



VENTURING BSA



Making our programs more special needs friendly



Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Roundtable

January 2024



Agenda

- Welcome and opening
- Safety moment-Hiking with Scouts
- Making our programs more special needs friendly
- FAQ
- Reflection-Cumulative good
- Closing
- Open discussion



Paul Schimke, National Capitol
Area Council



Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.





Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong, mentally
awake, and morally straight.





Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean, Reverent.

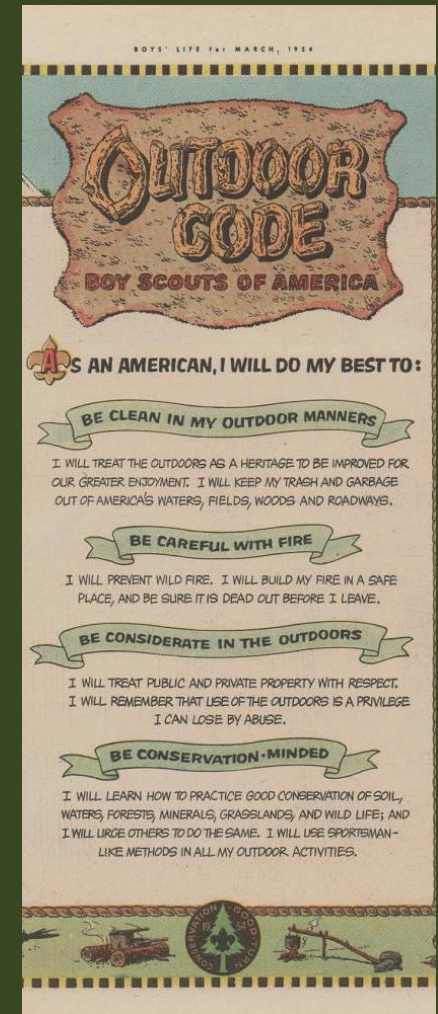




Outdoor Code

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.





Safety moment

Michelle Bierstedt, Sioux Council





Safety Moment

Hiking with scouts

Hike and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Hiking is a great way to spend your time in the outdoors. It's also a good way to get your heart pumping for some exercise or to test your limits. Take some time to research your destination and its terrain so you can better prepare to have a memorable experience and fun while exploring.



- **Tools**—Consider carrying a pocketknife, LED flashlights and fire starters (strike-anywhere matches)
 - **Clothing**—Ponchos or parkas can protect you from rain showers, whether expected or unexpected, as well as block the wind to keep you warm. Comfortable and appropriate footwear will prevent any slips or falls while changing terrain or elevation. Be prepared for adverse conditions.
 - **Trail food**—Snacks like granola, dried fruits, and trail bars can give you the energy you need to complete your hike.
 - **First-aid kit**—While a youth or adult leader will bring a group first-aid kit along, keeping your personal supplies with you is a good idea. Also, if your hike is going to take you above 6,000 feet in elevation, someone in the group should be trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of high-altitude illnesses.
 - **Sun protection**—Use a sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. Broad-brimmed hats, synthetic fabrics, long-sleeved shirts, sunglasses, and lip balm with SPF are also effective in protecting you from the sun's UV rays.
 - **Map and compass**—In unfamiliar areas, a map and a compass can help you.
 - **Water bottle**—Drinking plenty of water while hiking can help to prevent dehydration.
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- **Supplies**—Consider writing down the supplies you need and what supplies you think you need. Staying organized with a checklist will provide a safeguard when Scouting and help you to become aware of risks you may not have thought about.
 - **Buddy system**—Buddy checks help to remind participants of their obligation to monitor their buddies so no one is left behind or is traveling too far ahead.

Adaptive Hiking

Adaptive hiking is the process of adjusting your hike to meet the needs of your group on any given day. This can mean making modifications to the route, pace, or even the amount of time spent outdoors.

The goal of adaptive hiking is to allow everyone to enjoy the outdoors, regardless of their abilities. With a little planning and preparation, everyone can go on an amazing hike!





