

**BSA OUTDOOR ETHICS TASK FORCE**  
**National Council, Boy Scouts of America**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Awards and Recognitions Committee  
**FROM:** Eric Hiser, Chair, BSA Outdoor Ethics Task Force  
**DATE:** **Final** October 3, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** **Request for Approval: Revising Leave No Trace Awards to Outdoor Ethics Awards**

The Outdoor Programs Support Committee and the Outdoor Ethics Task Force of the General Services Group have approved revisions to the BSA's current Leave No Trace Awareness Award for Cub Scouts and Leave No Trace Achievement Award for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts. The committee and task force now seek approval to proceed with this change expeditiously so that they can be rolled out at the National Outdoor Ethics Conference, scheduled for October 25-28, 2012 and implemented on January 1, 2013.

**Rationale for Change**

The rationale for this change comes directly from BSA's 2011-2015 Strategic Plan, which challenges us to make Scouting's programs dynamic and culturally relevant and to make a life-changing difference in the lives of kids of all backgrounds and communities. By updating and broadening our message, we can achieve these key goals of the Strategic Plan, as outlined below:

- ***“Scouting’s programs are exciting, culturally relevant, and appealing to today’s youth, attracting them at an extraordinary rate and retaining them longer.”*** Strategic Plan, Pillar 4, Dynamic and Relevant Program. Broadening the Leave No Trace Awards to include Tread Lightly! and the Land Ethic allows Scouting to reach the large quantities of youth who are either (1) interested in mechanized recreation, such as All Terrain Vehicles and Personal Watercraft, or (2) who are deeply committed to environmental conservation and preservation. This focus is consistent with Pillar 4, Objective 1, which challenges us to look at what youth want. The current Leave No Trace program does not address the needs of the first group and is less than satisfying for the second because it does not provide a mechanism to convert belief to affirmative action. The proposed revisions allow us to both broaden Scouting’s reach, to instill Scouting ethical values into greater numbers, and for those with an interest, to deepen that conviction. This fulfills Pillar 4, Objective II, which calls upon Scouting to be the “premier outdoor program provider and educator.” What can be more important than building outdoor program upon a Scouting ethical basis? The proposed program also supports Pillar 4, Objectives III (youth leadership) and builds additional program opportunities for the youth leadership positions, consistent with Pillar 4, Objective IV.
  
- ***“Scouting’s programs reach and make a life-changing difference with kids of all backgrounds and communities.”*** Strategic Plan, Pillar 1, Impact and Participation. The proposed change is necessary to further Scouting’s reach to communities, such as rural youth and adults, who are more receptive to either the motorized/mechanized recreation

and the Tread Lightly! principles or who respond to Scouting's traditional service message, encapsulated in the Outdoor Code and known as the Land Ethic, rather than solely the Leave No Trace message currently promoted. Youth earning these awards creates a clear metric, consistent with Pillar 1, Objective I and Objective V.

Finally, building our relationship with Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly!, which are closely partnered with the federal land management agencies, builds our strategic relationship and leadership role as an advocate for outdoor education, community service, and environmental stewardship, consistent with Pillar 6, Objective III, and notably Specific Goal 4, "We have revised key BSA awards and recognition components ... to promote and expand Scouting's role in advocating for education, leadership, service, environmental stewardship, and strengthening families."

Additional supporting data and rationale for the proposed changes appear in Appendix B.

### **Revised Outdoor Ethics Award Structure**

The revised structure replaces the Cub Scout Leave No Trace Awareness Award and the Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Leave No Trace Achievement Award with a universal Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award and an Outdoor Ethics Action Award, with requirements tailored to each BSA program.

