



CUB SCOUT LEAVE NO TRACE AWARD GUIDELINES

As more people use parks and recreation facilities, LEAVE NO TRACE guidelines become even important for outdoor visitors.

Leave No Trace is a plan that helps people to be more concerned about their environment and to help them protect it for the future generations. Leave No Trace applies in a backyard or local park (frontcountry) as much as it does in the wilderness (backcountry).

We should practice Leave No Trace in our attitudes and actions – wherever we go. Understanding nature strengthens our respect toward the environment. One person with thoughtless behavior or one shortcut on a trail can spoil the outdoor experience for others.

Help protect the environment by remembering that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit the outdoors, take special care of the area. Leave everything just as you find it.

Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of a considerate outdoorsman who care for the environment. Travel lightly on the land.

Six Leave No Trace Guidelines for Cub Scouts

Plan Ahead

Watch for hazards and follow the rules of the park or outdoor facility. Remember proper clothing, sunscreen, hats, first aid kits and plenty of drinking water. Use the buddy system. Make sure you carry your families name, phone number and address.

Stick To Trails

Stay on marked trails whenever possible. Short – cutting trails causes the soil to wear away or to be packed, which eventually kills trees and other vegetation. Trampled wildflowers and vegetation takes years to recover.

Manage Your Pet

Managing your pet will keep people, dogs, livestock and wildlife from feeling threatened. Make sure your pet is on a leash and controlled at all times. Do not let you pet approach or chase wildlife. Take care of your pet's waste.

Leave What You Find

When visiting any outdoor area, try to leave it the same as you find it. The less impact we each make, the longer we will enjoy what we have. Even picking flowers denies others the opportunity to see them and reduces seeds, which means fewer plants next year. Use established restrooms. Graffiti and vandalism have no place anywhere, and they spoil the experience for others. Leave your mark by doing an approved conservation project.

Respect Other Visitors

Expect to meet other visitors. Be courteous and make room for others. Control your speed when biking or running. Pass with care and let others know before you pass. Avoid disturbing others by making noise or playing loud music. Respect "No Trespassing" signs. If property boundaries are unclear, do not enter the area.

Trash Your Trash

Make sure all trash is put in a bag or trash receptacle. Trash is unsightly and ruins everyone's outdoor experience. Your trash can kill wildlife. Even materials, such as orange peels, apple cores and food scraps, take years to break down and may attract unwanted past that could become a problem.

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scout Award Requirements

1. Discuss with your leader or Parent/ Guardian the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
2. On three separate outings, practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
3. Boys in a Tiger Cub den complete the activities for Achievement 5, Let's Go Outdoors; boys in a Wolf den complete Requirement 7, Your Living World; boys in a Bear den complete Requirement 12, Family Outdoor Adventures; boys in a Webelos den earn the Outdoorsman activity pin.
4. Participate in a Leave No trace – related service project.
5. Promise to practice the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
6. Draw a poster to illustrate the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines and display it at a pack meeting.

Cub Scout Leader Award Requirements

1. Discuss with your den's Cub Scouts or pack's leaders the importance of the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
2. On three separate outings, demonstrate and practice the frontcountry guidelines of Leave No Trace.
3. Participate in presenting a den, pack, district or council awareness session on Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines.
4. Participate in a Leave No Trace – related service project.
5. Commit yourself to the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines by signing the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Pledge.
6. Assist at least three boys in earning the Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award.

Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Award Application

Local Council Name _____ City _____

Pack Number _____ Number of Awards: Youth _____ Adult _____

Unit Leader's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Cub Scouts _____

Name of Cub Leaders _____

The Cub Scouts and Leaders indicated above have fulfilled the requirements for Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award.

Unit Leader's Signature _____ Date _____

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