

ANNOUNCEMENT: Swiftwater Rescue for River Professionals, 2013

Training and certification of lifesaving and river rescue skills, this course conforms to International Rescue Instructors Association standard for level S-2 Swiftwater Operations or Swiftwater Technician recertification, as well as NFPA 1670 criteria for "Swiftwater Operations". Meets USDOJ criteria for river safety preparedness.

For this session, the curriculum is tailored to address the needs of researchers operating boats on southwestern rivers. Course syllabus is available upon request.

When: April 1-3, 2013 (other dates are also available*)

Where: Pilar, New Mexico and the Rio Grande

Tuition: \$350

Instructors: Steve Harris, John Weinmeister and Harvey King

Registration: Closes on March 3, at which time full tuition will have been submitted.

Prerequisites: Registrants must certify their physical fitness, possess strong swimming ability. Read the 60 page information pre-load (provided upon registration). 48 hours minimum river navigation experience is preferred.

Equipment: Students must supply their own aquatic thermal protection (wetsuit or dry suit), sturdy, water-oriented footwear, gloves, personal flotation device, thermal headgear, helmet; bring lunches and drinking water (at least 2 liters per day). Rescue SW provides course materials, specialized equipment and instruction.

Evaluations: On day three, students will test the practical skills they have acquired: Swiftwater swims, contact rescues, rope rescue, setting a mechanical advantage system. Successful performance must be demonstrated in order to receive certification.

Classroom exercises commence promptly at 8:30 am Monday April 1, 2013 at the Rio Grande Gorge BLM Visitor Center in Pilar, NM, located 25 miles N of Espanola (14 miles S of Taos) on State Highway 64. Field days at river 8 am to 5 pm. Camping is available nearby at Orilla Verde BLM Recreation Area.

Registration*:

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*A complete listing of courses and **Registration Form** are available at: www.farflung.com/swiftwater