Making our programs more special needs friendly

Eleanor Phillips, Greater St. Louis Council

Malinda Pitts, Natural State Council

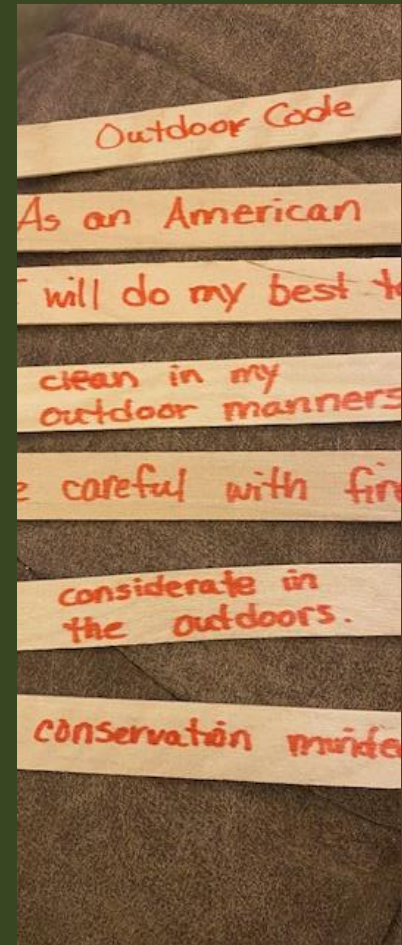


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Links

- **Introduction to Working with Scouts with Special Needs**
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-071.pdf>
- **Inclusion Toolbox**
<https://www.scouting.org/resources/disabilities-awareness/inclusion-toolbox/>
- **Abilities Digest-Adapting activities for "Special Needs Prepared" Camps**
<https://ablescouts.files.wordpress.com/2023/12/abdv10n4.pdf>
- **What Principle Am I? activity**
https://Int.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/What-Principle-Am-I_.pdf





Cumulative good

Matt Durrant, Crossroads of the West
Council

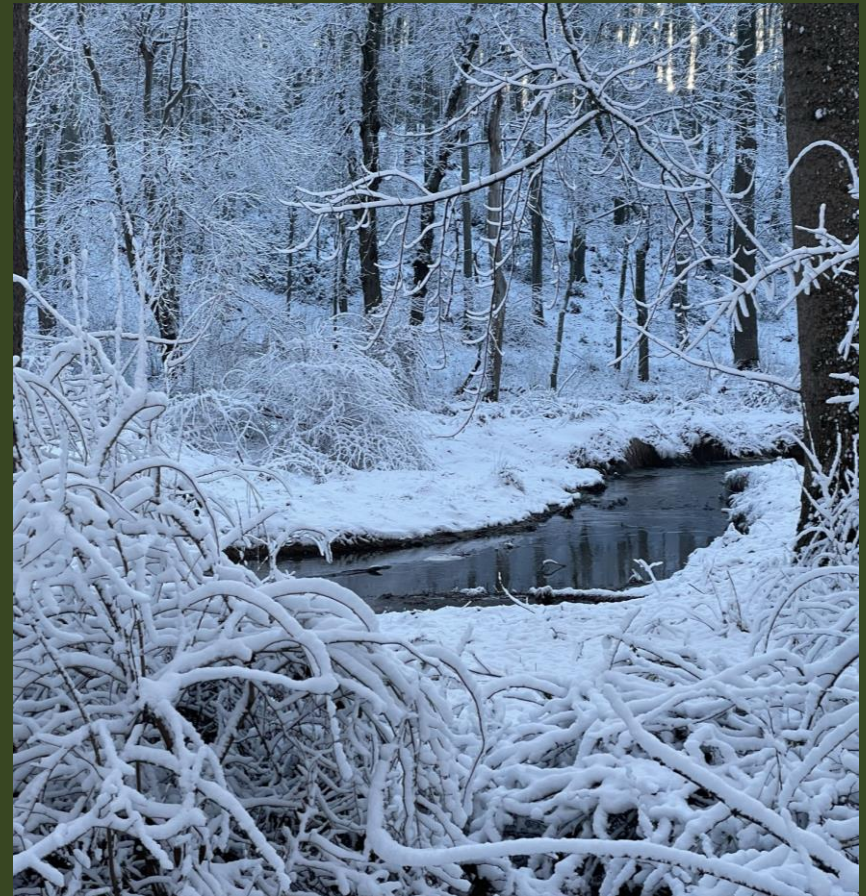


Sara Holtz, National Capitol Area Council



FAQ

Scott Anderson, Patriot's Path Council



Paul Schimke, National Capitol Area Council



Outdoor Ethics & Conservation

FAQ's

Scott Anderson, Chair
National Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee



OUTDOOR PROGRAMS/PROPERTIES





Why did Leave No Trace change the minimum age requirement to 18 for Level 1 Instructor (Trainer) Courses?



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I have a Scout working on the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement. The Scout is not able to complete requirement 6, “Become a Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (formerly called Trainer) by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor (formerly called Master Educator)”, because the Scout is not 18 years old. What should the Scout do?



