



Outdoor Ethics Orientation

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Welcome & Introduction

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Welcome & Introduction

Around the room:

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



Housekeeping

- Official training credit is given for this course (S110, Youth; S111, Adult), so please make sure your Zoom name is your correct name (i.e. not “cutespacecat123”).
- Questions are welcome, either in the chat or raise your Zoom “hand”
- In the event of an emergency, you are responsible for your own evacuation route!

Course Objectives

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- Knowledge of how Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and The Land Ethic / Stewardship support the Outdoor Code
- Knowledge of Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards Program
- Knowledge to locate additional Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and BSA outdoor ethics resources and opportunities for further training

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By the end of the course participants will be able to facilitate activity for Outdoor Awareness Award Requirement #5:

“Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.”

(Participants will also have completed the requirement for themselves!)

Course Objectives

This course is an **Introduction** to the concept of Outdoor Ethics!

“90 minutes to learn and a lifetime to master”

Completion will enable you to facilitate outdoor ethics courses, workshops, and training activities in your units to help scouts earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.

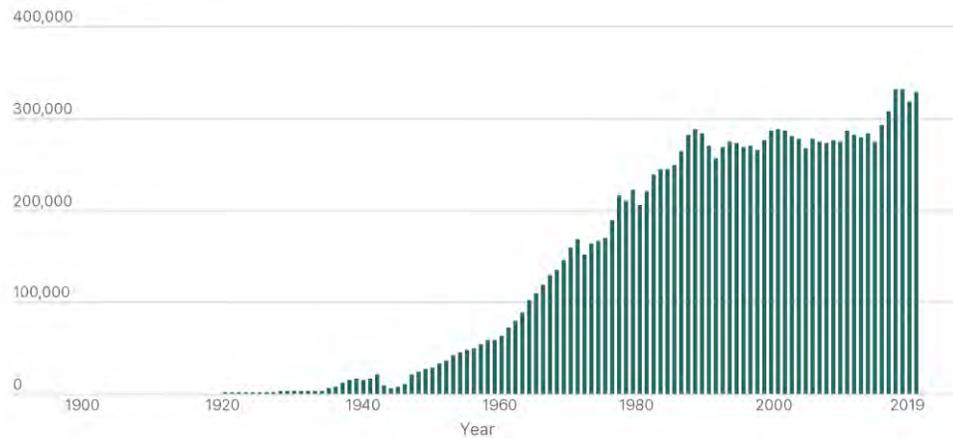
- E** Explain
- D** Demonstrate
- G** Guide
- E** Enable

EDGE Method

Why Outdoor Ethics?

In 2019, there were nearly 330M recreation visits to National Park System parks

Recreation visitors



Source: National Park Service's National Park Service Visitor Use Statistics



Current Events

USA Today, 21 October 2021

Grand Teton had almost 3.5 million recreation visits between January and September. The official count of 3,493,937 topped 2018's full-year record by 2,786, park officials said in a statement Wednesday.

The increased tourism has meant more traffic. Trail use is up 29% from 2019 and 49% from 2016.

► **'We can accidentally love our parks to death': How to protect crowded national parks** with Leave No Trace

Yellowstone officials announced earlier that the park just north of Grand Teton got almost 4.5 million recreation visits through September. This is the first year Yellowstone has seen more than 4 million visitors.

Yellowstone had just under 4 million visits in 2016. Both Yellowstone and Grand Teton visits were down somewhat in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Why Outdoor Ethics in Scouts?

Goblin Valley State Park, Utah



BSA Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The “Outing” in “Scouting”

What do “ethical and moral choices” look like in the outdoors?

Activity: Ethics Game

Source: Bigfoot's Playbook, <https://lnt.org/research-resources/bigfoots-playbook/>

Outdoor Ethics in Scouting

Outdoor Ethics

Scout Law



Outdoor Code

Tread! Lightly

Land Ethic

Leave No Trace

Scout Oath



Outdoor Ethics is for Everyone!



- Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action awards for Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts
 - Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics Awards discontinued
- Outdoor Ethics integral part of Cub Scout program



Outdoor Code

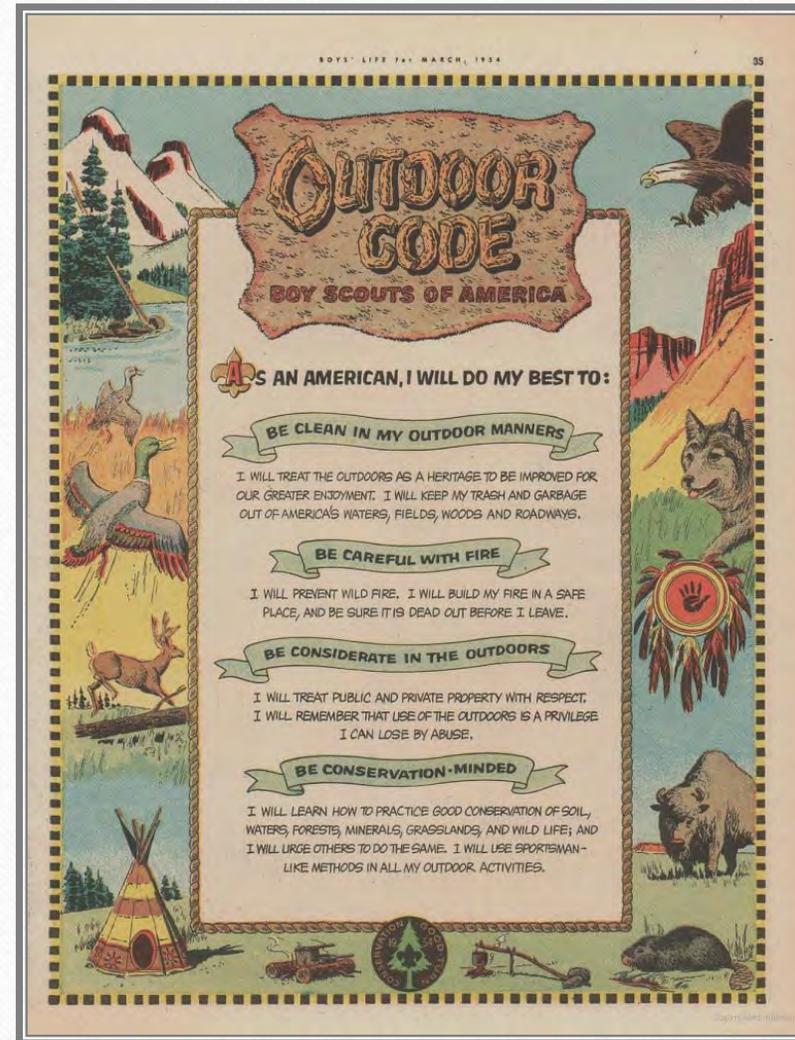
As an American, I will do my best to –

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation minded.



Putting Outdoor Code in Practice



<https://lnt.org/>

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Leave No Trace

THE 7 PRINCIPLES of Leave No Trace

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
 2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
 3. Dispose of Waste Properly
 4. Leave What You Find
 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
 6. Respect Wildlife
 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors
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The 7 Leave No Trace Principles

