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Outdoor Ethics for Cub Scouts

Class 204

Block 2 (10:30am - 11:40am)

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Introductions

About You:

- Your Name
- Scout unit(s) & role
- What interests you about Outdoor Ethics?





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EDGE Method

- E** Explain
- D** Demonstrate
- G** Guide
- E** Enable





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Course Objectives

- Understand what is Outdoor Ethics
- Know how Outdoor Ethics relates to Cub Scouting
- Know how to incorporate Outdoor Ethics into their Den or Pack
- Know where to go to find additional resources



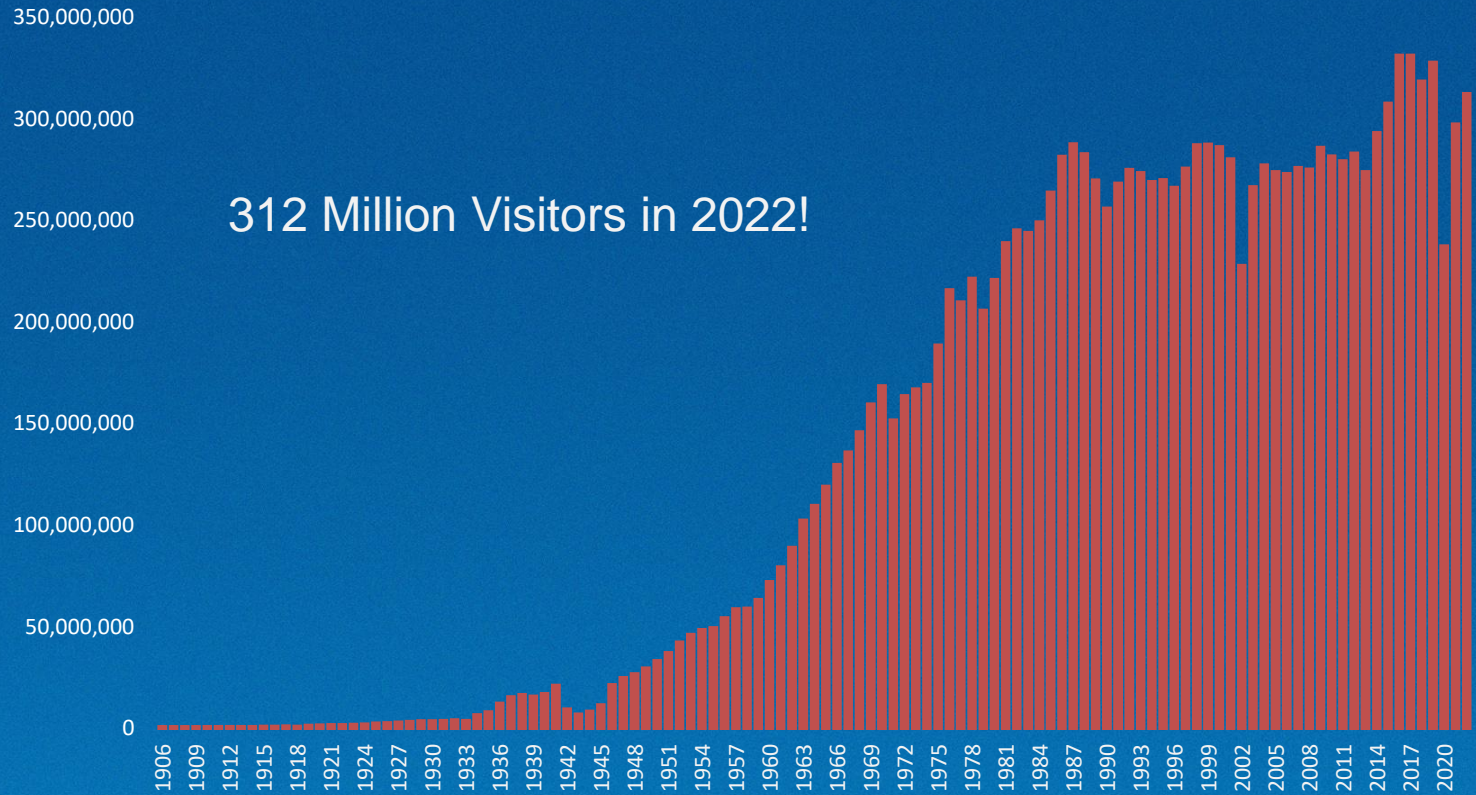


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Why?



