



Scouting America
Leave No Trace Skills Course
Camp Jackson - November 6-8, 2026

Leave No Trace is a key component of Scouting outdoor ethics - it provides the modern standard for how we use the natural outdoors and how Scouting always sets the example for other users

This course covers -

- How “Leave No Trace thinking” fits modern outdoor Scouting so well
- Specific practical skills for the natural recreational ecosystems we enjoy using so much
- Ways to incorporate these modern outdoor practices while enjoying outdoor Scouting at unit, District, and Council levels
- Protection strategies for our important Council camp properties
- How to conduct Scouting’s “Leave No Trace Basics” workshop (D74)

The very general and very short “Seven principles of Leave No Trace” commonly used for Scouting training events will be expanded to cover the science and practical outdoor Scouting skills supporting these guidelines. Opportunities will be provided to collaborate on how this training can best be used to support outdoor and ideals/values Scouting at all levels in our Council.

Who Should Attend -

- Unit leadership involved in planning/conducting their unit’s outdoor-related advancement and outdoor Scouting programs
- Staff for Scouting training events involving outdoor-related advancement and/or outdoor Scouting skills (WB, NYLT, IOLS/BALOO)
- Commissioners supporting units with active outdoor programs
- Planners for non-unit outdoor Scouting programs (OA, camporee, etc.)
- Property Committee members and camp staff
- District/Council volunteer and professional Scouters who support outdoor-related advancement and outdoor Scouting programs at all levels

Logistical Details - Course starts at 7 pm Friday (arrive a little earlier to set up camp and grab a one-pot “eat any time” supper) and will conclude by 3 pm on Sunday. Meals from Friday supper thru Sunday lunch will be provided as part of the training.

Participants will be contacted after registration to provide information on what to bring and to gather information allowing personal food/medical requirements to be fully supported.

Course fee: \$45.

Register at: <https://1bsa.org/adult-leader-trainings/>

Additional Certification - Graduates (age 18 and up) will have an opportunity to help plan the additional virtual and day training needed to become certified as “Leave No Trace Level 1 Instructors.” This non-Scouting certification can be useful for:

- Teaching Leave No Trace outside of Scouting
- Pursuing academic study or careers in outdoor recreation/resource management

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