

## TRAINING

Outdoor Ethics Orientation

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Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop

Leave No Trace Awareness course

Leave No Trace 101

Leave No Trace Trainer

Leave No Trace Master Educator

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Tread Lightly! Awareness

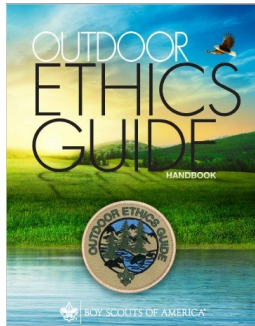
Tread Trainer

Master Tread Trainer

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Outdoor Ethics Guide Training—

(this is a Scout position of responsibility that counts towards rank advancement)



<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/outdoorethicsguide/pdf/OutdoorEthicsGuide.pdf>

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### Some Resources:

The BSA Outdoor Ethics website  
[www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/resources/](http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org/resources/)

Outdoor Ethics Awards  
[www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/awards/boy-scout/](http://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/awards/boy-scout/)

[www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday-awards/](http://www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday-awards/)

National Parks service video  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXO1uY0MvmQ&t=27s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXO1uY0MvmQ&t=27s)

Leave No Trace [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

Tread Lightly! [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)

<https://troopleader.org/program-feature-outdoor-ethics/>

### Reading & Activity Resources:

Bigfoot's Playbook—\$14.95

101 Ways to Teach Leave No Trace -\$18.95

Both available from lnt.org



## What Do You Know About Outdoor Ethics?

**Outdoor Ethics** is the umbrella term for how a Scout relates to the outdoors.

The **Outdoor Code** is Scouting's aspirational statement of Outdoor Ethics.

To support the Outdoor Code with proven principles and skills, Scouting has incorporated **Leave No Trace**, for non-motorized outdoor activities, and **Tread Lightly!**, for motorized activities and shooting sports.

The **Land Ethic** challenges us to be committed to conservation and stewardship of our environment.



## THE OUTDOOR CODE

- As an American, I will do my best to:

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

- Be careful with fire.

I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only when and where they are permitted and appropriate. When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring or remove all evidence of my fire.

- Be considerate in the outdoors.

I will treat the land and other land users with respect. I will follow the principles of outdoor ethics for all outdoor activities.

- Be conservation-minded.

I will learn about and practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

## THE LAND ETHIC

Our responsibility to understand, appreciate and respect our wildlands is part of being "conservation-minded".

"The Land Ethic", introduced in Aldo Leopold's *Sand County Almanac*, reflects our historic commitment to conservation and service, but also challenges us to assume personal responsibility for minimizing our impacts and for active stewardship in the outdoors.

## LEAVE NO TRACE

Scouting has embraced the Leave No Trace program as a core of our Outdoor Ethics.

The **Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics** is a key partner.

- Their Principles of Leave No Trace provide a strong, science-based set of practical tools to guide our outdoor activities.
- They have strong teaching emphasis with excellent supporting materials.
- Their training structure of Master Educators and Trainers provides a model for educating our Scouts and Scouters.
- Their Skills and Ethics pamphlets are key practical guides to ethical decision making and skills for many Scouting outdoor environments and activities.

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

[www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)



## TREAD LIGHTLY!

The focus of Tread Lightly! is mechanized outdoor recreation, so the BSA has partnered with the **Tread Lightly!** organization to provide outdoor ethics guidance for our motorized activities and shooting sports.

- The TREAD Principles provide practical ethical guidance.
- They have great resources covering a wide range of outdoor activities.
- Their Tread Trainer and Master Tread Trainer courses support developing effective instructors.
- Their "Do Your Part" Principle encourages service and stewardship.

Travel responsibly

Respect the Rights of Others

Educate Yourself

Avoid Sensitive Areas

Do Your Part

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