

Swiftwater Rescue for River Professionals-NMROA

May 3-5, 2013 (May 7, Recert)

Rescue Southwest 575-758-2628



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 (BLM Reclamation) criteria for river safety preparedness. For this session, the curriculum is tailored to address the needs of guides and other river runners operating boats on southwestern rivers. Course syllabus is available upon request.

When: May 3-5, 2013 (Renewal opportunity for “Class of 2010”-May 7, 2013)

Where: Pilar, NM (BLM) Visitor Center and on the Rio Grande.

Tuition: \$350 (\$250 for personnel of NMROA-member outfitters).

Prerequisites: Registrants must: 1. certify their physical fitness, 2. possess strong swimming ability. 3. read the 60 page information pre-load (provided upon registration). Minimum 48 hours river navigation experience is preferred.

Equipment: Students must supply their own aquatic thermal protection (wetsuit or dry suit), sturdy, water-oriented footgear, 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.

Instructors: Steve Harris, John Weinmeister and Harvey King, who collectively have 47 years instructing in the Swiftwater discipline. Past clients include fire rescue agencies, federal agencies and outfitter-guides westwide (references available upon request).

Evaluations: On day three, students will perform the practical skills they have acquired: Swiftwater swims, contact rescues, rope rescue, deploying a mechanical advantage system. Successful performance must be demonstrated in order to receive certification, valid until 2016.

Registration: Will close on April 18, at which time a reservation form and full tuition will have been submitted.

Swiftwater Rescue for River Professionals: Guide's Course

Agenda: *Classroom exercises commence promptly at 8:30 am Friday May 3, 2013 at the Rio Grande Gorge Visitors Center, 24 mi N of Espanola on NM Highway 68. Field exercises (Sat-Sun) at river, 8 am to 5 pm. Camping is available nearby in the Orilla Verde Recreation Area.*

Course Topics:

Classroom study topics (Day one in Pilar): Written Exam, Review of Pre-course Reading
Swiftwater Lectures: Identifying and Mitigating Risk; Scene Size-up, Incident Response Plan, Team Organization. Personal Preparedness; Introduction to Technical Gear.
Practice: Throwbag- skills and applications; Basic knots and hitches; Anchors; Mechanical Advantage; Rope Management.

Field exercises and applications (Days 2 and 3 are in/on water):

Safety briefing, IAP, Team Organization.

Hazard Identification and Hydrology.

In-water Self-Rescue, Towed Victim Swims, Tethered Swims ("Live Bait"/V-Lower).

Panicked Victim Profile and Response; Cervical Spine Management. Foot/Body Entrapment; Strainer Swim, Tensioned Diagonals. River Search, Lowhead dams, Vehicles.

Shore-based skills- (Throwbags, Line Crossings, Wading Rescues).

Watercraft-based skills- (Characteristics, Flips, Wraps, 2 and 4 point systems).

Independent Skills Testing and Evaluation & de-brief:

1. Class 3 swim,

2. Towed Victim Swim,

3. Toss throwbag-twice in 20 seconds,

4. Build simple MA system (3:1, 4:1).

Candidates will also solve a water rescue thought problem.

Other 2013 Swiftwater Rescue River Professional Course Dates:

April 1-3 2013 Field Researchers Cost \$350

June 28-30, 2013 Boaters

July 22-24, 2013 Boaters

July 26-28, 2013 Boaters

Swiftwater Rescue Course Application, 2013

To enroll, please confirm availability by calling Program Director Steve Harris at 575-751-1269, e-mailing him at steve.harris39@gmail.com or contacting sponsor at:

(Far-Flung Adventures dba Rescue SW) Box 707 El Prado, NM 87529
toll-free: 800-359-2627, fax 575-776-1443, e-mail: farflung@taosnet.com

Registration closes 14 days prior to start of course. Applications must be received before that time.

Please enroll ___ persons in :

___ Swiftwater Rescue for River Professionals. Date: _____

___ Swiftwater and Flood Rescue Operations. Date: _____

Name(s): _____ Age: ___ Height: ___ ' ___ " Weight: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail (important for receiving reading materials) _____

Affiliation: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home: _____

Reason For Seeking Enrollment: _____

Swiftwater Hazards In My Area:

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: Tuition Amount: \$ _____.

___ I request an Invoice to accompany attached purchase order # _____

___ Check Or Money Order (Payable To Far Flung Adventures)

___ Bill My Major Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ American Express ___ Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

By signing below, I (authorize use of credit card for amount stated)/certify that I have basic swimming ability, am in good health, have (or can obtain) personal protective gear as outlined in gear checklist, and am able to participate in course.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

