition

includes housing, meals, equipment, and private transports by van and/or dug-out canoe. Additional time for adventure travel, sight-seeing, and alpine hot springs is built into the itinerary.

For more information review our registration packets found on our course calendar at <http://landmarklearning.org/course-calendar.php> or contact our office at main@landmarklearning.org.

Available Dates:
June 8-20, 2009
August 15-27, 2009

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, 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 for a look at nationwide course availability.

[WFR](#): December 13 -21, February 14 - 22, April 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

[EMT-Basic](#): January 4-24, May 25 - June 13

[SAI Wilderness Lifeguard Course](#): June 6-7

[Leave No Trace Master Educator](#): April 20 - 24, 2009, August 10 - 14, 2009

[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

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