The new Outdoor Ethics Award program has three components:

- **The Awareness Award**, which is an award tailored for youth and adults just joining the BSA program that introduces them to BSA outdoor ethics principles, such as the Outdoor Code and the principles of Leave No Trace. The award is a patch and is earned once by any BSA member.
- **The Action Award**, which is an award tailored for youth that have been participating in the BSA program for a while and wish to deepen their understanding of outdoor ethics and improve their skills in implementing those outdoor ethics. This is primarily a youth award, although it has an adult counterpart that recognizes adults who support youth in earning the award. The award is a specially-designed name tag and may be earned at each BSA program level (initially, Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, Scouter in support).
- **Service Recognition**, which recognize youth or adults who have completed advanced training as a Leave No Trace Trainer or Master Educator or a Tread Lightly! Tread Trainer or Master Tread Trainer, or have served as a council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or staffer on training courses, and have used that training to help teach others outdoor ethics principles. The service award(s) are reflected on the specially-designed name tag referenced above and can be earned once by a qualified BSA member.

A detailed description of the Outdoor Ethics Awards program follows.

### **The BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award**

The goal and purpose of this award is to encourage all BSA youth members and their parents, if interested, to learn about how we, as BSA members, make ethical decisions in our relationship to the natural world by following the principles of the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and similar programs.

The requirements for the BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award are as follows:

#### **Cub Scouts**

1. Describe what the Outdoor Code means to you. You can find the Outdoor Code at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>
2. Complete the Leave No Trace on-line youth course for your age group at: <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>  
Print the certificate.
3. Complete the Tread Lightly! TL Kid's Outdoor Quiz at: <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>. Print the certificate.
4. Participate in an outdoor ethics activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

Cub Scouts earn this award by working with their families to complete these activities.

#### **Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts and Scouting Adults**

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code. You can find the Outdoor Code at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>
2. Watch the National Park Service (NPS) Leave No Trace program at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>
3. Complete the Leave No Trace on-line youth course for your age group at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>. Print the certificate
4. Earn the Tread Lightly! on-line course certificate (you can take the on-line course at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>
5. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

*Recognition:*

Members receive the BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award patch from their BSA unit upon completing the requirements. The patch is the BSA outdoor ethics universal emblem. This is a universal emblem regardless of age/program division.



*Roll out:*

We will introduce to local council representatives during the National Outdoor Ethics Conference (October 25-28, 2012). There will be follow up electronic communication to local councils in November and December to prepare for release of new award on January 1, 2013. If possible, the award should be included in the Awards and Recognition guide for 2013.

*Status:*

All on-line elements are presently in-place, as is the curriculum for the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course, which can be rolled out at any time. There is a substantial contingent of BSA outdoor ethics Trainers, Master Educators and individuals having completed the BSA outdoor ethics awareness course available (n-5000+). The award is presented in the unit context, but is also amenable to earning individually by interested youth.

**The BSA Outdoor Ethics Action Award**

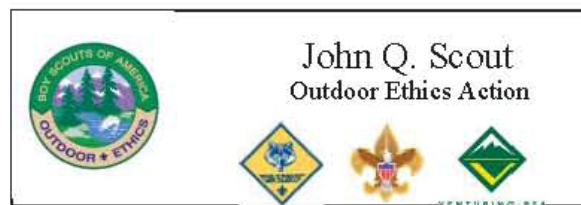
The goal and purpose of the Outdoor Ethics Action Award is to encourage youth members, and the adults that work with them, to participate in age-appropriate action on what they have learned about outdoor ethics. For Cub Scouts, this includes participating in a skit or activity and undertaking a simple cleanup of a recreational area they enjoy. For Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts, this includes teaching skills and participating in a service project to address recreational impacts in an area they enjoy and then publicizing that activity. For Venturers, this includes learning more detailed skills, and participating in a campaign to improve an area that they enjoy that includes teaching others and community outreach. *Action* is the key element in these awards, because our goal of instilling good outdoor ethics decision making will be most successful if it becomes engrained and long experience in outdoor ethics education shows that interaction with the natural environment is the best way to accomplish this.

After consultation with subject matter experts in Sea Scouting, separate criteria for that program will be introduced.

