

Leave No Trace Trainer Course

There will be a 16-hour Leave No Trace Trainer's Course offered at Friday May the 14th thru the 16th of May 2010. This course will give Participants the tools to teach up to a 1-day Leave No Trace training seminar.

Participants will:

1. Learn about BSA Leave No Trace Patches and Recognition which can be earned
2. Be taught by Leave No Trace Master Educators
3. Give an 8 to 10 minute presentation related to Leave No Trace to their small group
4. Have a chance to network with other participants interested in Leave No Trace
5. Receive some resource materials to run their own training seminars
6. Receive a Certificate from the Leave No Trace Center of Outdoor Ethics
7. Be expected to set a good example of Leave No Trace Ethics
8. Be expected to teach Leave No Trace ethics to their Scouting Units and others

This course uses overnight camping experiences to help participants understand the practical aspects of Leave No Trace. Therefore everyone needs to have basic camping experience, equipment, and clothing for camping in Ohio's mid May weather. This course doesn't teach general outdoor skills. Everyone will be camping in the frontcountry (car camping) Friday night. There will be an opportunity for either frontcountry or backcountry (backpacking to the campsite) Saturday night. Backcountry campers will be backpacking about a ¼ mile over flat ground to and from the campsite. Please be sure you are able and equipped properly if you choose to go to the backcountry. There will be little difference in the training provided and there will be discussion on both. Remember almost all Boy Scout camping is frontcountry.

Everyone must be a registered Boy Scout. At a minimum everyone must have a copy of a current Class 3 medical form. We will follow the Guide to Safe Scouting and all Youth Protection rules will be observed. Participants assume all risks associated with travel, camping, hiking, and participating in the course. Participants must attend the entire course, participate, and do their Leave No Trace presentation to graduate.

Both adult Scout Leaders and older Scouts are welcome but Scouts must have their Scoutmaster approval. Each youth must also have a least one adult with them from their Unit. Youth must be willing and able to conduct themselves appropriately for tightly scheduled and highly interactive essentially adult training experience. Also Scouts will need to make their presentation in front of their small group.

Registration will start at 6:30 PM Friday and classroom instruction starting at 7:00. The course will conclude with graduation at approximately 1:00 Sunday the 16th.

The cost of the course will be \$45 payable at the Scout office. This will include meals from cracker barrel Friday night thru breakfast Sunday. Camping fees and take home teaching resource materials are also included.

The deadline for signing up for the course is April the 22nd to allow time to order the resource materials for the Participants. Contact Tecumseh Council to register at (937) 325-6449 or at 326 S. Thompson Ave. Springfield, Ohio 45506. There will be a 25 Participant limit. Please use the universal registration form in the Totem and send it to the Council office with your payment or go to Council in person.

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