Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Roundtable

Outdoor Ethics Games and Activities for Summer and Day Camps

Youth, please turn off your cameras. Thank you!
Agenda

• Welcome and opening (7:00pm Central)
• Safety moment – Poisonous plants
• OE Activities on the Go!
• Games and Activities
• OE Activities and Programs at Camp
• Games and Activities for Events
• OE Camporee Program
• Announcements
• Q&A
• Adjourn (8:30 Central)
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.
We Need Your Feedback, Please!

https://tinyurl.com/OECCRT
Please introduce yourself!

Type your name and your council’s name into the chat window.
Safety Moment

Poisonous Plants

Leave What You Find and Hike on Durable Surfaces

• **Poison Ivy**: Found throughout the United States except Alaska, Hawaii, and parts of the West Coast. Can grow as a vine or small shrub trailing along the ground or climbing on low plants, trees and poles. Each leaf has three glossy leaflets, with smooth or toothed edges. Leaves are reddish in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. May have greenish-white flowers and whitish-yellow berries.

• **Poison Oak**: Grows as a low shrub in the Eastern and Southern United States, and in tall clumps or long vines on the Pacific Coast. Fuzzy green leaves in clusters of three are lobed or deeply toothed with rounded tips. May have yellow-white berries.

• **Poison Sumac**: Grows as a tall shrub or small tree in bogs or swamps in the Northeast, Midwest, and parts of the Southeast. Each leaf has clusters of seven to 13 smooth-edged leaflets. Leaves are orange in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. May have yellow-greenish flowers and whitish-green fruits hang in loose clusters.
Despite training to identify them on sight and efforts to avoid them, we all have stumbled through a patch of poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, or one of several other plants that can cause an uncomfortable itch, a rash, and perhaps blisters.

Few escape the effects of urushiol, an oil in poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac that is the principal cause of the rash. Up to 85 percent of us are considered “allergic” and a few are seriously allergic. And if that’s not bad enough, the plants grow in all 48 of the continental U.S. states.

As with many things, avoidance is the best action. Take a careful look where you camp or picnic and be sure to point out the plants to those who are not familiar with them. If you’ve walked through the plants, avoid contact with your shoes and pants, as the oil can rub off of materials and onto you. Don’t use wood with hairy vines attached in campfires. Smoke from these plants can spread the oil and even create rashes in airways and the eyes.
If you think you’ve been exposed, you have a limited time to wash off the urushiol before it affects you. Use soap and water or a specially designed product (like Zanfel®, Ivy Wash®, or Tecnu®) that has been formulated to more fully remove the urushiol, especially when used within a few hours of exposure.

Be sure to check your first aid kit before heading to camp or out hiking.

Signs and symptoms of a poison ivy rash include:
• Redness
• Itching
• Swelling
• Blisters
• Difficulty breathing, if you've inhaled the smoke from burning poison ivy

Poison ivy rash often appears in a straight line because of the way the plant brushes against your skin. But if you develop a rash after touching a piece of clothing or pet fur that has urushiol on it, the rash may be more spread out. You can also transfer the oil to other parts of your body with your fingers. The reaction usually develops 12 to 48 hours after exposure and lasts two to three weeks.
Outdoor Ethics Activities on the Go!

Paula Church, Longhorn Council
Outdoor Ethics Activities on the Go!
Build your own tool kit, for Outdoor Ethics Activities!
Home made tool kits work great too!
Ready made tool kit from Leave No Trace: Int.org
Activity Resources from Leave No Trace: Int.org

Teaching Leave No Trace

A nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethical awareness program

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OUTDOOR CODE

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and be conservation-minded.

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https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/troop-resources/leave-no-trace/teaching-leave-no-trace/
Bigfoot’s Bucket:

- Contains activities and games for teaching the Leave No Trace Principles for Kids and the Outdoor Code.