The detailed requirements for each program award are attached in a side-by-side comparison in Appendix “A” to show how the level of knowledge and action increases in an age-appropriate fashion. The adult awards facilitate the youth in earning the awards, while also encouraging them to act.

*Recognition:*

Members receive the BSA Outdoor Ethics Action Award from their unit upon completing the requirements. The actual award is a specially-designed name tag bearing the BSA outdoor ethics insignia. Unlike the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award, which is universal to all BSA programs, the Outdoor Ethics Action Award is program-specific. A youth may earn the appropriate insignia for his or her name tag for each program division that he or she completes. Hence, a youth could earn the award as a Cub Scout, then again as a Boy Scout, and finally as a Venturer. After Sea Scouting requirements are developed, division insignia would be made available. Upon earning the award, the youth receives the appropriate division insignia to add to the name tag. The following is a concept design.



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*Status:*

Name tag availability confirmed. Checking with Supply on division insignia availability or printing of division insignia decals on Outdoor Program budget.

**Outdoor Ethics Service Recognition**

Unlike the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards described above, these are not separate awards, but rather recognition for those BSA members who have actively engaged in outdoor ethics issues by leading and teaching others. The recognition would replace “Outdoor Ethics Action Award” on the nametag with the appropriate wording indicated below. There is considerable demand for easier identification and “official” BSA recognition of individuals who have taken these leadership roles and the Outdoor Ethics task force believes that incorporating this demand as part of the outdoor ethics name tag best meets this demand, as opposed to square knots or other items.

***Outdoor Ethics Trainer.*** This recognition is presented to any individual who is at least 14 years of age and:

- (1) Successfully completes the Leave No Trace Trainer course;
- (2) Conducts at least two BSA outdoor ethics orientation courses;
- (3) Completes at least one of the following:
  - (a) conducts at least two Leave No Trace awareness workshops putting that training to use; or
  - (b) if a Tread Trainer, conducts a TREAD awareness workshop and one Leave No Trace awareness workshop;
- (4) Submits training reports to the local council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or other authorized individual at the local council.

The recognition is presented upon authorization from the Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or other authorized individual at the local council level.

***Outdoor Ethics Master.*** This recognition is presented to any individual who is at least 18 years of age and:

- (1) Successfully completes one of the following:
  - (a) the Leave No Trace Master Educator course and instructs at least two BSA Leave No Trace Trainer courses; or
  - (b) the Tread Lightly! Master Tread Trainer course and the Leave No Trace Trainer course and assists in at least one BSA Leave No Trace Trainer course and instructs at least one Tread Trainer course;
- (2) Instructs two BSA outdoor ethics orientation courses.
- (3) Submits training reports to the local council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or other authorized individual at the local council.

The recognition is presented upon authorization from the Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or other authorized individual at the local council level.

***Outdoor Ethics Service.*** This recognition takes the form of an insignia on the outdoor ethics award name tag and is presented to any individual who completes one of the following:

- (1) A one year term as a council outdoor ethics advocate, during which time the individual facilitated and recruited staff and instructors for three or more Trainer courses and submitted an Annual Progress Report to the national council; or
- (2) Is a youth serving in a unit position of responsibility with primary outdoor ethics responsibilities (such as an Instructor, Troop or Team Leave No Trace Trainer or crew officer with outdoor ethics responsibilities) who organized a six month or longer program of unit activities comprehensively addressing Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and/or Land Ethics principles; or
- (3) Staffs or leads 10 or more of any combination of the following: Leave No Trace Trainer or Master Educator courses, Tread Lightly! Trainer or Master Trainer courses, BSA outdoor ethics orientation courses, awareness workshops, or events with a significant Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! or outdoor ethics focus, including non-BSA events.

The recognition is presented to adults upon authorization from the Scout Executive or designee upon the recommendation of the council outdoor ethics advocate or other authorized individual at the local council level. The recognition is presented to youth upon application by their unit leader.

