Leave No Trace
Trainer Course

Participant Information Sheet

Course Date: 12-13 September 2020

Course Location: Camp Shenandoah, 222 Boy Scout Lane, Swoope, VA 24479

Course Purpose: The Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults to serve as Leave No Trace Trainers and youth aged 14+ to serve their units as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every unit should have at least one individual who has completed the Leave No Trace Trainer course.

Who May Participate: Any Scout or Scouter 14 years old and older may attend. Youth must be willing and able to conduct themselves appropriately for an adult training experience that is tightly scheduled and highly interactive.

Participant Fees: Includes registration fees, all meals, Leave No Trace Trainer Starter Kit and hang tags, Cathole trowel, trainer patch.

What you will learn: This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. On completion of this course, participants will be qualified to lead Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace awareness courses and activities to award the BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.

Schedule: Please arrive before 8:30 am for check-in. Course material will be delivered between 9 am on Saturday and 2 pm on Sunday. Due to COVID requirements, participants may NOT arrive on Friday night. A detailed course schedule will be provided on check in.

Participant Preparation: Participants will be expected to give a 5 minute presentation on one of the seven Leave No Trace principles. Topics and a list of resources will be provided to participants by the Course Director at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the course.

What to Bring: This course uses an overnight camping experience to help participants understand the practical aspects of the Leave No Trace educational message. This course does NOT teach general outdoor skills - participants must have enough outdoor experience and equipment to be able to camp safely and comfortably under the location and climatic conditions expected. Participants must also be able to carry their own gear from the parking area at Camp to the tent area and be capable of hiking a short distance (1-2 miles) on camp trails.
Packing list includes:

- BSA Health Form Parts A and B
- Tent (4-person or smaller) or Hammock
- Sleeping bag/pillow
- Sleeping pad/mattress
- Season appropriate clothing/change of clothes
- Sleeping attire
- Warm Coat/Jacket
- Rain Gear
- Sleeping attire
- Sturdy shoes (closed toe shoes must be worn around camp at all times)
- Water Bottle
- Flashlight/Head lamp
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Day Pack
- Camp Chair
- Mess Kit, coffee mug
- [optional] Personal Stove & Gas (e.g., Jet Boil)
- Personal Hygiene Kit: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, etc.
- Notebook or paper
- Pen or Pencil
- Any materials needed for participant presentation