

Announcing the 2010 Elective in Wilderness and Environmental Medicine

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Dear Medical School Administrator:

On behalf of the WMS, I'd like to inform you of a unique and challenging opportunity in medical education that is available to your students.

In consultation with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), the Wilderness Medical Society has developed a month-long elective that is open to all US and international students enrolled in an accredited allopathic or osteopathic medical school. The comprehensive, objectives and outcomes-based curriculum is designed to prepare future physicians for the complexities of providing medical care in remote and austere environments. It emphasizes basic clinical science with an exciting mix of practical, small group, case-based, and didactic training. Our next course will be held during the month of February 2010. Applications will be accepted beginning June 1st 2009.

I encourage you to review a complete description of the elective as well as printable policies and application forms on-line at <http://wms.org/education/elective.asp> , and consider placing the attached course description in your elective data base.

To ensure that eligible students are aware of this unique opportunity I hope you will consider downloading the flyer that is available on the web site. Please feel free to post this in a location frequented by students and photocopy as many as you like for wider distribution. Assistance in advertising our elective via announcements and electronic mail would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me using the contact information below.

Respectfully,

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