***Outdoor Ethics Advocate.*** This recognition is worn on the name badge during active service as a council outdoor ethics advocate, an area outdoor ethics advocate, regional outdoor ethics coordinator, or national task force member.

### Roll Out Plan

The Outdoor Ethics task force has given considerable thought to roll out. We request approval in 2012 to allow for any necessary editorial work. The awards would be introduced on January 1, 2013 and could appear simultaneously in *Scouting*, *Boys' Life* and the *Awards and Recognitions* pamphlet, plus the [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) website. The task force is planning the National Outdoor Ethics Conference for October 25-28, 2012, which will gather together many of our leading outdoor ethics volunteers, including Council Outdoor Ethics Advocates, a council-level volunteer position, which is responsible for recruiting, promoting and resourcing outdoor ethics programming. The Conference will provide an unparalleled opportunity to provide *advance* training and information to the key volunteer resources prior to the formal roll out on January 1, 2013 so that local councils are forewarned and ready to hit the ground running. We have also checked with National Supply and believe that the January 1, 2013 timeframe would work well to avoid stranding existing inventory of Leave No Trace branded patches and items.

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**BSA Outdoor Ethics Action Awards**

<b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b>	<b>Varsity Scouts</b>	<b>Venturers</b>
<p>1.a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Describe to your den leader or parent/guardian what the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines mean to you.</p>	<p>1. Do each of the following:</p> <p>a. Unless already completed as a Cub Scout, earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Explain how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.</p>	<p>1. Do each of the following, unless already completed as a Cub Scout or Boy Scout.</p> <p>a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Explain how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.</p>	<p>1. Do each of the following, unless already completed as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Varsity Scout.</p> <p>a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Explain how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions during an outing or adventure.</p>
<p>2. 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 badge.</p>	<p>2.a. Read Chapter 7 of the <i>Boy Scout Handbook</i>.</p> <p>b. Teach a skill related to the Outdoor Code or Leave No Trace to another Scout in your troop or another Scouting unit.</p>	<p>2.a. Read Chapters 7-11 of the <i>Fieldbook</i>.</p> <p>b. Teach a skill related to Leave No Trace and a skill related to Tread Lightly! to another Scout in your team or another Scouting unit.</p>	<p>2.a. Read Chapters 7-11 of the <i>Fieldbook</i>, the discussion of Leave No Trace in the <i>Ranger Guidebook</i>, and the Foreword and chapters on Conservation Aesthetic, Wilderness and Land Ethic of <i>A Sand County Almanac</i> by Aldo Leopold. Explain in your own words what Aldo Leopold meant when he stated “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it does otherwise.”</p> <p>b. Lead a group approved by your unit leader in an activity that explores differing ethical view points using materials from <a href="http://www.scouting.org/outdooretics">www.scouting.org/outdooretics</a>, <a href="http://www.LNT.org">www.LNT.org</a> or <a href="http://www.treadlightly.org">www.treadlightly.org</a>.</p>
<p>3. Complete one of the following:</p> <p>a. With your family, put on a short activity (such as a skit or</p>	<p>3. Complete one of the following:</p> <p>a. Successfully complete a term as your troop Leave No Trace</p>	<p>3. Complete one of the following:</p> <p>a. Successfully complete a term as a troop or team Leave No Trace</p>	<p>3. Complete one of the following:</p> <p>a. Become a Leave No Trace Trainer, Tread Lightly! TREAD Trainer, or</p>



