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### RELIEF MEDIC - DEADLINE

The 60-Day deadline is fast approaching. We have had a tremendous amount of interest but few commitments. The deadline is December 18 for deposits. If we do not receive enough deposits by that date, the course will be cancelled. Deposit is \$400, plus registration paperwork.

Twice a year trainers from Landmark Learning teach a Relief Medic course in the remote reaches of Ecuador where there is no ready access to medical care. Students range from backcountry trip leaders who want to be prepared for the unexpected... to first responders who want an opportunity to practice their skills ...to retirees pursuing new interests...to nurses and doctors who want to make a difference in the lives of third-world patients who are desperate for care.

During one recent session alone, students visited seven villages in just five days, attending to more than 350 patients and assisting with two emergency births.

For those wanting to learn Spanish, interpreters and lessons are available so that you will be able to conduct a medical assessment in Spanish.

Participating students provide support for an existing infrastructure of non-profits who focus on community health. We not only provide direct medical service, but we also teach locals rudimentary healthcare that they can provide for themselves.

### Scholarships Awarded in 2007

Landmark Learning is pleased to report our annual giving and service campaign, held in loving remembrance of friends and mentors to the Landmark family.

#### *In Memory of Jerry Beckwith, for river and waterways conservation projects:*

An ACA Swiftwater Rescue course (retail \$160) and T-shirt for fundraising raffle were donated to the Appalachian Paddling Enthusiasts in support of the Nolichucky River Clean-up.

Anna Palmer was the recipient of the course and completed her training in June of this year. She has since gone through instructor training in our SAI Wilderness Lifeguarding course.

Landmark Learning will be contributing \$100 annually to Jerry's Baddle, an adventure race in western NC that raises funds for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) research, to which Jerry succumbed less than two years ago. Jerry was present for the first Baddle - check it out at [www.jerrysbaddle.org](http://www.jerrysbaddle.org)

#### *In Memory of Don Taylor, for Leave No Trace efforts, and wilderness lifeguarding:*

A full Leave No Trace Master Educator scholarship (retail \$525) was donated to the Association for Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) to be awarded to a deserving student member at the annual AORE Conference Banquet; it will be redeemed by the winner in a 2008 course at our Cullowhee, NC, base.

A Starfish Aquatics Institute Wilderness Lifeguarding course (retail \$160) was donated to the silent or live auction at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference.

We extend a special thanks to all who donated in Don's name - his memory is alive

### **Relief Medic Itinerary**

#### **February 16-28**

Day 1- Arrive in Quito

Day 2-4 – Medical instruction and orientation.

Day 5-8 – Clinic Days

Day 9 – Break/Excursion

Day 10-11- Clinic

Day 12 - Excursion

Day13 – Transfer out or trip extensions.

and well in the students his scholarships have assisted.

If anyone is interested in assisting the reach of our scholarship program, please contact our office for details. All donations can be designated as a deduction for tax purposes. Thank you for your support!

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## **2008 Training Season is Posted on the Web**

### Landmark Calendar

Check out our web calendar for current courses - 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 for 2008 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. 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.
- **SAI Wilderness StarGuard**
- **Leave No Trace Master Educator**
- **ACA Swiftwater Rescue**
- **Cave Trip Leader**
- **Backcountry Trip Leader**
- **ACA K-1 Whitewater Instructor Development Workshop**
- **ACA K-1 Whitewater Instructor Certification Examination**
- **Relief Medic / Domestic**
- **Relief Medic / Ecuador**

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