

## **CPR/First Aid FAQ's**

***What should I do if I don't see CPR/First Aid being offered in my area by GSWCF? Can I take a CPR/First Aid course elsewhere, not offered by GSWCF?***

You may register for a training outside of GSWCF, however we can only accept those from our approved certifying organizations as per Volunteer Essentials Ch. 4 Safety-wise. If you are unsure if a vendor uses an approved certifier, please check with them or contact Adult Learning and we can help you verify.

***I took a training that wasn't through GSWCF, do you keep a copy of my certification for my record?***

We do not keep copies of any certification cards on file (those taken through GSWCF or otherwise). The way to show your certification is current is by presenting your certification card to the person requesting it. It is the participants responsibility to keep track of their certification cards.

***May I take an online CPR/First Aid certification?***

First-aid/CPR training that is available entirely online does not satisfy Girl Scouts requirements. Such courses do not offer enough opportunities to practice and receive feedback on your technique. If you are taking a course that has online components, get approval from your support team or council prior to enrolling in the course.

***I have medical training. Do I need to take CPR/First Aid?***

If you are a physician, nurse, nurse practitioner, paramedic, or emergency medical technician and hold a current license or certification, then you do not need to complete CPR/First Aid certification.

***When will my CPR/First Aid certification expire?***

CPR/First Aid recommendations are often updated by the medical community. Due to this, to ensure participants are using the most current skills and recommendations, CPR/First Aid certification is valid for 2 years per the certifying organization requirements. Please refer to the expiration date on your certification card.

***How do I recertify my CPR/First Aid certification?***

Contact the certifying organization or vendor your certification is from for recertification opportunities. Please note that if your certification has lapsed for a certain time period, the certifier will require you to retake the initial certification course in its entirety.

***I have lost my CPR/First Aid certification card or I have not received my CPR/First Aid card. What should I do?***

Please contact the vendor/certifying organization that you received your card from. GSWCF is not able to provide cards that are through national certifying organizations as they must be obtained through the certifier.

***Do you keep a record of my certification?***

If you took a CPR/First Aid training that was coordinated through GSWCF and registered through the online registration system, your registration will be attached to your member account. After the training, the trainer will let us know if you attended or not to mark attendance on your account. We do not keep copies/records of the physical certification card on file. That is the responsibility of the participants. We recommend that you scan and save to your computer or take a photo of your card with your phone or save to your email so you always have a copy of it.

***What is the difference between CPR/First Aid and Wilderness First Aid (also referred to as Level 2 First Aid)?***

Basic CPR/First Aid is required anytime you leave your meeting place, travel, or go camping and will be less than 30 minutes away from emergency medical services. It covers basic first aid and lifesaving procedures. Wilderness First Aid (also called Level 2 First Aid) is required when you will be 30 minutes or more away from Emergency Medical Services and covers more complex first aid and lifesaving procedures necessary for remote locations.