- Available for checkout for Day Camps, Resident Camp and Cub Scout Events.
Games and Activities

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Nature Journaling Activity

**I notice**

**I wonder**

**It reminds me of**

*This activity is from John Muir Laws, [johnmuirlaws.com]*
OE on the Cub Scout Trail

- **Lions: Mountain Lion Adventure.** No explicit OE language used, but incorporates Plan Ahead and Prepare, Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces, and Respect Wildlife. [Have you seen the *Hug A Tree and Survive* program from the National Association of Search and Rescue? There are materials, activities, and everything!](https://nasar.org/education/hug-a-tree/]

- **Tigers: Tigers in the Wild.** Incorporates Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Principles Kids. Explain why we trash our trash. (The Trash Your Trash Relay from BP is perfect for this!) TitW Requirement 5 option calls for a song and a skit.

- **Wolves: Paws on Path.** Incorporates the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Kids. This is a great place to insert a nature journaling activity.
OE on the Cub Scout Trail, cont.

• **Bears: Bear Necessities.** No explicit OE language used, but incorporates Plan Ahead and Prepare and Camp on Durable Surfaces. This would be a great place for a relay game where the den has to "pack" essential items.

• **Webelos: Webelos Walk About.** The scouts have to recite the OC and LNT Principles from memory and tell how they can practice them. Challenge the scouts to create their own hand signs for the seven principles. I have seen dens do this, and they are so creative!

• **Arrow of Light: Outdoor Adventurer.** This is another "Tell how you practiced the OC and LNT". I love the idea of an art gallery, and this is a great place to have the scouts design instructional posters to be displayed at the monthly Pack meeting. Each scout can pick a single principle and focus on designing something to teach that concept.
Using Hand Signs to Teach the Outdoor Code
OE Campfire Resources

The Leave No Trace Song
(To the Tune of “If you’re Happy and You Know It”) Song written by Angie Merrick

When you’re wanting solitude, Leave No Trace
Out in nature don’t be rude, Leave No Trace
If your family likes to hike,
Beach, camp, or ride a bike,
Leave No trace, Leave No Trace, Leave No Trace

If you want to see a WOW, Leave No Trace
So do others, show them how, Leave No Trace
Get your camera, snap a few
Sketch a memory or two,
Leave the WOW for others too, Leave No Trace

Learn the principles by heart, Leave No Trace
Taking pictures is just a start, Leave No Trace
Resist the urge to leave your mark,
Stay on the trail, that is smart
Things in nature play a part, Leave No Trace
OE Campfire Resources

Leave No Trace
(To the Tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat”) Song written by Troop 376, Milwaukie, Oregon

Think, plan, and be aware
In nature’s fragile place,
In wilderness we’re visitors
Protect this unspoiled space.

Sniff, sniff, sniff the flowers
Leave them where they grow.
Endangered plants you pick today
Your kids may never know.

Camp, camp, far away
From the fragile shore
And when you do, you’ll save the lake
It’s clean water we’re working for.

Cook, cook, cook your food
On a backpack stove,
Save the snags and save the trees
‘Cause wilderness is gold.

Sack, sack, sack your trash
Put it in a bag.
Pack it out upon your back
‘Cause leaving it’s a drag.

Leave, leave, leave no trace
With your camping gear,
‘Cause no one, no one in the woods
Wants to see you’ve been here.

Dig, dig, dig a hole
About six inches down,
When nature calls, bury your waste,
And leave it underground.
We’re missing a principle!

Principle 6, Respect Wildlife, is not represented in this song. We need a verse! You are challenged to write a verse either alone or with your patrol. The winner gets a trio of these beautiful 3-D printed slides!

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Games with an (OE) Purpose
Campfire Opportunities!

