

Prerequisites

The course Basic Wilderness Rescue is a prerequisite for this course.

Course Scheduling Information

For open enrollment Advanced Wilderness Rescue – Canopy Rescue course visit www.wildernesseri.com.

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Advanced Wilderness Rescue – Canopy Rescue

24-Hour Course

The Rescue Discipline

Performing rescues in a wilderness environment presents unique hazards and skills unlike any other environment. The course Advanced Wilderness Rescue – Canopy Rescue is designed to progress the student to the next level of response and allows an emergency responder to deal with unique emergencies that can occur in the wilderness environment. The course also allows the students to practice the skills necessary for these special rescues.

There is a series of high hazard – low occurrence emergencies that can occur in the wilderness. The occurrences deal with emergencies that occur in treetops or in the wilderness canopy. Hunters can get injured or stuck in tree strands, arborists and lumberjacks can get injured in the top of trees and parachutists and hang gliders can crash in the tree canopies. When these incidents occur, the wilderness emergency responder needs to act.

In conjunction with the location (off the ground) that these incidents occur, the responder needs to deal with factors such as weather and the injuries that create special problems. In an urban environment, lightening storms are not as dangerous as in the wilderness environment. In an urban environment, the responder can find shelter with ease. In the wilderness environment

there is no such shelter. The monitoring of the weather and the dealing with the weather requires special situational awareness.

In addition to the weather, dealing with trauma or medical problems in the difficult locations can bring unique problems. Trying to immobilize individuals while hanging from trees and in a location so remote from definitive care requires long term injury management care.

The Course

Advanced Wilderness Rescue – Canopy Rescue is a course designed to address these unique problems. The course is a 24 hour course made up of 3 hours of lecture (covering: incident backgrounds, unique injury review and treatment protocols, high angle rescue equipment overview, tree access equipment overview, personal protective equipment, rescue team organization, special situations, scene size up and necessary knots and hitches), 14 hours of hands on skills (climbing trees with spikes, climbing sticks and tree ladders; anchor systems; lowering systems; belay systems, modified sloped high lines; moving in tree canopies; use of miller halfbacks; rappelling operations and pick offs) and 7 hours of field scenarios (including an injured hunter in tree stand,

an injured arborist in the canopy and an injured sky diver in the canopy).

This course gives the student techniques and training to allow the individual to deal with the more advanced wilderness rescue situations that occur and helps the individual to become a more effective wilderness rescue technician. Upon completion of this course, the student might wish to take additional high angle rescue courses (Mountain Rescue Operations series of courses) to allow the student to master their ability to respond to these types of emergencies.

General Information

All students who successfully complete this class will receive a certificate of completion. Students are required to provide their own helmet, work gloves, eye protection, proper footwear, clothing appropriate for the environment and material for taking notes. Wilderness Emergency Response Institute provides all other equipment necessary for this course.

This class is offered in both open enrollment and contracted course styles. This course cannot be offered during snow conditions or lightening storms. To host a class, the hosting agent must provide a classroom setting that allows for a PowerPoint presentation as well as multiple field locations suitable for the scenarios.