



# W-EMT Full Course

October 13th– November 7th, 2008 (181 hours)

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**Wilderness Medicine:** Wilderness Medicine differs significantly from conventional EMS and other programs that are oriented towards the urban environment. Rural ambulance crews and wilderness rescue teams face challenges that are unknown to the inner city provider. In this course we address the special problems associated with prolonged patient care (>2 hours to the hospital), severe environments, and improvised equipment as well as rural EMS ambulance operations. This is the definitive medical training course for rural EMS providers and wilderness rescue team members.

**Prerequisites:** Participants must be at least 18 years of age with a valid drivers license, proof of negative TB test within one year or negative chest x-ray, proof of professional liability insurance ([www.hpsco.com](http://www.hpsco.com)) or similar company, and proof of Hepatitis B vaccination or signed declination form.

**Certifications:** Students who successfully complete this course will receive a W-EMT certification from Wilderness Medical Associates. This Certification is valid for 3 years. Students will also receive a certificate from the American Heart Association in CPR for the Health Care Provider. **Upon successful completion students will be allowed to sit for the National Registry EMT Basic exam at the students convenience. All states have different laws governing EMS licensure. Please check with your state regarding testing. For more information about National Registry Exams please call them direct at (614) 888-4484 or visit [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org).**

**Credentials:** The Wilderness Medical Associates NREMT + W-EMT is widely considered the most complete medical training for outdoor professionals who also have an interest in the field of pre-hospital emergency medicine. Our courses are preferred by such organizations as Outward Bound, The National Park Service, The Chesapeake Bay Foundation, many colleges and universities, and the FBI. As *Canoe Magazine* stated, "Wilderness Medical Associates has become the de facto standard in wilderness medical training."

**Class Format:** This is an intense 181 hour, 26 day program requires students to use after hours time and weekends to complete homework and field training. Class will generally run Monday through Friday 9am until 6pm with weekends used for studying, clinical time and ambulance rotations. Each student will complete 8 hours in a local ER and 24 hours on a local ambulance. There will multiple simulations, some at night, and students will be required to perform skills outside. Generally mornings are for lectures and afternoons are for practical hands on sessions. Evenings are for case studies, and assignments. Weather varies in Northern Michigan so dress for anything, snow or sunshine!

**Content:** This course meets and exceeds all of the requirements of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) curriculum, the State of Michigan EMT-Basic Curriculum and the Wilderness Medical Associates W-EMT Upgrade curriculum. Topics include but are not limited to: Patient Assessment, body systems, equipment improvisation, trauma, oxygen administration, automatic defibrillation, environmental medicine, toxins, backcountry medicine and wilderness rescue.

**Texts:** The cost of this course includes handouts, a book of lecture notes, *AAOS EMT Basic book*, *The Wilderness Medical Associates W-EMT Textbook* and *The Wilderness Medical Associates Field Guide*.

**Grades:** 100% attendance is required to pass as well as a cumulative score of 80% overall in all areas (i.e. tests, quizzes, rotations, affective behavior component, simulations and pre-course written exam). **Not everyone passes this course.** Successful completion does not guarantee certification with the NREMT. Students passing the program will be eligible to apply for the NREMT Exam. Students will be evaluated formally during the course.

**Lodging and Meals:** Offsite private lodging is available for \$600.00 with refrigerator and microwave in each room. All meals are on your own.



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**To Enroll:** If you would like to enroll in the program please print a registration form from the bottom of the home page at [www.northerncairn.com](http://www.northerncairn.com). Mail the completed form along with a \$300 deposit to **Northern Cairn @ Camp Daggett 03001 Church Rd. Petoskey Michigan, 49770**. Credit cards are also accepted over the phone. For more information please call (231) 347-9742 or toll free 1-877-582-9742.

**Instructors:** Northern Cairn is a licensed EMS program sponsor (B-07-0182) through the State of Michigan as well as a host program site for Wilderness Medical Associates. All classes are taught by licensed Instructor Coordinators and/or Wilderness Medical Associates Instructors. Curriculum meets and exceeds the DOT national standard curriculum. All field internships will be scheduled with a rural EMS agency and local ER's.

## Cost: \$1595.00 (Space is Limited)