



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



BSA OUTDOOR ETHICS

## Leave No Trace Master Educator Course October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 & October 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**You're Invited** to what we know will be an exciting and worthwhile educational opportunity. The Boy Scouts of America, and the *Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics*, are excited to see you become a *Leave No Trace Master Educator*.

**When** – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:00pm – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:00pm, and October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 5:00pm – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 6:00pm. Both weekends are required for graduation.

**Where** – **Falley Scout Reservation**, 8602 Kingman Road, Oskaloosa, Kansas, 66066. A google map can be found at <https://www.google.com/maps/@39.2017222,-95.4040652,15z>

**Who** – **BSA Adult leaders, and crew, or ship youth 18 or older, and local Land Managers.**

**Why & What is it** – **Outdoor Ethics is second only to Safety/First Aid** in Scouting's priority list; it is ranked as a higher priority than advancement in scouting. The Leave No Trace Master Educator Course is an in-depth weeklong version of the weekend trainer course. It provides outdoor, hands on, experiential learning in a camping environment, providing guidance on how to enjoy the outdoors more while leaving less impact.

**Cost/Registration** – **Register earlier and make our planning easier, please, & thank you.** Regular registration is \$200.00 and ends September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at <http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org/Event.aspx?id=3725>. This covers food, materials. Registration is done on a first come first serve basis, so register sooner than later.

**What you need to bring** – **Yourself, your personal gear/stuff/paperwork.** Your clothing, hygiene, camping, something to take notes with is recommended if you desire, and required paperwork (health form, Parts A, B, & C, and LNT risk waiver).

**Questions** – Any questions can be presented to the following staff members;

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**Upon successful completion**, of the *Leave No Trace Master Educator Course* each participant will qualify as a *Leave No Trace Master Educator*. Those who successfully complete the course will be able to:

- Understand, demonstrate, and teach minimum impact ethics, and techniques to troops, packs, crews, sponsoring organizations, and other community groups.
- Lead a discussion on outdoor ethics, and help others explore and possibly help guide them toward raising their own personal outdoor ethical standards.
- Conduct *Outdoor Ethics* Awareness Workshops, and facilitate Trainer Courses
- Participate in District and Council Activities and other events where the *BSA Outdoor Ethics Program (the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, and the Land Ethic)* can be a useful tool in educating Scouts, Leaders, and others about the need for developing an ever increasing personal outdoor ethic.
- Serve as trainers to the youth in a Troop and be better qualified, and better prepared to support those in the Eagle Rank qualifying, Position of Responsibility in a Troop known as “Outdoor Ethics Guide”.
- Serve as a qualified Merit Badge Counselor for one of the ever increasing list of merit badges that include Leave No Trace as one of the requirements.

## **BSA Outdoor Ethics Overview**

*BSA’s Outdoor Ethics program is comprised of;*

*The Outdoor Code, the Land Ethic, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly!*

*Leave No Trace* (and Tread Lightly) is an educational organization endorsed by the Army Core of Engineers, National Parks Service, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Boy Scouts of America. One of the primary goals of Leave No Trace is to train Master Educators, and Trainers who can help teach low-impact outdoor ethics, and skills to the general public, Scout Troops, Cub Packs, Venture Crews, and other community organizations.



## **The Leave No Trace Master Educators Courses’ Value**



The Leave No Trace Master Educator Course is a vital component of the worldwide Leave No Trace program, and the BSA program. It is a week-long version of the Leave No Trace Trainer Course. Participants receive in-depth hands on training in Leave No Trace skills, and ethics in an outdoor-field environment. The Master Educator Course assists the student/participant in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace, and techniques for using these low impact skills in both the back country, and front country, and how to teach others to pass them on. It is an essential course for adult BSA leaders influencing outdoor activities to enable them to achieve the high standards of ethical behavior set forth by the scouting program. It is also a valuable asset for those serving in an educational role that involves the outdoors, and or many of the ever growing list of merit badges that have Leave No Trace listed as a requirement. After all Outdoor Ethics is ranked second only to Safety/First Aid on the BSA’s priority list, placing it before advancement. As Outdoor Ethics is part of the foundation of the program. If we build the towers of advancement without the foundation they need, they will not be able to stand the test of life.



**These courses** are designed for educators, guides, agency employees, Scout Leaders, Scouts, other outdoor professionals, and enthusiast. **Successful graduates of the Master Educator Course gain the knowledge, and skills to teach Outdoor Ethics information, techniques, and skills.** Participants learn the concepts of *Outdoor Ethics* and should be prepared to teach the *Outdoor Ethics* curriculum in a variety of settings: schools, camps, parks, front country, and wilderness areas. Workshop topics include the underlying ethics, seven principles of Leave No Trace, effective sharing, and teaching styles, such as Authority of the Resource, and how to effectively bring Leave No Trace in to all your activities, as well as what resources are available to provide help.

### **LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES**



- **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**

### **Other topics covered in the course**

- **Authority of the Resource**
- **Resources available**
- **Integrating LNT into all activities**
- **Encouraging Scouts, and Scouters to apply LNT principals**
- **Facilitating Trainer Courses & Making LNT fun**
- **and many others**