National Park System Annual Visitors





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Impacts in the Outdoors





Activity: Trash Timeline

Packing out trash is increasingly important as greater numbers of people visit the backcountry.

Here are some estimated life expectancies for different kinds of litter:

Banana peel:

Wool cap:

Cigarette butt:

Disposable diaper:

Hard plastic container:

Rubber boot sole:

Tin can:

Aluminum can:

Plastic six-pack holder:

Glass bottles: **WAG**





Activity: Trash Timeline

Packing out trash is increasingly important as greater numbers of people visit the backcountry.

Here are some estimated life expectancies for different kinds of litter:

Banana peel: **three to five weeks**

Wool cap: **one year**

Cigarette butt: **two to five years**

Disposable diaper: **10 to 20 years**

Hard plastic container: **20 to 30 years**

Rubber boot sole: **50 to 80 years**

Tin can: **80 to 100 years**

Aluminum can: **200 to 400 years**

Plastic six-pack holder: **450 years**

Glass bottles: **1000's to 1M years**





Outdoor Ethics in Scouting



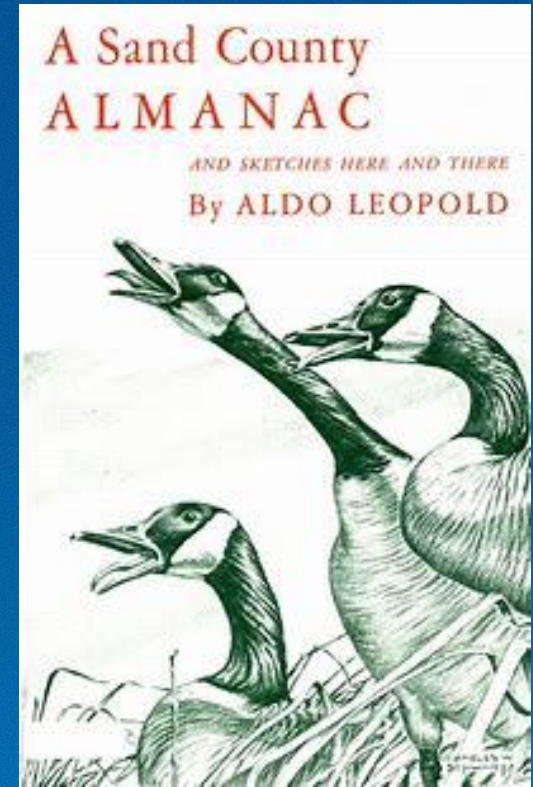


Land Ethic

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

"The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land . . . [A] land ethic changes the role of *Homo sapiens* from conqueror of the land community to plain member and citizen of it. It implies respect for his fellow-members, and also respect for the community as such."

-Aldo Leopold, *A Sand County Almanac*, 1949





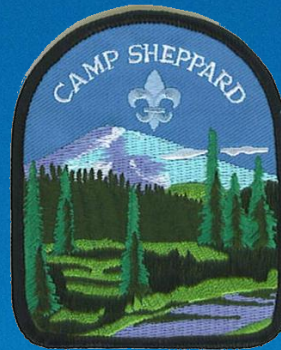
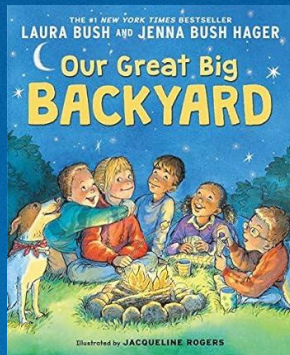
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Outdoor Ethics Skill Level



Front Country

Back Country



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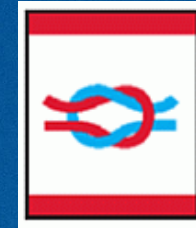
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Mountain Lion



Ready, Set, Grow





Land Ethic - Discussion

- How does a Tiger understand the Land Ethic? A Bear? An AOL scout?
- How does Cub Scouting help teach and promote the Land Ethic?
- What challenges do you encounter in your den or pack?