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**LEAVE
NO TRACE**

TRAINING FOR ALL



Leave No Trace 101 - Online Awareness Course

Instructor Training

Level 1 Instructor Course

Level 2 Instructor Course

Recreational Training

Workshops

Skills Course



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National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines

https://Int.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/National-Training-Guidelines_Final.pdf



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National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines

Training Agreement

The Boy Scouts of America has a blanket training agreement to provide the **Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course & Leave No Trace Skills Course**. This agreement extends to all Councils (every course approved by the council is covered under this agreement and must follow the National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines).



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National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines

Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America is designated as a **Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course Provider**. This designation does not apply to the local council. Local councils may apply to host a Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course run by the National Council.

For more information contact the Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Coordinator serving your CST (Council Service Territory) or Program Operations

programops@outdoorethics-bsa.org



OUTDOOR PROGRAMS/PROPERTIES





National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines

Level 1 Instructor Course

“The lead instructor for a Level 1 Instructor Course must be a Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor.”

“Level 1 Courses must have a **minimum of four (4) course participants**, ...”

“A Level 1 Course has a **maximum of 12 participants**.”

“**Participants must be 18 or older** to participate in a Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course.”

“Upon completing a Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course, each participant will become a certified Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor...”

“Level 1 Instructors must maintain their certification by taking the Leave No Trace Recertification Course every two (2) years to remain certified.”

<https://Int.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Level-1-Instructor-Course-Guidelines-1.pdf>



OUTDOOR PROGRAMS/PROPERTIES





BSA Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Courses have additional course content on how Leave No Trace is incorporated into Scouting's Outdoor Program.

The BSA Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course Manual is currently being updated.



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National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines

Level 2 Instructor Course

The lead instructor for a Level 2 Instructor Course must be a Leave No Trace Level 3 Instructor.*

* BSA Requirement

“Level 2 Instructor Courses must have a **minimum of five (5) course participants, ...**”

“A Level 2 Instructor Course has a maximum of 12 participants.”

“Participants must be 18 or older to participate in a Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course.”

“Upon completing a Level 2 Instructor Course, each participant will become a Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor and receive a certification from the course provider.”

“Level 2 Instructors must maintain their certification by taking the Leave No Trace Recertification Course every two (2) years to remain certified.”



OUTDOOR PROGRAMS/PROPERTIES





BSA Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Courses have additional material on how Leave No Trace is incorporated into Scouting's Outdoor Program.

The restricted BSA Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course Manual is currently being updated.



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National Leave No Trace Training Guidelines

Skills Course

“The lead instructor for a Skills Course must be a Leave No Trace Level 1, 2, or 3 Instructor.”

“Skills Courses do not have a minimum or maximum participant restriction. However, Leave No Trace strives to keep the instructor-to-student ratio low to enhance learning opportunities. A 1 to 6 instructor-to-participant ratio is highly recommended.”

“Upon completing a Leave No Trace Skills Course, each participant can receive a Certificate of Completion from Leave No Trace.”

There is no an age restriction.

There is no re-certification.



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There is not a BSA specific curriculum for the Leave No Trace Skills Course at this time.

A Training Code has been requested.



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National Medal for Outdoor Achievement

6. Become a Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor (formerly called Trainer) by completing the 16-hour training course from a recognized Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor (formerly called Master Educator).

The Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee has requested the requirement be changed to:

6. Complete a 16-hour Leave No Trace Skills Course from a certified Leave No Trace Level 1 or 2 Instructor.



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National Council

BSA Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Course*

Local Council

BSA Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructor Course*

Leave No Trace Skills Course*

BSA Leave No Trace Basics (remains the primary instructional program)

BSA Outdoor Ethics Orientation

Training for All

[Leave No Trace 101 - Online Awareness Course](#)



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Thank you for all you do to support Outdoor Ethics
and Conservation in Scouting



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Announcements



Sara Holtz, National Capitol Area Council

»»» ANNOUNCEMENT «««

BSA NATIONAL OUTDOOR ETHICS AND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE 2024

SAVE THE DATE!