OE Games and Activities

April 13, 2022
OE Activities and Programs at Camp

Matthew Durrant, Crossroads of the West Council
Outdoor Ethics activities and programs at Camp

Matthew Durrant
Don’t reinvent the wheel

Ready-made activities
Use your resources
Combine with other requirements and Activities
BIGFOOT BOOTCAMP

- 1. Web of life
- 2. Specific is superior (#1)
- 3. Surface Hopscotch (#2)
- 4. Trash Timeline (#3)
- 5. Generation Game (#4)
- 6. Campfire Race (#5)
- 7. Paper Trail (#7)
- 8. Bear Bag (#6)
- 9. Okay vs. No Way (Review)
- 10. Ethics Game (if there’s time)
Have fun!
Games and Activities
Don Reinicker, Potawatomi Area Council
GAMES & ACTIVITIES
Don Reinicker – Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate
Potawatomi Area Council

OUTDOOR ETHICS VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE – April 13, 2022
Games & Activities

Games and activities are an important part of any training or introduction to Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace

- Games and activities are FUN!
- Lecture is BORING
- Games and activities break up seat time
Games & Activities

RESOURCES:

• Leave No Trace: https://outdoorethics-bsa.org
Games & Activities

RESOURCES:

• Leave No Trace Dudes: https://leavenotrace dude.com
Games & Activities

RESOURCES:

• ROAR (Don Gale – Master Educator Utah) – information no longer on the internet

• YouTube – Many trainings available
Games & Activities

Games presented at the Leave No Trace Trainer course

Numbered ball & LNT Principles: From Don Gale (Master Educator Utah)
See attachments for the 7 LNT Principles

Garbage game: See attachment or use the info below

Leave No Trace 101 book: #059 Trash Timeline
LNT Dudes: http://leavenotracedude.com/default.shtml

Mound fire cake desert:
2 – 9” round yellow cakes (mineral soil) Small pretzel sticks (tinder)
Pretzel sticks (larger wood) Red hot candies (coals)
Whip cream (smoke)

The Path: Path Scenario –
Participants sit on the ground in 2 lines facing each other about 2 feet apart
Walk down the path as a single person and with another person side-by-side
Show how the path has to widen for 2 people
Make rain sounds slow to hard to slow
Walk down path and discuss stepping around a puddle – move participants to widen path
Walk outside of the path to avoid the muddy path completely – discuss
Walk down again and move participants to allow the picking of a flower outside of the path
Use other variations to show how paths widen

Web of Life: Check the internet for “Web of Life Game”.
There are many versions and variations to choose from.
Bare Ground: LNT Dudes: http://leavenotracedude.com/teach/fire-consume.shtml
Animals: (Stop Bothering Me)
Puzzle pieces: (Puzzling Discoveries)
I use a variation of this by laminating pages out of nature magazines, laminating them and cutting them out as a puzzle. I use puzzles of 6 pieces for Cubs and puzzles of 9 or 11 pieces for Boy Scouts and adults.

Hiker, Biker, Horse:

Unknown Destination Hike: We varied this by giving you the Alpine setting.
Games & Activities

Opening Day!

Scouts BSA 2022

Date: April 22 - 24, 2022
Regular Price: $65 Scout | $45 Adult
Registration Opens February 15, 2022

Troop Shoot
- Scouts BSA Ages 12-17
- Meals included
- Individuals & Raffles
- Archery Competition & Awards

Merit Badge Palooza
- Scouts BSA Ages 10-17
- Meals included
- Individuals
- Different Merit Badge Instructions

Quick Start
- Scouts BSA Ages 10-13
- Meals included
- Individuals & Raffles
- Requirements for Scout through 2nd Class

Website: CampCISBLAKE.org
Email: Program@251BSCscouting.org
Games & Activities

Leave No Trace – Ball Game
Games & Activities

GARBAGE GAME – “How Long Does It Last”
OK vs. NO WAY

Put the "OK" and "NO WAY" signs in the ground approximately 10 to 12 feet apart facing the participants. Stand between the signs and have the participants line up on you keeping the recommended social distance between each other. Explain that you will ask a question and they should individually decide if it is "OK" or "NO WAY" and then step to their right or left to line up behind the sign of their choice. Once everyone has moved ask each group why they chose the line they are in. After each has explained their choice discuss to correct answer. After the explanation go back to the starting position for the next question.
Games & Activities
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Thank you for the opportunity to make this presentation

Materials presented are available from the OE Virtual Roundtable

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Outdoor Ethics Games

1. Outdoor Ethics Crossword
2. Decomposition Guessing (Trash Timeline)
3. Mound Fire Building and Lighting
4. Flag Relay
5. Puzzle Station
6. Trail Trash Memory Game (Kim’s Game)
7. Camp Oh-No!
8. Outdoor Ethics Giant Jenga
9. Big Foot Hunt
OE Crossword

