

Student Logistics



Wilderness First Aid (WFA)

Sponsored by *Obsidians* & NOLS Wilderness Medicine

Dates: May 17-18, 2025

Cost: \$310.00 Non-Member; \$260.00 Member; Tuition Only

Location: Obsidians Lodge, 2250 East 29th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

Travel, Meals, and Lodging

Meals and Lodging: *There is not a meals and lodging package available for this course. Students are required to arrange all lodging and food.*

Accommodations

1. Eugene has an excellent choice of AirBnB options - even a few tree houses!
2. There are several 3+ star hotel/hotels and motels which are reasonably priced. Here are a few suggestions in Eugene:
 - Best Western New Oregon Motel www.bestwestern.com
 - The Maverick Hotel www.choicehotels.com
 - Signature Inn Eugene www.redlion.com
3. Camping is also available for those interested. Some good areas are around Fern Ridge Lake and Veneta. While they are a bit of a drive (40-50 minutes to the Obsidian's lodge), these locations offer the nearest camping as urban camping in Eugene/Springfield is generally discouraged. Exploring BLM/state forest land to the east or west is also a viable option.

Food

There are lots of excellent restaurants, brew pubs, and food carts! The best are in the Whiteaker and Downtown area. Note that you should bring a lunch to the course as all of the food locations are too far from the Obsidian's lodge to make a round trip for lunch.

Travel

Directions to the Obsidian Lodge: From the north, west or downtown area, take Willamette, Pearl or Patterson Street south to 24th Avenue, turn left, head east to Hilyard and 24th, then continue east up 24th.

If arriving via Interstate I-5, take Exit 189, west onto E 30th Ave for about 3 miles to Hilyard St (2nd stop light), then right onto Hilyard, north to 24th Ave, right on 24th and head up 24th. From 24th Ave and Hilyard St: Head east up 24th to the 'T' at Columbia Street. • Turn right at the 'T' onto Columbia. Turn left onto 27th Ave, and proceed past the entrance to Laurelwood Golf Course. Turn Right onto Spring Blvd (please drive respectfully through this residential neighborhood on narrow Spring Blvd). After passing Essex Lane to the left, Spring dead ends at a private gravel driveway. Turn left on 29th Ave (Note: The street sign says Central, but that is for the street to right - go left) and immediately look for the Obsidians Lodge sign on your right and turn right there. Enter the driveway, go through the gate and follow the gravel drive to the Lodge and parking areas. The Obsidian Lodge is visible from the gate/ entrance sign.

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Online directions to the Obsidian Lodge: Use Google or Apple maps. Some of the turns can be confusing, but it will get you to the lodge. Look for a gravel driveway with a gate, the lodge is about 100 feet down the driveway.

Registration

How to Register

Please visit www.Obsidians.org to first register as a guest in our system so you can sign up for the class. Consider becoming a member prior to the course to receive the discounted rate. Contact us using the contact info provided below.

Travel insurance is recommended; NOLS's preferred provider is [MDM](#).

Cancellation Policies

More than 30 days prior to any course start date, NOLS Wilderness Medicine will refund tuition paid minus a \$50 administrative fee. Tuition is due by May 1, 2025 and is nonrefundable in the event of cancellation or transfer after this time

For Questions about location, logistics, and registration, contact:

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