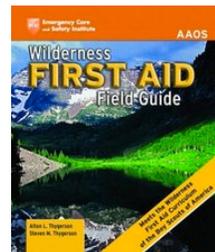


## Wilderness First Aid Course Opportunity

Troop 2 in Oneida is sponsoring a Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course. Here are the details:

1. The course will be taught on Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22 from 8:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 551 Sayles Street in Oneida, NY. Attendance at both sessions is required.
2. Dr. Evan Belanger of the Crouse Neuroscience Institute in Syracuse will teach the course.
3. The course material is from the Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) and satisfies the Wilderness First Aid requirement for BSA High Adventure programs. ECSI (see <http://boyscouts.ecsinstitute.org/>) is working with the Boy Scouts of America to provide training based on BSA's Wilderness First Aid curriculum and doctrine guidelines.
4. The course will cover: bleeding and wound care; burns, bites, and stings; bone, joint, and muscle injuries; cold- and heat-related illnesses; altitude illnesses, and much more.
5. The cost is \$75 per person and includes a copy of the *Wilderness First Aid Field Guide*.
6. Attendance at both sessions is required and no partial credit is given if the course is not completed. Cash payment is required at the first session.
7. Per the BSA WFA Guidelines (see <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-008.pdf>) the following are course prerequisites:
  - a. Minimum age 14
  - b. Certification from a nationally recognized provider in CPR
  - c. Certification from a nationally recognized provider AED

A person can complete the WFA course without having completed the prerequisites but will not get be given a WFA completion card. Those that need a WFA completion card must bring CPR & AED course completion cards as evidence that prerequisites have been met.
8. Participants should bring their own bag lunch.
9. The class is limited to 20 participants and pre-registration is required. Pre-register by contacting Matt Jacobs via phone, (315) 363-0418, or email, [matt.jacobs@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:matt.jacobs@twcnny.rr.com).



### Who needs WFA?

All four of the BSA high-adventure bases require at least one person per trek (two per trek at Philmont Scout Ranch) to be certified in WFA through an approved provider. Additional participants trained in WFA skills are recommended.

Council-run trek programs may also require participants to be current with WFA certification. If you are staffing a trek camp, WFA may be required. Check directly with the camp you will be attending.

In addition, participants in unit-centric high-adventure or backcountry programs would greatly benefit from WFA skills in the event of an emergency.