Leave No Trace Crossword

Down:
1. Used to prevent scurvy
2. Used to keep your food away from unwelcome visitors
3. String on this is always the best
4. Camping outside of a designated campground
5. Have you had any today?
6. A scout in ...
13. While camping in the backcountry
15. Every scout needs a friend
16. The Champion at Ride & Seek is
17. Snowshoeingabove
18. Used to keep the bugs away

Across:
1. Every troop needs one in their PLC
2. How many feet of trail should be cleared in the woods?
3. On my honor
4. The Champion in ride & Seek is
5. The one who started Scouting in Scotland
7. If you found it, you take it out
8. Method of making a campfire
10. Where you camp for the night when you're camping
11. When you leave the campsite you take
12. A pit for human feces
Decomposition Guessing Game
On Your Mark!
Get Set!
GO!!!
Puzzle Station – Something’s Missing
Trail Trash Memory Game
Welcome, Investigators to

Camp Oh-No!

Where Crimes Against Outdoor Ethics Have Been Committed!

INVESTIGATORS: Please use an index card to document each Outdoor Ethics violation. Put your name, patrol and unit number at the top of the card and turn it in to a Commissioner.

This Beautiful and Majestic Oh-No! Tree is very rare and fragile. PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH.
Camp Oh-No! Crime Scene
CSI’s Gather to Discuss
GIANT JENGA

(Outdoor Ethics Style)

Standard Jenga rules apply to removal and replacement of blocks. You may use two hands but can only touch the block you are removing. You may “test” a block for ease of movement but once you start to move the block, you must continue. Once successfully removed, read the block aloud and follow the instructions or answer the question as a group. All removed blocks must be stacked on top of the tower. You are encouraged to use the internet to answer any unknown questions. Only restack if the tower falls to add difficulty for the next group.
Outdoor Ethics Giant Jenga
Hunt for

BIGFOOT

Get your cameras ready!
Take photos of any BIGFOOT related item and especially any BIGFOOT him/her self.
BIGFOOT sightings are rare, so be sure to show your Commissioner staff for credit for your patrol.
Announcements

OE Games and Activities

April 13, 2022
2022 National Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Conference

NOVEMBER 10-13

Bert Adams Scout Camp, Georgia

Where education meets adventure!

http://outdoorethics-bsa.org/Conference2022
Upcoming Master Educator Courses

• **FULL**: April 29-May 1, May 12-15 – Baltimore Area Council, MD
  - [http://www.baltimorebsa.org/leave-no-trace/50513](http://www.baltimorebsa.org/leave-no-trace/50513)

• May 17-22 – Grand Canyon Council, AZ
  - [https://scoutingevent.com/010-Intmastercourse](https://scoutingevent.com/010-Intmastercourse)

• August 14-20 – Northern Tier, MN
  - [https://www.ntier.org/training/](https://www.ntier.org/training/)

• October 7-12 – Philmont, NM
  - [https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/secondseasonprograms/leavenotrace/](https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/secondseasonprograms/leavenotrace/)

Check outdoorethics-bsa.org for updates!
Need help?

If you’re looking for help with Outdoor Ethics or Conservation in your Council and don’t know who to go to, the Program Operations team is here to help!

Send an email to programops@outdoorethics-bsa.org to let us know which council you’re in and how we can help you. We’ll be happy to connect you with someone who can help you.
Reflection

Back from the Argentine

“When dandelions have set the mark of May on Wisconsin pastures, it is time to listen for the final proof of spring. Sit down on a tussock, cock your ears at the sky, dial out the bedlam of meadowlarks and redwings, and soon you may hear it: the flight-song of the upland plover, just now back from the Argentine.”

Excerpt from “May: Back from the Argentine” in A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold
Questions?

Please share your feedback on this roundtable at https://tinyurl.com/OECCRT

Next month’s roundtable topic:

I’m a Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate. What do I do now?