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### ***American Red Cross Organizes Wilderness First Aid Course at Camp Greenough, Yarmouth Port on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>***

Hyannis, Mass, May 31, 2009 -The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, will hold a Wilderness First Aid Course at Camp Greenough, Yarmouth Port on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The class will run from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day. Cost is \$120. This class is being organized in collaboration with the Cape Cod and Islands Council, Boy Scouts of America and fulfills the First Aid criteria for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

Enrollment is available online at [capecodandislandsredcross.org](http://capecodandislandsredcross.org) or by calling (508) 775-1540.

Wilderness First Aid is a good basic course in backcountry emergency response for almost any location. This 16 hour course is for those who work, live or play in remote areas – away from the usual EMS service. Even though the emergency workers near these areas may be trained to search for and rescue those in need, there may be a delay in the notification of assistance, the time required to get to the patient, or in moving the patient to more advanced treatment.

This class covers assessment and urgent first aid techniques, but not in-depth CPR. Basic first aid skills are covered, making this course appropriate for anyone regardless of experience level. No prerequisites are required. A certification can be issued that has an expiration of 3 years and serves as a Basic First Aid certification as well. A minimum age of 15 is recommended for participants due to the serious nature of the course and scenarios.

The American Camping Association has approved the American Red Cross ***Wilderness First Aid Basics*** for the Part C First Aider in their accreditation standards. The Boy Scouts of America have also recommended the Red Cross course.

The types of activities and persons needing more advanced training in first aid could be:

- Hikers and Backpackers
- Scouting leaders and older scouts
- Kayakers and canoers
- Farm workers
- Utility workers in remote areas
- Forest Rangers
- Law enforcement and rescue crews
- Disaster Situations

To enroll in the course or for more information about training, volunteering or supporting the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, American Red Cross, see the web site: [capecodandislandsredcross.org](http://capecodandislandsredcross.org), call toll-free (508) 775-1540 or write to: 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

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