September 12-14, 2024



WHEN



September 12-14, 2024
with Pre-Conference courses
available September 9- 12

Camp Tracy, East of
Salt Lake City, Utah
(Site of 2016 Conference)



WHERE

THEME



Guiding Our Youth Into the Future
~ 70 Years of The Outdoor Code

Main Conference
\$200 before 6/1/24
\$225 after 6/1/24

Registration ends August 1st



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2024 Leave No Trace Level 2 Instructor Courses

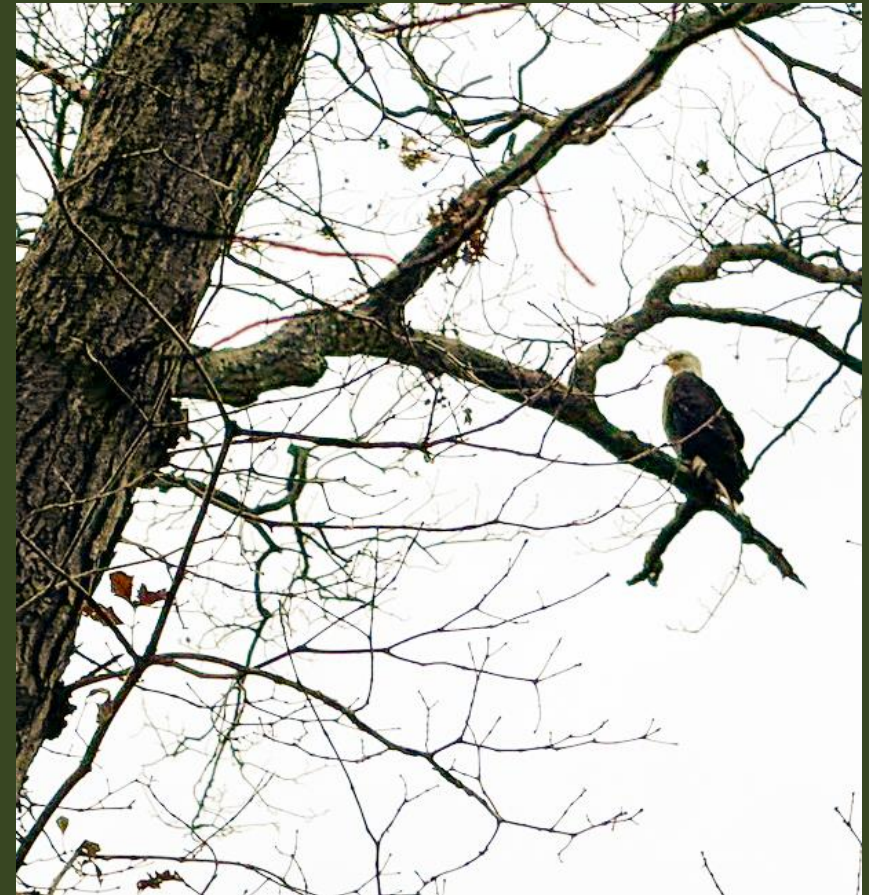
Dates	Council	Camp	Course Info	Field Experience
2024				
Apr 26-28, May 16-19	<u>Heart of New England Council</u>	<u>Camp Wanocksett</u> , Dublin, NH	Contact: <u>Timothy Bradbury</u>	Non-trek
May 9-14	<u>Great Trail Council</u>	<u>Manatoc Scout Reservation</u> , Peninsula, OH	Contact: <u>David Weyrick</u>	Non-trek
May 12-17	National Council	<u>Summit Bechtel Reserve</u>	<u>Info/Registration</u>	Non-Trek
June 3-8	<u>Sioux Council</u>	<u>Lewis & Clark Scout Reservation</u> , Tabor, SD	<u>Flyer</u> Contact: <u>Michelle Bierstedt</u>	Non-Trek
August 11-17	National Council	<u>Northern Tier High Adventure Base</u> , Ely, MN	(Additional info will be posted when it is available.) <u>Flyer</u> Contact: <u>Ted Weiland</u>	Canoeing
Sept 22-27	National Council	<u>Philmont Scout Ranch</u> , Cimarron, New Mexico	<u>Information/Registration</u>	Backpacking

Latest Level 2 Course Schedule
[http://www.outdoorethics-
bsa.org/training/me_courses.php](http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/training/me_courses.php)

Dan Howells Scholarship
[http://www.outdoorethics-
bsa.org/DanHowellsScholarship.php](http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/DanHowellsScholarship.php)



Please send in your photos of Outdoor Ethics education, Conservation projects, or great nature photos you've taken!



Paul Schimke, National Capitol Area Council



Your feedback is a gift!
Was this roundtable helpful?
What would you like to see
covered in future roundtables?

<https://tinyurl.com/OECCRT>
roundtable@outdoorethics-bsa.org



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Woulda-Coulda-Shoulda

All the Woulda-Coulda-Shouldas
Layin' in the sun,
Talkin' 'bout the things
They woulda coulda shoulda done...
But those Woulda-Coulda-Shouldas
All ran away and hid
From one little Did.

Shel Silverstein-Falling Up



February's topic

Tell me about Outdoor Ethics
Orientation and BSA Leave No
Trace Basics courses!



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