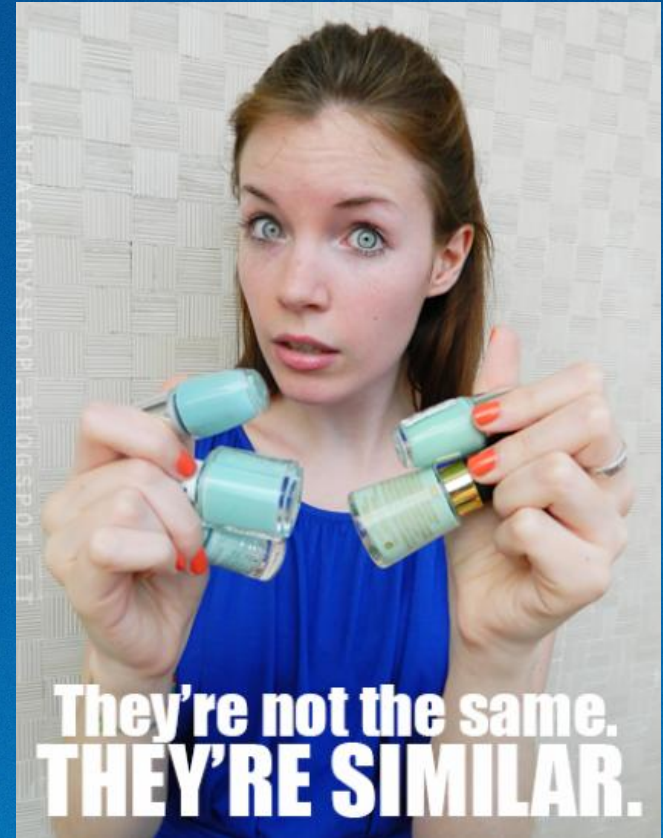


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Outdoor Code vs Leave No Trace

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What do they state?



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Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to:

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors.
- Be conservation minded.

Leave No Trace

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel & camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impact
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors





Leave No Trace

	Principle	Cub's Version
1	Plan ahead and prepare	Know before you go
2	Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces	Choose the right path
3	Dispose of Waste Properly	Trash your trash
4	Leave What You Find	Leave what you find
5	Minimize campfire impacts	Be careful with fire
6	Respect wildlife	Respect wildlife
7	Be considerate of other visitors	Be kind to other visitors





Activity: Brainstorming

Given a Cub Scout Rank (Lion, Tiger, etc.) and a Leave No Trace Principle...

Think of an age-appropriate activity to teach that principle.





Activity: Outdoor Ethics Games

Source: Bigfoot's Playbook

<https://Int.org/research-resources/bigfoots-playbook/>

A Youth Educator's Guide to Leave No Trace Activities, Games, and Experiential Curriculum

Bigfoot's Playbook is one of Leave No Traces's main resources to connect kids meaningfully to minimum impacts education! Bigfoot's Playbook provides experiential education activities specific to the Seven Principles that help kids understand what it means to Leave No Trace in their lives and their community.

This book is a great resource for camps, schools, and youth programs who are looking to facilitate engaging Leave No Trace activities with kids. Bigfoot's Playbook provides structured activities that help to develop an awareness of and responsibility for practices that have minimum impact on the environment.