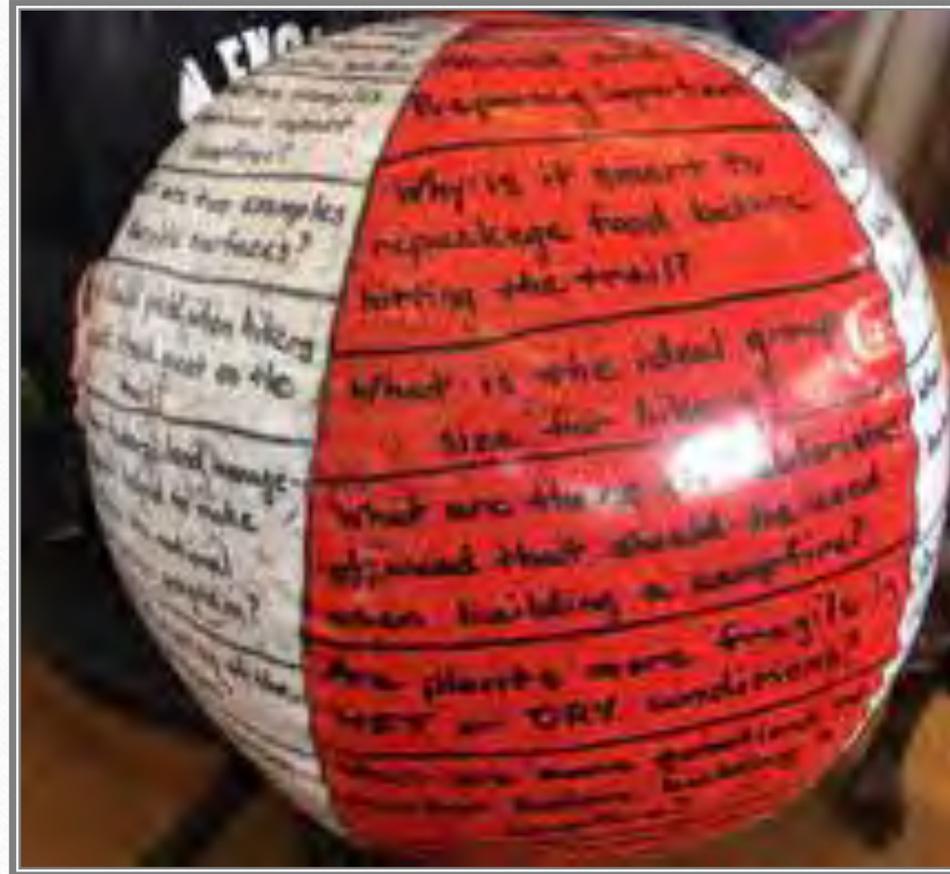
		Kids' Version
1	Plan ahead and prepare.	Know before you go
2	Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces	Choose the right path
3	Dispose of Waste Properly	Trash your trash
4	Leave What You Find	Leave what you find
5	Minimize campfire impacts	Be careful with fire
6	Respect wildlife	Respect wildlife
7	Be considerate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

Leave No Trace: Hand Signals

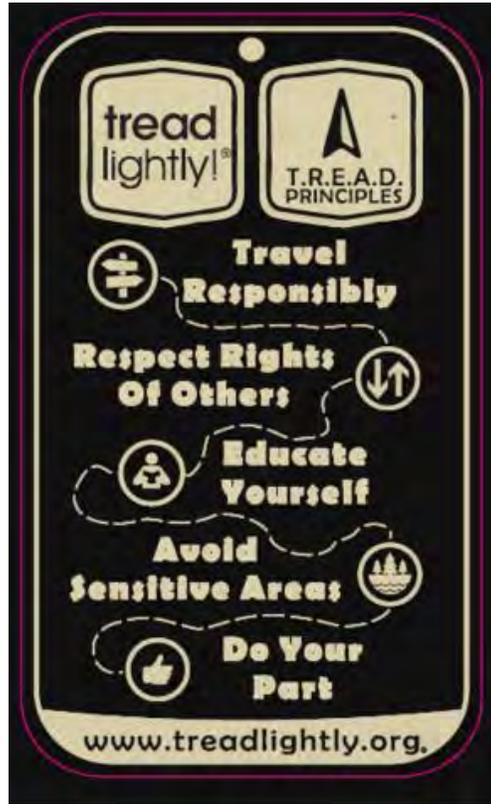
<https://youtu.be/nUQdXG3QIxA>

Leave No Trace Activity

Leave No Trace Question Ball



Source: Bigfoot's Playbook, <https://lnt.org/research-resources/bigfoots-playbook/>



TREAD! Lightly

TREAD! Lightly

- Primarily concerned with motorized/mechanized activities:
 - Mountain Bikes
 - Motor Bikes
 - ATVs
 - Snowmobiles
- These are council-, not unit-, approved activities (mountain bikes excepted)
- Visit <https://treadlightly.org/> for more info

A Sand County
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AND SKETCHES HERE AND THERE
By ALDO LEOPOLD



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

Activity: How does it all fit together?



	Clean in My Outdoor Manners	Careful with Fire	Considerate in the Outdoors	Conservation-Minded
<p style="text-align: center;">Scout Law</p> <p>Trustworthy Obedient</p> <p>Loyal Cheerful</p> <p>Helpful Thrifty</p> <p>Friendly Brave</p> <p>Courteous Clean</p> <p>Kind Reverent</p>				
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Outdoor Ethics Awards

