



It's Time To Hit the Water!!

Be prepared to spend time on the river this summer by taking one of our ACA Swiftwater Rescue courses! Our 2-day curriculum includes hands-on practice time in rapid swimming, catching eddies, live bait rescues, mechanical advantage and more! Our location near North Carolina's Tuckaseegee River makes our campus an ideal destination for this river rescue and skills clinic!

Dates:

- [April 25-26](#)
- [May 23-24](#)

March/April 2009 Open Enrollment Courses

ACA Swiftwater Rescue

Cullowhee, NC April 25 - 26, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder

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
Cullowhee, NC	April 4 - 12, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Responder Recertification

Cullowhee, NC March 20-22, 2009

WMI of NOLS Wilderness First Aid

Cabin John, MD	March 6-8, 2009
Columbia, SC	March 28-29, 2009
Valle Crucis, NC	April 17-19, 2009 -Optional CPR
Mt. Rogers, VA	April 24-26, 2009 -Optional CPR

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

Cullowhee, NC April 20-24, 2009

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

From the Director's Desk:

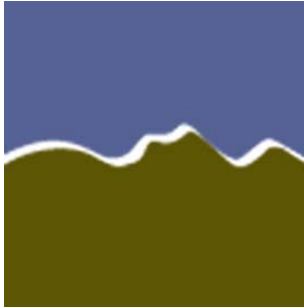
Spring is springing! And it looks like many of you are finalizing your work and play plans for the Spring and Summer. We are excited about our Spring 2009 training season! We want to express a huge **thank you** to our course sponsors and traveling staff that take Landmark ideas and turn them into action!



Have a great Spring, and if you haven't already - check out our new [online store](#)! I think you'll find some helpful commodities there, including the new WMI of NOLS Wilderness Field Guide!

Justin S. Padgett

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



The Landmark Learning Retail Store is LIVE!!!!

For any of you who have taken part in a Landmark Learning course, you are aware that we have a small retail area with items that we feel are complementary to the training you are receiving. We have decided to add more items to our store and to make them available to you 24/7! Our retail store is now available online at the [Landmark Learning website](#). You can access the store from any of our web pages by clicking on the STORE tab. This will take you to the main shopping page where you will find categories for [Books and Guides](#), [Medical Supplies](#), [Rescue Equipment and Accessory](#), and [Logo Gear](#). We have tried to make this a comprehensive list of items that we feel corresponds to the skills that you are learning in our courses. You can also visit our [Corner Store](#) to find a selection of gear that we recommend to make sure that you have everything listed on your course Gear Checklist.

So get online and explore the store!

Course Highlight - Relief Medic Ecuador

This year we are excited to be offering two dates for Ecuador Relief Medic course. Each year we receive more demand for this opportunity, as well as lots of requests for early summer dates in addition to the August dates. Our scheduling guru has taken all of this into consideration and has added June 8th-20th to the schedule. We feel that this is an amazing opportunity and we want to make it as available as possible! Each of these offerings can take a maximum of 8 students! Reserve your space today and travel to Ecuador with us as we offer medical relief to remote villages.



Dates:

[June 8-20](#)

[August 15-27](#)

Check out our [blog](#) to see how past Relief Medic student Jessie Cusik is using his skills. He is currently doing relief work in Burma as a Free Burma Ranger.



Instructor Update - Justin Padgett



Nickname: The Padj

How long have you been an instructor with Landmark Learning?

Since 1996

What courses do you instruct for Landmark?

All WMI of NOLS courses, EMT Intensive/WEMT, SWR, Whitewater Kayak

Instructor, Wilderness Lifeguard, Cave Trip Leader, and Backcountry Trip Leader.

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

A sense of humor and fun, attention to details, pre-hospital care experience, program design and evaluation

What other outdoor company (ies) have you worked for?

ASU OP, WCU OP, Grandfather Mountain Ranger, ACE Whitewater, NCOBS, River's Way Outdoor Adventure Center, Camp Broadstone, 4-H Wilderness Experience, and Rapid Descent.

What is your actual day/night job?

Executive Director of Landmark Learning. I also work part-time as a Paramedic for Westcare EMS in the rural mountains of Western North Carolina.

What are your favorite outdoor activities?

Whitewater Kayaking, Running, and recently Sailing!

Where are your favorite outdoor locations to visit?

Linville Gorge, Big Creek in the Smokies, and Cane Creek of course.....

Why do you work for Landmark?

Well, I had this idea in 1996.....it continued to blossom and include amazing people with more ideas that continued to blossom and keep me moving!

Spring 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.

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Please also visit www.nols.edu/wmi for a look at nationwide course availability.

[WFR](#): April 4 - 12, May 9 - 17, July 4 - 12

[WFR Recertification](#): March 20-22, May 18-20, November 20-22

[WEMT Intensive](#): May 25 - June 20, July 13-August 8, October 5 - 31

[WUMP](#): January 26 - 30, June 15 - 20, August 3 - 8

[EMT-Basic](#): January 4-24, May 25 - June 13, October 5-23

[SAI Wilderness Lifeguard Course](#): June 5-6

[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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