Bigfoot's Playbook Features:

- [Downloadable Activity Materials](#) including everything you need to teach the activities from the book
- 38 activities





Leave No Trace Hand Signals

Seven Principles Hand Signs for Youth



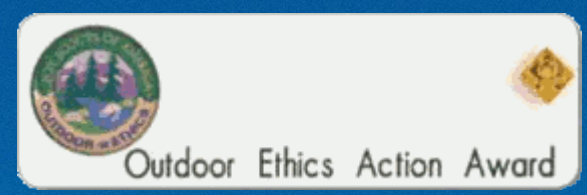
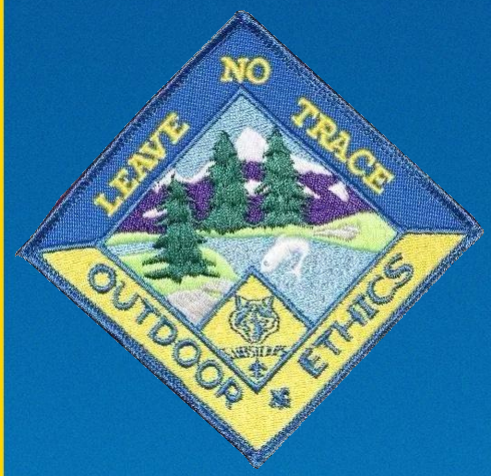
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Awards

- The Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics Awards have been retired in 2016 (boohoo!) but...





Awards

- These may be deprecated, but...
 - They are available for all Cub Scout ranks and are still listed in Scoutbook.
 - Scouts can still earn the awards and can buy any existing patches, etc. that are in Scout stores
- And they are still important
 - Not all the information is covered in the individual rank adventures, and some miss nearly all of it.
 - Scouts spend a lot of time outdoors. It's critical for scouts of all ages to understand how to behave responsibly and respect nature, so best to start early.

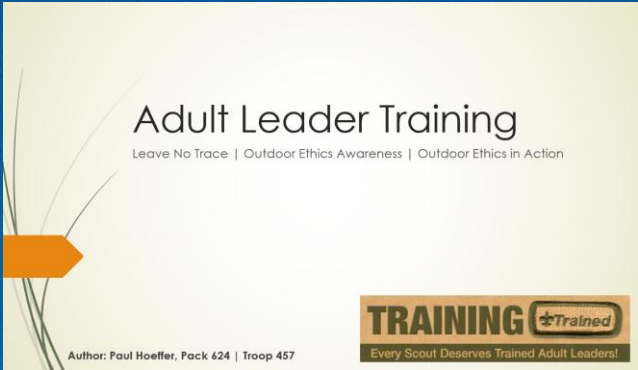
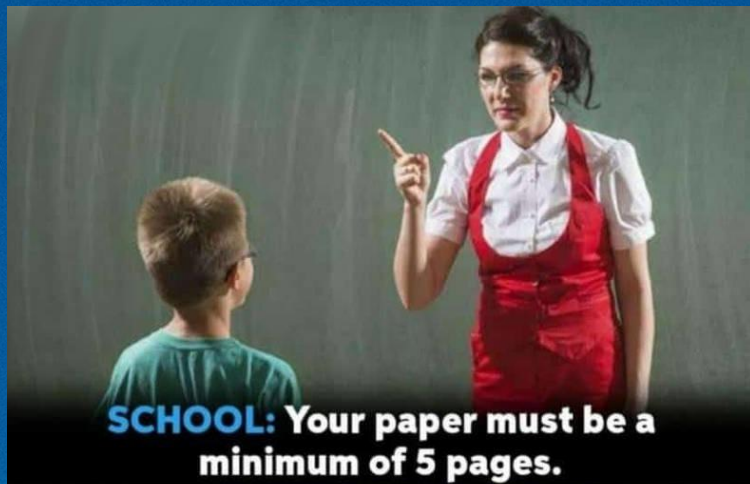




