

SCOUTING AMERICA OUTDOOR ETHICS ORIENTATION

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, and
Be Conservation-minded

BSA, Mar 1954

tread lightly![®]

Travel responsibly
Respect the rights of others
Educate yourself
Avoid sensitive areas
Do your part

USFS 1985*; nonprofit 1990

LEAVE NO TRACE

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

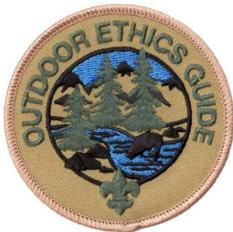
USFS & NOLS, 1990; BLM & NPS, 1993; USFWS, 1994*; nonprofit 1994



Advancement Requirements (changed 01 August 2022)

- S-1e: Repeat from memory the Outdoor Code. List the seven principles of Leave No Trace. Explain the difference between the two.
- T-1c: Explain how you demonstrated the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace on campouts or outings.
- SC-1b: Recite the principles of Leave No Trace from memory. Explain how you follow them on all outings.
- FC-1b: Explain the potential impacts of camping, both on the environment and on other outdoor users. Explain why the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles are important for protecting the outdoors

Troop Position of Responsibility



See description in Scout Handbook

Outdoor Ethics Training Spectrum

- Leave No Trace Skills Workshop (no code), 30 mins
- Outdoor Ethics Orientation (S110 Y, S111 A), 1 - 1½ hours
- Leave No Trace Basics (D74), 3+ hours (formerly Leave No Trace 101)
- Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (D78), 16 hours, overnight
- Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor (D79), 5 days w/trek
- Tread Lightly! Trainer (D80), 8 hours
- Tread Lightly! Master Tread Trainer (D81), 1 day

Contact your Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate to ask about training opportunities.
scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics

Outdoor Ethics Awards for Scouts and Scouters



Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award



Outdoor Ethics Action Award

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*USFS = US Forestry Service; NOLS = National Outdoor Leadership School;

BLM = Bureau of Land Management; NPS = National Park Service; USFWS = US Fish and Wildlife Service