Dear SOLO Wilderness First Aid / Wilderness First Responder Recertification Participant:

Thank you for your interest in participating in a SOLO Wilderness Medicine course held at The University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Title:  SOLO Wilderness First Aid Course/WFR Re-Certification  
Dates: November 14-15, 2015  
Times: 8am – 5:00pm both days (30min - 1 hour for lunch)  
Optional CPR Certification  
Cost:  $150.00/students $175.00/non-students  
  Optional CPR/AED Basic Certification Module – Additional $35.  
  6-9pm Saturday Nov 14th.  

*For WFR Re-Certification, and additional $15 will be due to SOLO at the start of the course.  

Included in this packet are:  
✓ Equipment List  
✓ Directions to the Campus Recreation Center  
✓ Lodging Information  
✓ Health Form  
✓ Assumption of Risk  

Please print out and complete the Health form and Risk form and either mail them back to the below address or bring the forms to the first day of the course. It is recommended that you bring your lunch; there is a refrigerator and microwave available for use; there are eating places within walking distance if this is not possible for you. Please take the time to go through this information, and be in touch with questions or concerns that you may have prior to the course.  

We look forward to welcoming you to U Mass Lowell!

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Course Site Policies:

Cancellations and Refunds
Due to needs of planning and reservations, cancellations must be made 14 DAYS PRIOR TO course date to receive a full refund. Cancellations that occur within 14 days of course will receive no refund, unless another participant on the waiting list can be found to take the open spot. 100% of your payment will be refunded if the course is cancelled by OAP staff (sometimes due to weather). Some longer and specialty trips/events may have separate cancellation and refund policies, which will be outlined at the time of registration. Participants are expected to be responsible for arriving on time and prepared for the course. Those who register for a course but do not show up on time or fail to complete the certification successfully will not receive a refund.

Alcohol, Drugs, & Tobacco
It is our mission to provide healthy and safe outdoor recreation experiences. Alcohol and illegal drugs are PROHIBITED on OAP trips and courses. We represent UMass Lowell on our trips and we need to follow the university’s zero tolerance policy even while away from campus. Consumption and/or possession of alcohol or drugs while attending an Outdoor Adventure trip or event will be handled through the appropriate UMass Lowell authorities. If you carry personal medications you must indicate this on your Health Statement and keep it in your possession while on the trip. UMass Lowell is a smoke free campus.

Harassment & Discrimination
No harassment of any kind will be tolerated by participants or staff during any Outdoor Adventure trip or event. The Outdoor Adventure Program strives to be sensitive and supportive of cultural and individual differences—specifically those differences due to age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, and socioeconomic status. We encourage respect and appreciation for the diversity of all participants and staff and we hope you will do the same. It is your responsibility to report any misconduct to Outdoor Adventure Program staff or the Program Coordinator immediately.

Equipment Use
The Outdoor Adventure Program seeks to provide what equipment we can to participants in order to provide a safe and fun experience. Participants are responsible for equipment rented to them by the Outdoor Adventure Program. Participants will be responsible for paying for any damaged or lost equipment as assessed by the Outdoor Program Coordinator.

Pets
Pets are not allowed on the course site. Any student bringing pets to class will be asked to leave class until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility.
Directions to Course Location

Campus Recreation Center Address:
322 Aiken St. Lowell, MA 01854
The course will be held in the Campus Recreation Center meeting room, #111.

From South or West
- From 495 N, take Exit 35C for the Lowell Connector, keep left at the fork to continue
- From US 3 North take a slight right onto the Lowell Connector (signs for I-495/Lawrence)
- Take Exit 5B to merge onto Massachusetts 3A N/Thorndike St (follow signs for UMass Lowell)
- Continue into downtown, turn Left at the intersection with the Tsongas Center, onto Farther Morissette Blvd
- Take your 3rd right onto Aiken St (be careful, the second traffic light is on the street corners and can be easy to miss)
- The Campus Recreation Center the red brick building one block down on the left, at the corner of Aiken and Perkins Streets.