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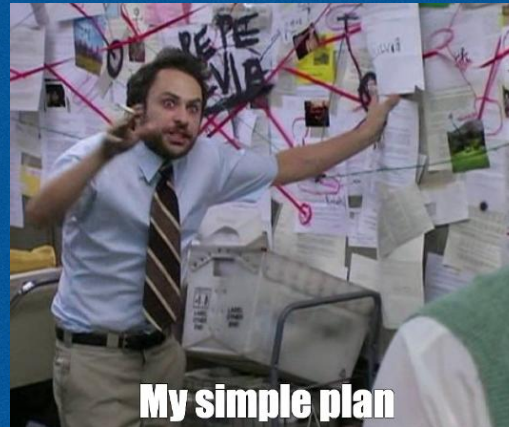
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Real World Example





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We completed all the requirements via a den meeting, a pack meeting, a few hikes and a pack campout.

Events were timed to cover all of them over a **2 month time span.**

Fun Fact: 100% complete rate for the den

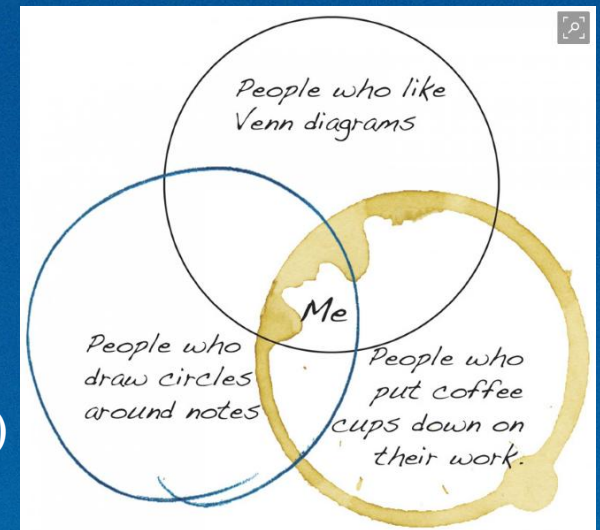




Overlap with Advancements

Outdoor Ethics in Action requires

- Tiger: Tigers in the Wild
 - (was Let's Go Outdoors)
- Wolf: Call of the Wild
 - (was Your Living World)
- Bear: none
 - (but was Family Outdoor Adventures)
- Webelos: Webelos Walkabout
- Arrow of Light: Outdoorsman



All of them involve **some portion** of learning Outdoor Ethics but leave out key elements.

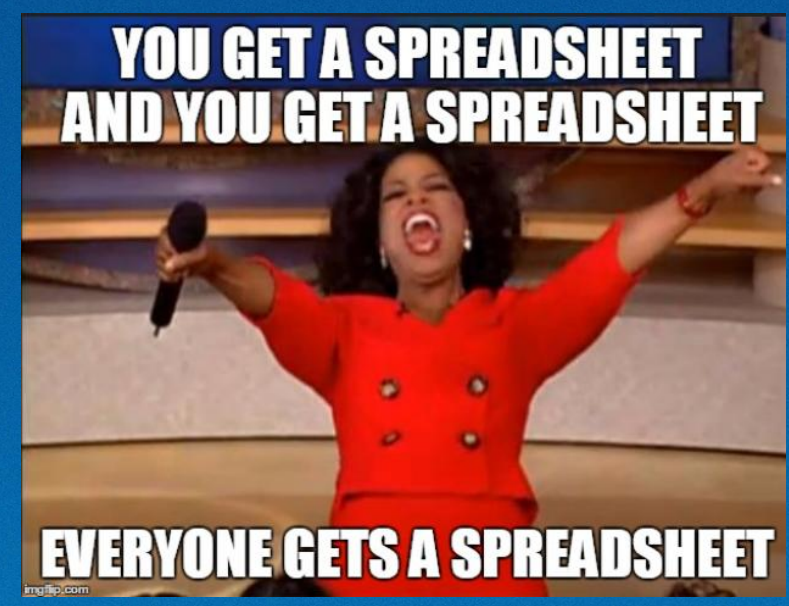
Bears miss out! ☹️





Getting a Plan Together

- Doesn't have to be hard





Sure helps track how they go together!



