



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



BSA OUTDOOR ETHICS

## Leave No Trace Trainer Course April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Your 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 Trainer*.

**When** – April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm, 2017. If the start time is a challenge for you, please contact the instructor listed at the bottom of the page, to see if arrangements can be made for you to arrive when your life permits. All 16 hours of course material coverage is required for graduation.

**Where** – **Mandan Scout Camp & Training Center**, 11639 Garnett (or Correction Road), Wright, Kansas, 67882, (I would not consider this address entered into a GPS as dependable) the GPS coordinates are N37° 49.5559' W99° 54.9817' at the entrance for the camp. There are maps in the course information packet that can be found in this event listing at <http://sftcbsa.org/>

**Who** – **This course is open to everyone.** Part of the material may be somewhat advanced, and complex for those under age 11. Those under 14 do not always meet the graduation criteria, but all younger past participants have still had a great time, and said they wanted to do it again. All are encouraged to come wither they graduate or not, just for the fun with a purpose, as scouting is supposed to be.

**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 Trainer Course is shortened weekend version of the weeklong master educator course. It provides outdoor, hands on, experiential learning in a camping environment.

**Cost/Registration** – **\$30.00, & Registration Closes April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** This covers food and BSA awards. Registration which is done through the Santa Fe Trails Council Office, 1513.5 East Fulton Terrace, Garden City, Kansas. 67846 (620-275-5162), is limited to the first 20 participants, is done on a first come first serve basis (so register sooner than later), and closes April 26th. Additional materials, and memorabilia packages are available for an additional cost at, and after the course. For registration see flier at <http://sftcbsa.org/>

**What you need to bring** – **Yourself, your personal gear/stuff/paperwork.** Your clothing, hygiene, camping, and cooking gear (while the food is provided you will be responsible for preparing it), your teaching activity/learning exercise ready to go, something to take notes with is recommended if you desire, and required paperwork (health form, LNT risk waiver, etc.).

**Questions** – for additional information see the information packet, in resources, in the event, in the online calendar, or contact Howie Peer at 913-638-6025, or at [dont\\_leave\\_me\\_an\\_email@yahoo.com](mailto:dont_leave_me_an_email@yahoo.com)

**Upon successful completion**, of the *Leave No Trace Trainer Course* each participant will qualify as a *Leave No Trace Trainer*. 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 (Leave No Trace 101, and others).
- 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 Youth Trainers in a Troop and be better qualified, and better prepared to handle 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 Corps 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 Trainer Courses’ Value**



The Leave No Trace Trainer Course is a vital component of the worldwide Leave No Trace program, and the BSA program. It is a shortened version of the week-long Leave No Trace Master Educator Course. Participants receive introductory training in Leave No Trace skills, and ethics in a condensed two-day format. The Trainer 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. It is an essential course for both youth, and 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 necessity 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 Trainer 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**
- **Making LNT fun**
- **And many others**

Registration form for;  
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Mandan Scout Camp & Training Center



Please mail to;  
BSA Santa Fe Trails Council Office,  
1513.5 East Fulton Terrace  
Garden City, Kansas, 67846

or call into: 620-275-5162  
or fax into: 620-275-6508  
or email to;  
alan.watson@scouting.org

The following information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # & Type \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

Please don't forget to include your \$30 registration fee.