

NEW 2021 WILDERNESS FIRST AID REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Due to the uncertainty and impact of COVID-19 on our Chapter and budget, we are modifying our Wilderness First Aid (WFA) reimbursement policy for 2021. We hope this is temporary and will revisit it again at the end of the year. Under the new policy, the Chapter will ONLY reimburse backpack and trail leaders, if their certification period requires renewal per our policies.

Backpack leaders are required to re-certify WFA every two to six years.

All trail work leaders who lead work trips "must hold a current certification in some basic first aid or better." WFA is considered one of the "better" trainings, but it is not required. Length of current certification varies, depending on the issuer.

All Sawyers and Swampers are REQUIRED to have WFA as well as CPR certification. These certificates must be renewed every two years.

Limitations and requirements for reimbursement are similar to the previous policy. Any backpacking or trails leader who leads trips within the 30-month period starting one year before, and up to 18 months following, the successful completion of the WFA course will be reimbursed as follows:

- 50 percent of course fees for leading two trips,
- 75 percent for leading four, and
- 100 percent for leading six.

Maximum reimbursement is \$300. Two day or longer trips will count as two trips. Course fees refer to registration and relevant lodging costs and exclude travel and meal expenses unless such expenses are included in the registration fee. Reimbursement allowances apply for all original, renewal and recertification classes. Limited funds are available for this program.

Larry Priori has been appointed to the newly-created position of First Aid Chair for our chapter. Larry brings significant WFA and WFR experience and has been conducting virtual First Aid for Wilderness classes during 2020. He will be continuing those in 2021 and will hopefully lead some in person sessions when it is safe to do so. For those leaders wanting to learn more or refresh their skills, this is a great alternative to Wilderness First Aid. These opportunities will be posted on the DV Chapter activity calendar.

It is highly recommended that you contact the applicable chair in advance of payment of registration for clarification of this policy.

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