1	Award / Advancement	When Done	Requirement
2	Outdoor Ethics Awareness	Den Meeting	Describe what the Outdoor Code means to you.
3	Outdoor Ethics Awareness	At Home	Complete the Leave No Trace online course and print the certificate. Find the link at Scouting.org Outdoor Ethics.
4	Outdoor Ethics Awareness	At Home	Complete the Tread Lightly! TL! Kids Outdoor Quiz and print the certificate. Find the link at Scouting.org Outdoor Ethics.
5	Outdoor Ethics Awareness	Done at Spring Pack Campout	Participate in an outdoor ethics activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.
6	Outdoor Ethics Action	Completed with above	Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
7	Outdoor Ethics Action	Den Meeting	Describe to your den leader or parent/guardian what the Leave No Trace front country guidelines mean to you.
8	Outdoor Ethics Action	Completed with Badge Below	Boys in a Tiger Cub den complete the activities for Achievement 5, "Let's Go Outdoors"; boys in a Wolf den complete Requirement 7, "Your Living World"; boys in a Bear den complete Requirement 12, "Family Outdoor Adventures"; boys in a Webelos den earn the Outdoorsman activity badge.
9	Outdoor Ethics Action	Done at Spring Pack Campout	With your den, put on a short activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at an outdoor activity or pack meeting on a principle of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!
10	Outdoor Ethics Action	2 hikes + 1 campout	Follow the Leave No Trace principles or frontcountry guidelines on three outings. Explain to your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course one thing you did on each outdoor activity to Leave No Trace.
11	Outdoor Ethics Action	Done at Spring Pack Campout	On a pack or den outing, participate in a service project that reduces impact from our use of the outdoors. Examples might be collecting litter, cleaning fire rings or grills, or other activities approved by the landowner or land manager.
12	Outdoor Ethics Action	Pack Meeting	With your family or den, make a poster about the skill you learned in Requirement 3 or the project you did in Requirement 4 and display it at your pack meeting.
13	Leave No Trace	Den Meeting	Promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
14	Leave No Trace	Den Meeting	Discuss with your leader or parent/guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
15	Leave No Trace	IBID per OEAction	On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace
16	Leave No Trace	IBID per OEAction	Earn the Outdoorsman activity badge.
17	Leave No Trace	IBID per OEAction	Participate in a Leave No Trace-related service project.
18	Leave No Trace	IBID per OEAction	Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.
19	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Done at Spring Pack Campout	With your family or Webelos den, help plan and take part in an evening outdoor activity that includes a campfire
20	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Done at Spring Pack Campout	With your parent or guardian, take part in a Webelos den overnight campout or a family campout. Sleep in a tent that you have helped pitch.
21	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Den Meeting	During a Webelos den meeting, discuss how to follow the Leave No Trace Frontcountry Guidelines during outdoor activities.
22	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Done at Spring Pack Campout	Participate in an outdoor conservation project with your Webelos den or a Boy Scout troop
23	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Done at Spring Pack Campout	Discuss with your Webelos den leader the rules of outdoor fire safety. Using these rules, show how to build a safe fire and put it out.
24	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Done at Spring Pack Campout	With your accompanying adult on a campout or outdoor activity, assist in preparing, cooking, and cleanup for one of your den's meals. Tell why it is important for each den member to share in meal preparation and cleanup, and explain the importance of eating together.
25	Outdoorsman Activity Badge	Pack Hike	Discuss with your Webelos den leader the things that you need to take on a hike. Go on one 3-mile hike with your Webelos den or a Boy Scout troop.
26	Webelos Walkabout	Den Meeting	Recite the Outdoor Code and the Leave No Trace Principles for Kids from memory. Talk about how you can demonstrate them on your Webelos adventures.
27	Webelos Walkabout	Pack Hike	With your Webelos den or with a family member, hike 3 miles (in the country if possible).
28	Webelos Walkabout	Done at Spring Pack Campout	Complete a service project on or near the hike location.
29	Outdoorsman Advancement	Done at Spring Pack Campout	Recite the Outdoor Code and the Leave No Trace Principles for Kids from memory. Talk about how you can demonstrate them while you are working on your Arrow of Light. After one outing, list the things you did to follow the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace.



