

GSEMA Training for First Aid Certification

- GSEMA is currently operating cookie cupboards and outdoor programs on our properties; however, all other uses of GSEMA properties are restricted and offices are currently closed to the public. As a result, there are no scheduled First Aid/CPR (FACPR) or Wilderness First Aid (WFA) courses at present. The [Program Catalog](#) will be updated when new courses are available for registration.
- Once GSEMA is able to safely run MEDIC FA/CPR and WFA courses in-person, participants with a current, expired, or expiring MEDIC certification will have **90 days** to register for courses at the recertification rate. After that date, participants will need to register for a full course.
- It is important to note that you are still required to hold a **current, non-expired First Aid/CPR certification** to serve as a Troop First Aider. See gsema.org/safety to determine if your activity requires an approved First Aider.

External First Aid Training and Certifications

Requirements for Troop First Aider Courses

First Aid/CPR courses not hosted by GSEMA that meet our safety requirements must:

- Include **basic first aid**
- Include **CPR/AED training covering adult, child, and infant**
- Include **live instruction**, either
 - As an in-person course OR
 - As a live instructor-led online session that includes hands-on practice and evaluation using a manikin.

Previously accepted vendors and course names include:

- American Heart Association – In-person or Blended *Learning Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Online* with hands-on skills session and modules in Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR
- Red Cross – In-person or Blended *Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Learning Course*
- ASHI/MEDIC – In-Person or Blended *CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid for Adult, Child, and Infant*
- ProCPR by ProTrainings – *CPR & First Aid for All Ages* with the hands-on skill evaluation

Approval reminder: All external courses should be pre-approved by customercare@gsema.org. Courses which are entirely online at your own pace and/or which have no practice or instructor evaluation of your CPR/AED techniques using a manikin are not accepted.

Requirements for Level 2 First Aider

GSEMA accepts valid licensure as a MA physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, paramedic, military medic, athletic trainer, and emergency medical technician (EMT) because these professions have a reasonable expectation of emergency care. Submit your valid license/registry number, including expiration date, to customercare@gsema.org.

Requirements for externally provided Wilderness First Aid

- Course is in-person only and typically takes 16+ hours
- There is no recertification process; when certification expires, they must take a full WFA course
- Recognized vendor, including NOLS, SOLO, ASHI and Red Cross

For questions and pre-approval for non-GSEMA courses, please contact customercare@gsema.org.