- <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/awards/>



Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award



Outdoor Ethics Action Award

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

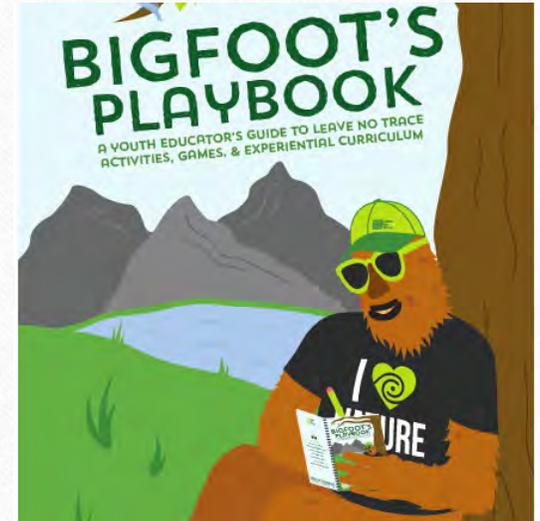


Requirements

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace video. (~10 min.)
3. Complete the Leave No Trace online course. (~30 min.)
4. Complete the Tread Lightly! online course. (~30 min.)
5. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Activity

- Age of Intended Audience
- Keep it Simple, Make it Fun!
- “Fun with a purpose”
- Games
- Service Projects
- Camp “Oh-No!”



Outdoor Ethics Action Award



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- <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/awards/boy-scout>
 - <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/awards/venturing>

Outdoor Ethics Action Award



Scout Action Award Requirements

1. Do the following:
 1. Unless already completed, earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
 2. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
 3. Explain how each of the four points of the **Outdoor Code** guides your actions when outdoors.
2. Do the following:
 1. Read Chapter 7 of the *Scouts BSA Handbook* on Outdoor Ethics.
 2. Teach a skill related to the Outdoor Code or Leave No Trace to another Scout in your troop or another Scouting unit.
3. Complete one of the following:
 1. Successfully complete a term as your troop Outdoor Ethics Guide.
 2. Participate in an outing that emphasizes the complete set of **Leave No Trace** or relevant **Tread Lightly!** principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use the outdoor ethics and the specific skills needed to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Follow the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! principles on three outings. Write a paragraph on each outing explaining how you followed the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! Share it with your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
5. On a troop outing, help your troop on a service activity that addresses recreational impacts related to the type of outing. The project should be approved in advance by the landowner or land manager and lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Participate in a report at a court of honor or similar family event on the service activity in Requirement 5.

