

RCC Wilderness Medicine (169)

20596 – National Student Wilderness Medicine

Query 905

This is the annual National Student Conference where students have a chance to network with other wilderness medicine societies, learn new skills from numerous workshops and be inspired by speakers. Traditionally the ticket is around £60, with travel being additional for this. We would aim to subsidise each ticket by £10. Tickets traditionally include food, accommodation (camping) and conference costs.

20597 – Travel to National Student Wilderness Medicine Conference

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Students pay their own way to the conferences. With conferences in Snowdonia (2015) and Warwick (2014) they are often accessible by train. Travel is usually an additional £50-70 return on combinations of trains and local buses. We would propose to subsidise £10 off each ticket. Normally around 5-10 members go each year.

20599 – Wild Trials: the National Wilderness Medicine Competition which raises the profile of the club in the WMS community.

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Wild Trials occurs in March and is an annual competition involving orienteering and skills based assessment (similar to the clinical exams in medical school). Ticket prices can range from £30-£50, with travel coming to around £50-£60 (this year it is in Birmingham and my ticket is booked for £62 with railcard). Based on the number of teams (1-2) we would like to be able to subsidise 10-20% of costs depending on team size. This year we have 2 teams so we'd aim more for 10%.

20603 – Winter Trips: we aim to run two trips a year in the winter. This helps our members develop their outdoors skills.

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There is no income for these trips, but it tends to attract members and students from other societies. We ran a trip to the Brecon Beacons this December, however the price is limited by the number of people we can get on the trip vs the cost of accommodation and minibus. Trips usually run at £35-£40 with the aim being to reduce the cost for club members, and charge non-members full price. As a club, it is important to run at least one winter and one summer trip.

20604 – Mass Disaster Conference: annual conference run over a weekend training members of any skill level how to react to a major incident.

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This course is put under instructors as we outsource to an external company (Wilderness Medicine Education) who provide the equipment and instructors for the course. Senior club members are also trained as instructors. The cost to run the course is £1400, with spots available for 30 people. Attendees pay roughly £45 for a weekend course involving lectures on major incident management, advanced life support training and a day of scenario based learning. See our facebook page for photos from this year.

20605 – WMS Summer Scramble: a weekend of orienteering and scenario based training to round off the year.

Query 909

This is something we hope to run, but have not achieved this year. This is an optional weekend similar to wild trials but on a smaller scale, aimed at Imperial Students only. We would like it to be similar to a weekend away, with equipment borrowed from Chelsea & Westminster hospital at no cost. It would cost roughly £40/pp, so subsidy of £5pp with the aim to have around 15 people.

20606 – Spring Lecture Series: a series of lectures from past students detailing how to get involved with Wilderness Medicine

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Costs would be to pay travel for speakers out of London, provide drinks etc. Costs would be around £5/pp depending on attendance. Subsidy not necessary.

20607 – Mountain Rescue training weekend

Query 911 – Explain, reduce subsidy.

This is another future event we hope to run. We would ideally like to be able to run a weekend with mountain rescue aimed at teaching members safety and skills on the mountain, as well as introducing students without a medical background to basic life support techniques. As we have not run this before we do not have an idea of costs. This is just an idea for events to help develop the profile of the club.