Planning the pack meeting

- There were 7 stations that scouts rotated through
- At each station members of the den displayed their posters.
- They also taught the lesson to other scouts that the poster talked about.
- Each presentation was about 5 minutes, so needed 35-40 minutes of the pack meeting to go through it all.





Outdoor Ethics Pack Meeting

MARCH PACK MEETING

- 6:30pm -> WEBELOS - arrive to set up stations, practice flag ceremony
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- 7:00am -> PAUL - Flag Ceremony (Sent Out to All Leaders)
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- 7:05pm -> PAUL / RANDY - Opening announcements
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- 7:15pm -> PAUL - Stations, scouts will pick up their station assignments by den,
 - Leave No Trace 1
 - Leave No Trace 2
 - Leave No Trace 3
 - Knots, and Fire Starters
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- 8:00pm -> RANDY - Cubmaster minute

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1 Station		Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Rotation 3	Rotation 4	Rotation 4	Rotation 5
2 Fire Starting		Webelos	Bears A	Bears B	Wolves A	Wolves B	Tigers/Lions
3 Knot Tying		Tigers/Lions	Webelos	Bears A	Bears B	Wolves A	Wolves B
4 Leave No Trace Principles 1 & 2		Wolves B	Bears B	Tigers/Lions	Bears A		Wolves A
5 Leave No Trace Principles 3		Wolves A	Wolves B		Tigers/Lions	Bears A	Bears B
6 Leave No Trace Principles 4 & 5		Bears B	Wolves A	Wolves B		Tigers/Lions	Bears A
7 Leave No Trace Principles 6 & 7		Bears A	Tigers/Lions	Wolves A	Wolves B	Bears B	





Outdoor Ethics Pack Meeting

5. Minimize Campfire Impact

6. Respect Wildlife

7. Be Considerate of Others

Learn How to Tie A Bowline

Bonus - How to Make a Firestarter!

4. Leave What You Find

3. Dispose of Waste Properly

2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare

Scout Name	Den
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It's Your Move

Have fun making up your own awards!



- Trash Cleanup
 - Recycle Master
 - Bug Protector
 - Have the Cub Scout 6 Essentials
 - Plant & Animal Identification
 - Trail Walker
 - And more!
- Paper Certificate
 - Paper/Ribbon
 - 3D Printer/Cricut/Laser Engraver
 - Segment Patch
 - Candy
 - Beads
 - Recognition by their peers
 - And more!





Training

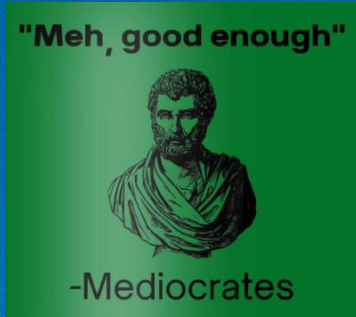


Leave No Trace Level 1 Trainer

December 7th & 8th (Sat/Sun)

Allows you to teach 2-hour OE class

<https://scoutingevent.com/606-LNT24>



BSA: <https://training.scouting.org/>

Camping and Outdoor Chair (4m)

Preparing Families for Outdoor Adventures (4m)

Intro to Cub Scout Outdoor Program (5m)

Outdoor Ethics (8m)

Outdoor Programs (10m)

Planning Your Cub Scout Outdoor Event (17m)





Resources

- BSA Outdoor Ethics
 - <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/>
 - <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/resources/>
- Leave No Trace <https://lnt.org/>

Paul's Leave No Trace and Outdoor Code - Training

<https://1drv.ms/p/s!ALZ1YSKdolal0lkjmU-pxLd1YCc3tg?e=hr4lwz>





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Questions?

