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May Leave No Trace Master Educator Course on the Buffalo National Scenic River, Arkansas.

June/July Open Enrollment Courses at the Landmark Base:

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder

July 5 - July 13

SAI Wilderness Lifeguard Course

June 7 - June 8

WMI of NOLS Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals

June 16 - 21

ACA Swiftwater Rescue

July 19 - July 20

EMT-Basic Intensive

July 14 - August 2

Stay tuned to our web calendar as we continue to add more course for the upcoming months!

January - May 2008 Training Update from Landmark

We have made it through the busy month of May, but the fun is just beginning. So far this year we have trained over 1000 students in more than 50 courses! So here is the breakdown:

WMI of NOLS Courses: 822 students

American Heart Association Courses: 97 Students

NC Office of EMS Courses: 37 Students

American Canoe Association Courses: 50 Students

Leave No Trace Courses: 20 Students

We have so many more great courses scheduled for the rest of the summer and into the fall. Check out our web calendar to find the perfect course for you.

<http://www.landmarklearning.org/course-calendar.php>

Course Highlight:

Swiftwater Rescue

This comprehensive 2-day training is designed to help whitewater paddlers and trip leaders avoid common river hazards and learn rescue techniques. Hands-on practice time in advanced rescues includes rescue PFDs and mechanical advantage. Our location near the Tuckasegee River makes our campus the ideal destination spot for river rescue and skills clinics.



Upcoming Courses:

Swiftwater Rescue: July 19 - 20

Advanced Swiftwater Rescue: September 13 - 14



EMT-Basic Course at Landmark

It is always exciting to walk outside to see bloody students (fake blood) strewn about the lawn, their peers standing over them outfitted with stethoscopes and first aid kits ready to assist. These daily hands-on scenarios are a key piece of the curriculum for our EMT-Basic course. Students have the opportunity to deal with lifelike situations to help prepare them for the real world. In the evenings and on weekends these same students can be found

assisting on ambulances and in emergency rooms, applying all that they are learning.

There are currently 16 students attending this three week intensive EMT-B class at our campus in Western North Carolina. After taking the National Registry exam at course end, many of them will stay for a fourth week to complete the Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals Curriculum and become Wilderness EMTs. It is great to have their energy on base and to know that on any given day one could walk around the corner to find an incident involving anything from a mild concussion to an emergency childbirth!

**Instructor Highlight
Deane Hodde**

What are your "special" skills - your specific skill set that you contribute to Landmark?

A lot of life experience with people in the medical field

What is your actual day/night job?

Being a Human being,,,,,and a paramedic.

What are your favorite outdoor activities?

Haven't found one I don't enjoy!

Where are your favorite outdoor locations to visit?

Any place I havn't been and seen it for the first time....again.

Why do you work for Landmark?

I love to teach and be around the kind of people that come to Landmark to learn. I also have the honor of working and teaching with people I truly respect for who they are and what they believe.

Any career or personal highlights you'd like to share?

I have enjoyed 28 years working as a paramedic in many different arenas. My patients have easily given as much to me as I have to them. My 8 years as a full time flight medic were my most challenging and my most rewarding. It also opened the world off teaching for me which is my second greatest joy next to patient care.

Any words of wisdom you live by or would like to share?

An old woman once shard with me words that helped me with my patience. She said, "Answers are like drops in a bucket...it takes time to fill a bucket and it takes time for the knowledge to



become wisdom."

2008 Training Season is Filling Fast

[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 this spring 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](#) - July 5 - 13, and December 13 -21
- [WFR- Recertification](#) - December 5-7
- [WEMT Intensive](#) - July 14 - August 9, September 29 - October 25
- [SAI Wilderness StarGuard](#): June 7-8
- [Leave No Trace Master Educator](#): August 11 -15
- [ACA Swiftwater Rescue](#) : July 19 - 20
- [Relief Medic / Domestic](#) - November 17 - 20
- [Relief Medic / International](#): August 16 - 28

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