From the North or East
- From 495, take Exit 1A for I-93 South toward Boston
- Take exit 46 for SR 113/110 toward Dracut
- At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Lowell St. This turns into Lowell Blvd, Merrimack Ave, then the VFW Highway.
- Turn Left onto Aiken St. (Top Donuts is on the far corner of this intersection)
- The Campus Recreation Center is on the right, just across the bridge.

Parking
- Street parking is available along VFW highway, Perkins St. and Hall St. and is free on weekends.
- Free Parking is also available in the Campus Rec Center Lot.

Local Accommodation Options

UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center
50 Warren St, Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 934-6920

http://www.acc-umlinnandconferencecenter.com/

(Approximately 15minute walk from course site)
RELEASE OF LIABILITY (ADULT 18+)

I understand that participation in UMass Lowell Campus Recreation programs or utilizing its facilities is purely voluntary. I agree, on behalf of myself, my assigns, executors, and heirs, to release and indemnify and hold harmless, the Commonwealth, the University of Massachusetts, its Trustees, officers, agents, instructors, employees, hereinafter collectively referred to as University, from and against any and all claims, liability, losses, third party claims, damages, costs, or expenses (including attorneys’ fees) arising out of or resulting from claims of negligence which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns may now have, or have in the future against University on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind arising out of or in any way related to my presence at or participation in any activity, event or program, including traveling to, training for, being instructed in using equipment for or participation in or at any UMass Lowell Campus Recreation event, program, activity or facility. I agree to be responsible for any damage to University property that occurs while in my possession.

I understand that I am releasing University from any and all claims for injuries or damages arising out of University's negligence including, but not limited to the temporary or permanent muscle strain or soreness, sprains, strains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, ligament and/or cartilage damage, fractures, spinal injuries, head injuries, eye injuries, disfigurement, paralysis, internal injuries, organ damage or death. I recognize that there are other risks of injury that may occur by my participation, which are inherent in physical activity.

I understand that I am responsible for determining whether I have any health conditions that restrict my participation in any UMass Lowell Campus Recreation event or activity. UMass Lowell may rely on my representation that I am healthy enough to participate safely. I understand that should an accident or injury occur, I hereby give my consent to necessary medical care. I acknowledge and accept that the cost of such medical care is my responsibility.

It is the clear intent of this release agreement that the participator is releasing University and/or the UMass Lowell Campus Recreation Department, their Trustees, officers, agents, employees and/or instructors from any and all liability for any personal injury or property damage caused by University's negligence or the negligence of any and all officers, agents, employees or members of University or the UMass Lowell Campus Recreation Department.

I understand, have read this release and understand its terms.

Signature ______________________________________________ Date _____________
Parent/Guardian Signature _________________________________ Date _____________
(Required if participant is under the age of 18 at the time of the event/experience)
Activity ________________________________________________ Date ____________

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Please complete this form in its entirety. It aids in identifying participants who might have special needs and therefore need extra safety precautions. It also provides important medical information in the event any treatment is required.

The information on this form is confidential.

Please attach additional pages if necessary

General Information:
Full Name: _______________________________________ Male_______ Female________
Student _____ Faculty_____ Staff ____ CRC Member _____ Non-University ____
Permanent Address: __________________________________________________________
City:_______________________ State: _______________ Zip Code: _________________
Local Telephone #: _________________________ E-mail:___________________________
Date of Birth:________________ Height: _______________ Weight:___________
Shoe Size:______Do you wear eye glasses/contacts?_____What Rx or Strength? ____ R ____ L
Can you swim?_______________

Are you currently certified in (check all that apply):
CPR ___ First-Aid ____ First Responder ___ EMT ___ Other__________________

Emergency Contact:____________________________ Telephone #:_____________________
Relationship___________________________________________________________________
Medical Insurance Co. __________________________ Policy#:________________________
Physician’s Name:___________________________ Telephone#:_______________________

Medical Information:
Allergies (Including medicines, foods, bites, stings).

