

NATURE AWARENESS

Beach Ball

Purpose:

Help participants understand the importance of nature awareness and good stewardship.

Supplies:

One blow up beach ball with questions related to this topic. Write the questions listed below on the ball. Write them going in different directions so it is easy to determine where a question starts and ends. Be sure to include the number so you can refer to the answer sheet if necessary. Up to 60 questions will fit on a 24" beach ball. Develop more questions that are more site specific for your area.

Directions:

"I am going to toss this ball out to you. I would like you to keep batting it around until I say STOP. The one holding the ball will tell me the number and read the question by their right thumb. You will then answer the question and we will discuss it. Okay, here we go.

Toss the ball out to the participants. Stop it about every 4 to 5 hits and go through the question and answer process. You have the answers to the questions listed below for reference.

Principle 1:

What is Principle #1?

How many LNT principles are there?

Why is it important to plan ahead and prepare?

How can we avoid unexpected situations?

What are 5 things you should always have with you when outdoors?

When should you have a map and compass with you?

What are the 4 federal land management agencies?

Principle 2:

What is Principle #2?

What is crypto?

What size of group should you travel and camp in?

How do you know what size of group is appropriate?

What is a durable surface?

How far from water should we camp?

Should you walk through or around a mud puddle?

Principle 3:

What is Principle #3?

What is Leave No Trace?

What kind of soap should you use outdoors?

What is a cathole?

What are the measurement of a cathole?

Explain how to properly use a cathole.
How do you dispose of dishwater?

Principle 4:

What is Principle #4?
Why should we practice Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly!?
Should you dig a trench around your tent?
Is it okay to hack at trees with a hatchet?
Is it okay to take cultural artifacts?
Should you remove rocks and things to make a better campsite?
Should you take feathers or antlers from the outdoors?

Principle 5:

What is Principle #5?
Is it okay to break branches off a tree for a fire?
What do you do with the ashes from a campfire?
What are 2 kinds of LNT campfire?
What kind of soil is used for an LNT campfire?
What is a good alternative to a campfire?
What are 2 advantages of a stove?

Principle 6:

What is Principle #6?
Is it okay to chase wildlife? Why?
Is it okay to leave food out where there are no bears?
How do you store your food in bear country?
What can happen when we chase wildlife during sensitive times?
Can we let our pets chase wildlife? Why?
What kind of wildlife can we chase? Why?

Principle 7:

What is Principle #7?
What colors should you wear while camping?
Is it okay to be noisy while camping?
Is it okay to take breaks right on the trail?
What should you do when you encounter a mountain bike on a trail?
How do you help other visitors enjoy the quality of their experience?
Is it okay to camp next to a trail?

Tread Lightly!:

What is the main focus of Tread Lightly!?
Is it okay to create a new route with your motorized vehicle? Why?
Is it okay to ignore signs about off highway vehicle use? Why?
Should you know local laws and regulations concerning OHV use? Why?
Can you drive through sensitive areas? Why?
Where can you cross streams with OHV's?
When driving do you need to yield to horses, hikers and bikers?
How many Tread Lightly! principles are there?