

WILDERNESS MEDICAL ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL

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WMA International's Busy Fall Season!

This fall, WMA International has had the privilege of presenting to hundreds of attendees at key global conferences. Our presentations at the Wilderness Risk Management Conference (Salt Lake City, Utah), the Rescue 24 Conference (hosted by Iceland Search and Rescue in Reykjavik, Iceland), and the Canadian Association of Wilderness Medicine (Halifax, Nova Scotia) have been met with great enthusiasm.

Presentation highlights include:

- *How to Keep Your Staff's Wilderness Medicine Training Sharp*
- *What Can We Do When We Can't Reach a Critically Injured or Sick Patient?*
- *Lessons Learned from Alaska Search and Rescue Cases*
- *Mountain Medicine: Where Ambulances Can't Go*

In addition to our conference engagements, we have successfully hosted three Instructor Trainings in Portola, California, USA; Prague, Czech Republic; and Squamish, British Columbia, Canada, with one more upcoming in Cantley, Quebec, Canada. We are thrilled to welcome 38 new instructors to the WMA International family through these trainings.



Are you interested in being a part of the global community of wilderness medical professionals? Stay tuned for future Instructor Trainings as we prepare for the next year.

[All Upcoming Courses](#)

SURVEY

Your Feedback on Learning Materials

At WMA International, we're committed to enhancing your learning experience. To better understand your preferences, we invite you to participate in a brief survey regarding the format of our field guides and textbooks. Your input will help us determine whether printed or digital materials are most suitable for your learning needs.

Thank you for sharing your feedback with us!

[Take the Survey](#)



COURSE HIGHLIGHT

Wilderness First Responder Recertification with ASL Interpreters Provided

We are excited to offer a unique opportunity for Deaf and hard of hearing students at our upcoming [Wilderness First Responder Recertification](#) course, taking place from January 11-13, 2024, at [Zoar Outdoor](#). This course will have ASL interpreters provided, ensuring an inclusive learning environment for all students.

Designed to provide a comprehensive review and retesting of the WFR curriculum, this three-day, 24-hour course also includes a CPR update and integrates the latest protocols and treatment options. Whether you're renewing your WFR certification or just looking to refresh your skills, this course is a great chance to deepen your knowledge and practical abilities.

The addition of ASL interpreters creates a more accessible space for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students while also drawing in a diverse group of learners. Please help us spread the word to those who may require an ASL-interpreted course.

[Course Details](#)

INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT

Innovations in Technology and Wilderness Rescue

WMA International's Medical Director, [Will Smith](#), and Curriculum Director, [Julie Anderson](#), recently taught a [Wilderness Advanced Life Support \(WALS\)](#) course in Iceland, collaborating with local [ICE-SAR](#) instructor [Axel Vidarsson](#). This course followed the vibrant [RESCUE24](#) conference in Reykjavik, which brought together experts in the field of wilderness medicine and rescue.

The conference was packed with innovative technology and tools, showcased by vendors and exhibitors. Dr. Smith and Axel Vidarsson each presented on how technology can enhance remote medical care, offering practical insights on its application in wilderness settings. During the WALS course, participants explored the use of medical technology in remote and extended care situations, even testing some of the new tools in a large-scale night simulation.

Learn more about how technology is shaping the future of wilderness rescue and remote medical care.

[Read More](#)



Live from the Wild

The latest shares from WMA International students and instructors!



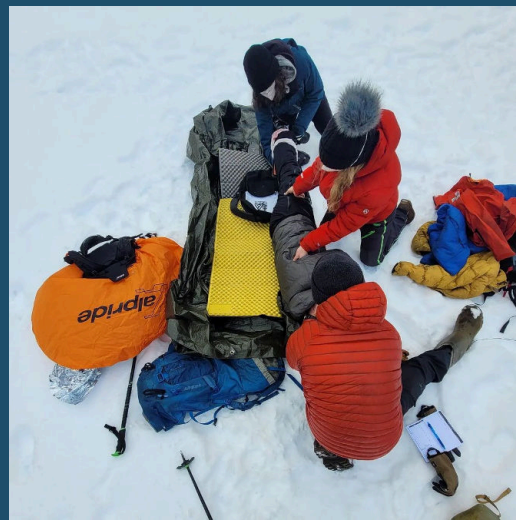
A Wilderness First Aid course facilitated by [Dynamic Wilderness Medicine](#) and hosted by Furman University's Outdoor Club.



"Amazing WFR experience with [Devil's Lake Climbing Guides](#), WMA International, and the best group of people imaginable. Can't emphasize enough how valuable this stuff is." - Shannon R.



"This class was so much fun. I have a new love for medicine. I have not had that much fun and comfort in a setting since a young age. I am so proud to be a WFR now and am considering higher medical education." - WFR student from College of Atlantic, credits to [Wilderness Medicine Leadership](#).



"A great group of students spent the last four days learning how to manage the medical considerations of a rescue! In this course, we focused a little bit extra on the winter backcountry context." Photo credits to [Mountain Med Consulting](#).

Send us photos from your course!

We'd love to see the behind-the-scenes of your experience.

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