Outdoor Ethics Action Award

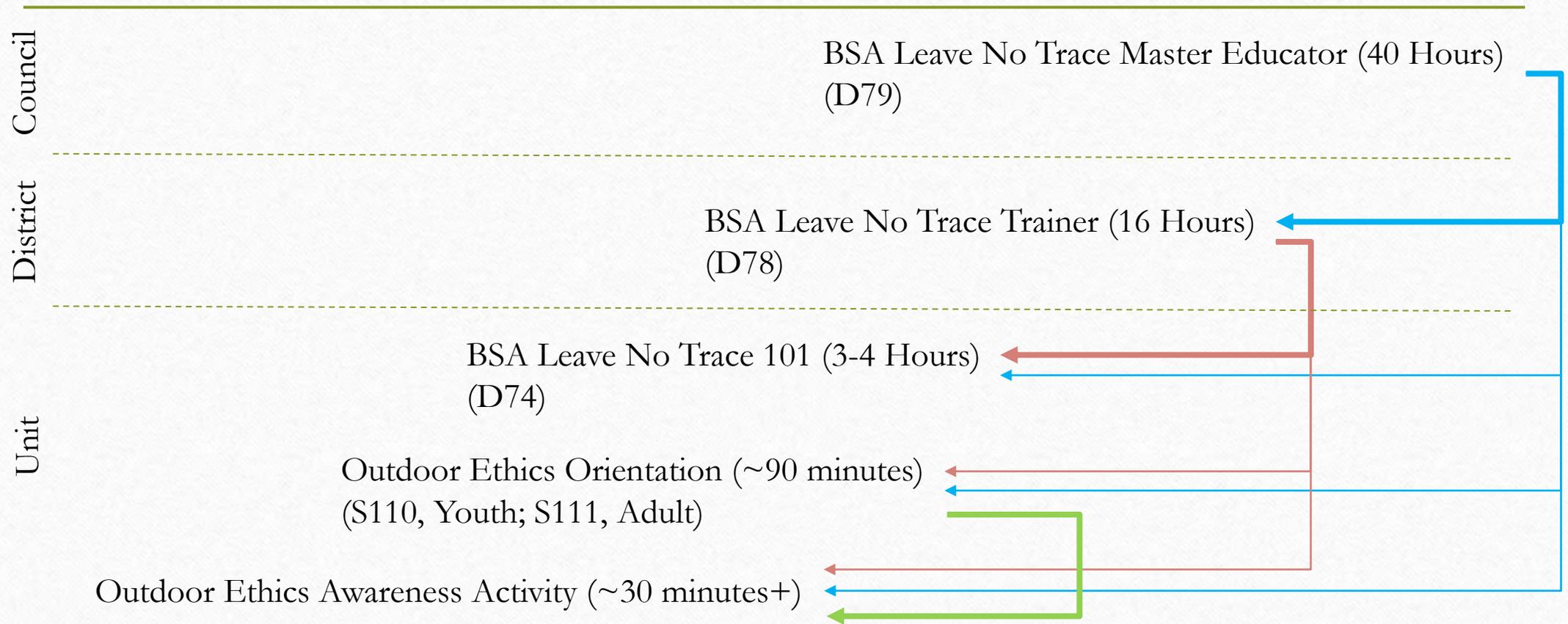


Scouter Action Award Requirements

1. Do the following:
 1. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
 2. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
 3. Discuss with your troop how each of the four points of the **Outdoor Code** guides your actions when outdoors.
2. Read the *North American Skills & Ethics* booklet to learn about the **principles of Leave No Trace**. Review the principles of Tread Lightly! Review Chapter 7 of the *Scouts BSA Handbook* and *Fieldbook* chapters about Leave No Trace, using stoves and campfires, hygiene and waste disposal, and traveling and camping in special environments.
3. Facilitate your troop's leadership in planning and leading an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use outdoor ethics and the specific skills to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Help plan and participate in at least three outings where your troop can follow the Outdoor Code and practice the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Facilitate a discussion at the end of the outings.
5. Assist your unit in arranging for a service project emphasizing outdoor ethics with a local landowner or land manager. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Participate in that project. The project should lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Make, or facilitate youth in making, a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your troop did for Requirement 4.
7. Help at least three Scouts earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

Outdoor Ethics Training

<http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/training/>



Other Awards and Advancement



1c: Tell how you practiced the Outdoor Code on a campout or outing

2b: While on a campout, demonstrate the appropriate method of safely cleaning items used to prepare, serve, and eat a meal.

4c: Tell what you can do while on a campout or other outdoor activity to prevent or reduce the occurrence of injuries or exposure listed in Tenderfoot requirements 4a and 4b.

5b: Describe what to do if you become lost on a hike or campout

Other Awards and Advancement

1b: Explain the principles of Leave No Trace and tell how you practiced them on a campout or outing. This outing must be different from the one used for Tenderfoot requirement 1c.

1c. On one of these campouts, select a location for your patrol site and recommend it to your patrol leader, senior patrol leader, or troop guide. Explain what factors you should consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.

2a. Explain when it is appropriate to use a fire for cooking or other purposes and when it would not be appropriate to do so.

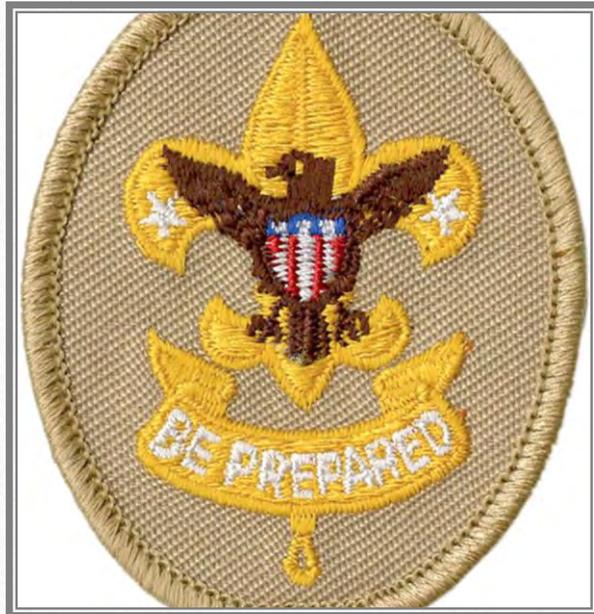
2c. At an approved outdoor location and time, use the tinder, kindling, and fuel wood from Second Class requirement 2b to demonstrate how to build a fire. Unless prohibited by local fire restrictions, light the fire. After allowing the flames to burn safely for at least two minutes, safely extinguish the flames with minimal impact to the fire site.