NONE (initial here if you have none)

Allergy  Reactions (what happened)  Medication Required
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Medication

NONE (initial here if you have none)

Medication  Condition  Dosage (amt./frequency)  Side Effects
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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Health History (please describe in area provided if checked yes)

Yes  No  Yes  No

1. Pregnant
2. Require medical equipment
3. Seizure within past year
4. Hospitalization/emergency
  Room visit within past year
5. Surgeries within past year
6. Neck/back/shoulder/knee ankle problems
7. History of heart attack or other heart problems
8. Other medical issues
9. Do you have diabetes, NIDDM or IDDM?
10. Do you have elevated blood cholesterol or triglycerides
11. Do you smoke?
12. Do you consume more than one alcoholic beverage per day?
If you answer yes to any question in the Health Profile section, please provide a detailed description including symptoms and restrictions.

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**Fitness Level**
Be advised that OA programs involve physical exertion but nothing out of the average person’s physical capabilities. To prepare yourself for the activity, it is recommended that you do some aerobic activity like biking, walking/hiking, or jogging for about 20-30 minutes per day at least 3 times per week. If time before the program permits, increase your exercise level incrementally over a two to three month period.

Please describe current exercise activities including frequency and intensity
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**Parental Consent** (To be completed by parents or guardians of students under the age of 18)
The laws of Massachusetts require that surgical and medical treatment of minors and release of medical information to hospitals, other physicians, and insurance companies about conditions treated by us be at the request of and with the approval of their parents. This right to request and approval may be delegated to College officials. Although it is our policy to notify the parents as soon as possible in the event of major illness or injury, it is impractical to notify for every minor illness or injury requiring treatment. It will help us protect the health of your child if you will delegate to us discretion in these matters.

I give my permission for such diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be deemed necessary for my child and agree to present information concerning their medical condition to other responsible authorities when deemed desirable. No major operations will be performed, except in extreme emergency, without parents being fully informed.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian ______________________________ Date ___________________
Signature of Student ____________________________________________ Date ___________________

Please return this form as soon as possible to allow time for review. It is possible that further medical evaluation is needed to approve your participation in some OA activities.
EQUIPMENT LIST FOR
WILDERNESS FIRST AID/ WFR RECERTIFICATION* PARTICIPANTS

You should plan to have clothing that will be appropriate to the season for where and when you will be taking the class. Weather permitting, we will be spending a significant portion of the class time out-of-doors. The following list is to SUPPLEMENT the clothing you will be wearing. If you have questions regarding the usual weather where your course will be held, please contact the sponsor. Please note, we use moulage throughout the training that can stain some clothing, therefore, you may want to bring older or darker clothing to wear for scenarios.

**NECESSARY ITEMS**
Backpack or knapsack to put everything in

Raingear (tops and bottoms – waterproof versus water resistant)

Layers of clothing (to keep yourself regulated by adding on or removing layers)

Water bottles (1qt or 1L) for drinking water

Footwear for the environment (closed-toed shoes for outdoors/sandals are OK for inside, no Five Fingers™ shoes please)

*Please bring the following items in addition to the list above if you are taking a course in the winter or in an area with frequent cold weather/snow.*

Warm hat (not made of cotton, which loses its ability to hold heat if wet)

Mittens or gloves

Extra pair of warm socks (to change into if the ones you are wearing get soaked)

**HELPFUL ITEMS TO BRING**
Ground cloth or small tarp (6X4 sheet of plastic is fine)

Sleeping pad (Ensolite, Thermarest™, Ridgerest™, self-inflating, etc.)

Bandanas/Cravats of any kind

*Please note: If you are a WFR Recert, please notify the sponsoring agency ahead of time. This course will recertify current SOLO, WMA, or WMI/NOLS WFR certifications. If you are a WMA or WMI/NOLS student, you will be switching to a SOLO certification. You must bring copies of your current WFR and CPR certification cards. **There is an additional $15 recertification fee.**