

How to Enroll Students In A Short Course

Who to Contact:

All initial correspondence regarding Short Course enrollment should be directed to:

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Course Selection:

1. Call the Wilderness School for available dates. Explain what type of program you are interested in attending and you will be directed to a program staff who will help you with your request.
2. 1-Day Short Courses typically begin at 9:30 a.m. end by 4:00 p.m. Please be prepared to confirm start and finish times when confirming your date. Note: Participants should plan to be available for the entire day.

Enrollment Requirements:

1. Each participant under must submit a completed 1-Day Student Medical History Form for day programs or a 2-Day Student Medical History for Overnight Short Courses. For any youth under the age of 18, the form must include a parent/guardian signature.
2. Forms should be submitted to the Wilderness School a minimum of one week in advance of the scheduled course for review of any medical issues or restrictions. Forms may be scanned and emailed or faxed to us at (860) 653-8120.
3. Applicants must be in good physical health to attend. Medical and health histories must be disclosed to the appropriate Wilderness School contact for review. Applicants whose medical histories report a cause for concern may be required to seek physician approval prior to participation
4. You must confirm attendance at least one week prior to the selected course date.

Additional Requirements:

1. The Wilderness School is a non-smoking program and facility.
2. All applicable behavioral rules of the Wilderness School Expedition Program will be observed, including: Student Removal From Course For Behavioral Policy Violations, Non-Compliance, Violence and Threatening, Severe Emotional Disturbance, Emotional Safety, Sexual Activity, and Drugs and Alcohol Use
3. The use of electronic devices such as iPods, mp3's, video games, etc will be restricted during program activities.
4. Cell phone use during program activities will be limited to common sense occasions and limits. Both adult and student participants will be encouraged to restrict cell phone use to appropriate times and places.

Program Goals:

It is helpful to the Wilderness School staff to know what you would like to get out of the day. A goal that the participant or group is currently working on can be enhanced by a day at the Wilderness School.

Previous one-day courses have focused on teamwork, leadership, cooperation, communication and problem solving skills.

Group Size:

Typical group sizes run between 6 and 14 participants, and may be dependent upon the specific population or activity scheduled for the course.

Lunch:

When you sign up for a course, the Wilderness School staff will give you information on lunch for the day.

You may be asked (or request) to bring your own lunch to a Wilderness School Short Course. This is often based upon convenience or preference of the group.

If you are bringing lunch for the day, please pack a bag lunch that can be packed into a backpack. Do not bring glass of any kind and plan on eating lunch in an outside environment.

If the Wilderness School is providing food, please share any dietary restrictions you or the other participants may have. Note: The Wilderness School may not always be able to meet special dietary requests.

Wilderness School will supply water, hot drinks (as appropriate) and extra snacks.

Clothing and Footwear:

It is important for participants to dress in loose fitting, comfortable clothing that is appropriate for the season and weather conditions.

Participants should be aware that temperatures are frequently cooler at the Wilderness School base camp in East Hartland than most other areas of the state.

The Wilderness School will supplement clothing as necessary.