2d. Explain when it is appropriate to use a lightweight stove and when it is appropriate to use a propane stove. Set up a lightweight stove or propane stove. Light the stove, unless prohibited by local fire restrictions. Describe the safety procedures for using these types of stoves.

4. Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of wild animals (such as birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, or mollusks) found in your local area or camping location. You may show evidence by tracks, signs, or photographs you have taken.



Other Awards and Advancement



1b: Explain each of the principles of Tread Lightly! and tell how you practiced them on a campout or outing. This outing must be different from the ones used for Tenderfoot requirement 1c and Second Class requirement 1b.

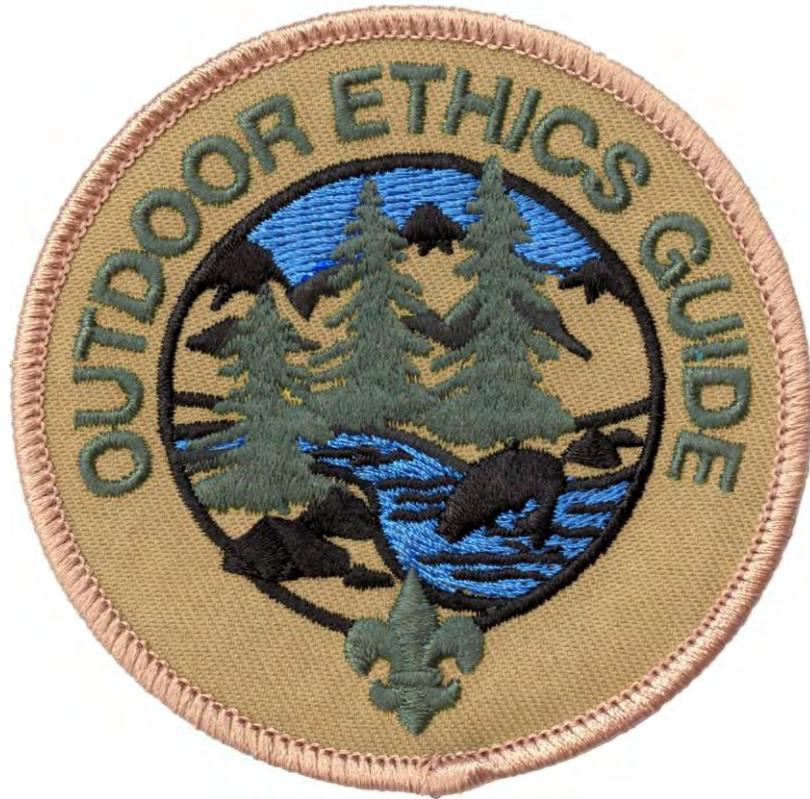
2d: Demonstrate the procedures to follow in the safe handling and storage of fresh meats, dairy products, eggs, vegetables, and other perishable food products. Show how to properly dispose of camp garbage, cans, plastic containers, and other rubbish.

3a: Discuss when you should and should not use lashings.

5a: Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of native plants found in your local area or campsite location. You may show evidence by identifying fallen leaves or fallen fruit that you find in the field, or as part of a collection you have made, or by photographs you have taken.

5b: Identify two ways to obtain a weather forecast for an upcoming activity. Explain why weather forecasts are important when planning for an event.

9b: Investigate an environmental issue affecting your community. Share what you learned about that issue with your patrol or troop. Tell what, if anything, could be done by you or your community to address the concern.



Outdoor Ethics Guide

Outdoor Ethics Guide Duties

1. Explain and Demonstrate Advancement Requirements
2. Help your unit plan and conduct an effective Outdoor Ethics program.
3. Prepare Den Chiefs to share principles
4. Help scouts to understand and plan conservation activities
5. Encourage scouts to complete Outdoor Ethics awards and merit badges
6. Complete Self-Evaluation

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics-guide/>

Other Awards and Advancement

National Outdoor Awards: Conservation

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/>





Other Awards & Advancement

- <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-awards-and-recognitions/>

Resources

- BSA Outdoor Ethics: <http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/>
- Center for Outdoor Ethics (Leave No Trace): <https://lnt.org/>
- TREAD Lightly!: <https://treadlightly.org/>
- Aldo Leopold Foundation: <https://www.aldoleopold.org/>

Conclusion

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