



American Red Cross EMERGENCY RESPONSE

INFORMATION SHEET (As of July 2010)

Venturing Crew #77 and Minsi Trails Council are pleased to offer the American Red Cross Emergency Course.

Course Description:

This is a nationally certified American Red Cross course. Participants successfully completing the course will receive a certificate for Emergency Response which is valid for three years and CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer which is valid for two years.

Completion of this course satisfies the core First Aid requirements for Outdoor Bronze or the Ranger Award (Note: This course does meet the elective requirements).

Purpose:

To train individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to work as a first responder in an emergency to help sustain life, reduce pain, and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until more advanced medical help can arrive.

Learning Objectives:

Explain how the EMS System works and how often the first responder's role in the EMS system differ from a citizen responder's role; describe steps to assure the well being of the first responder; identify guidelines to follow to ensure the personal safety of the first responder and the safety of others at an emergency scene; explain what happens in the body if one or more body systems fail; identify ways in which diseases are transmitted and describe body substance isolation techniques to prevent disease transmission; describe when to move a victim in an emergency and the appropriate methods for doing so; explain and demonstrate how to assess a victim's condition; recognize breathing emergencies, such as airway obstruction, and provide proper care for them; identify breathing devices and demonstrate how to use them; recognize the signs and symptoms of a possible heart attack, and describe how to care for someone who is experiencing persistent chest pain and/or other signs and symptoms of heart attack; recognize the signs of cardiac arrest, and demonstrate how to provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); identify the major risk factors for cardiovascular disease and injury, and describe how to control them; recognize life-threatening bleeding and demonstrate how to control it; recognize the signs and symptoms of shock (hypoperfusion), and describe how to minimize its effects; recognize the signs and symptoms of various soft tissue and musculoskeletal injuries, and demonstrate how to care for them; recognize the signs and symptoms of medical and behavioral emergencies, including altered mental status, seizures, poisoning, heat and cold emergencies, and stroke and describe both general and specific care for medical and behavioral emergencies; describe common types of medical and trauma emergencies in infants and children and how to care for them; and explain the role of the first responder in EMS operations.

Prerequisites:

There is no prerequisites, however, basic knowledge of first aid is helpful, such as First Aid Merit Badge.



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Certification Requirements:

1. Attend and participate in all course sessions
2. Demonstrate competency in all required skills listed on the skills checklist
3. Participate in all skills sessions and scenarios
4. Pass the final written exam with a score of 80% or better.

Participants:

Participation is open to all Venturers and Boy Scouts aged 14+ and leaders. All Venturers and Scouts must have the approval of their Crew Advisor or Scoutmaster.

Costs:

Please contact Chris Lubenetski for costs of the course.

Course Length:

The length of the course is approximately 54 hours. This does include CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer.

Contact:

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