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<p>demonstration) at an outdoor activity or den meeting on a principle of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!; or</p> <p>b. With your den, put on a short activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at an outdoor activity or pack meeting on a principle of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!</p>	<p>Trainer; or</p> <p>b. Participate in an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or relevant Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use the outdoor ethics and the specific skills needed to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.</p>	<p>Trainer; or</p> <p>b. Participate in an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace and relevant Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the team participating in the outing should use the outdoor ethics and the specific skills needed to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.</p>	<p>have successfully completed a term as a troop or team Leave No Trace trainer or as a crew officer with responsibility for outdoor ethics training; or</p> <p>b. Research the complete set of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! skills related to a planned outdoor adventure. Working with your crew leadership, prepare for the adventure, including learning the skills needed to minimize impacts. Practice the skills at least once before heading out on your adventure. While on your adventure, all members of the crew participating in the adventure should use the outdoor skills and ethics necessary to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.</p>
<p>4. Follow the Leave No Trace principles or front country guidelines on three outings. Explain to your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course one thing you did on each outdoor activity to Leave No Trace.</p>	<p>4. Follow the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles on three outings. Write a paragraph on each outing explaining how you followed the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Share it with your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p>	<p>4. Follow the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles on three outings. Write a paragraph on each outing explaining how you followed the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Share it with your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p>	<p>4. Follow the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles on three outings. Develop a poster or presentation explaining how and why you followed the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Share it with a group approved by your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p>
<p>5. On a pack or den outing, participate in a service project that reduces impact from our use of the outdoors. Examples might be collecting litter, cleaning fire rings or grills, or other activities approved by the landowner or land manager.</p>	<p>5. On a troop outing, help your troop on a service activity that addresses recreational impacts related to the type of outing. The project should be approved in advance by the landowner or land manager and lead to permanent or long-term improvements.</p>	<p>5. On a team outing, help your team on a service activity that addresses recreational impacts related to the type of outing. The project should be approved in advance by the landowner or land manager and lead to permanent or long-term improvements.</p>	<p>5.a. Meet with a local land owner or land manager responsible for an outdoor recreational area or habitat that you use and/or enjoy and discuss the steps that you and your crew can take to reduce adverse impacts on the recreational ecosystem.</p> <p>5.b. With your crew leadership, help plan and participate in a campaign to</p>

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			<p>reduce the adverse impacts on the recreational ecosystem. The campaign should include both service elements (e.g., Land Ethic—service to the land) and outdoor ethics educational components to help educate the public about how to minimize impacts to the area.</p>
<p>4. With your family or den, make a poster about the skill you learned in requirement 3 or the project you did in requirement 4 and display it at your pack meeting.</p>	<p>5. Participate in a report at a Court of Honor or similar family event on the service activity in requirement 5.</p>	<p>6. Participate in a report at a Court of Honor, church gathering or similar event on the service activity in requirement 5.</p>	<p>6. Help plan and lead either a traditional or a social media event to educate the general public on the importance of protecting the area addressed in requirement 5 and how they can help.</p>

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<p>1.a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Show the NPS Leave No Trace video to your den or pack. You can access the video at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p>	<p>1.a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Discuss with your troop how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.</p>	<p>1.a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Discuss with your team how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.</p>	<p>1.a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. It is available at <a href="http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx">http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx</a></p> <p>b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.</p> <p>c. Discuss with your crew or ship how you live up to each of the four points of the Outdoor Code during an outing or adventure.</p>
<p>2. Read about the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! on <a href="http://www.LNT.org">www.LNT.org</a> and <a href="http://www.treadlightly.org">www.treadlightly.org</a>. Facilitate your Cub Scouts’ learning about a principle.</p>	<p>2. Read the <i>North American Skills &amp; Ethics</i> booklet to learn about the principles of Leave No Trace available on line at <a href="http://www.LNT.org">www.LNT.org</a>. Review the principles of Tread Lightly! at <a href="http://www.treadlightly.org">www.treadlightly.org</a>. Review Chapter 7 of the <i>Boy Scout Handbook</i> and Chapters 7-11 of the <i>Fieldbook</i>.</p>	<p>2. Read the <i>North American Skills &amp; Ethics</i> booklet to learn about the principles of Leave No Trace available on line at <a href="http://www.LNT.org">www.LNT.org</a>. Review the principles of Tread Lightly! at <a href="http://www.treadlightly.org">www.treadlightly.org</a>. Review Chapters 7-11 of the <i>Fieldbook</i>.</p>	<p>2.a. Read the <i>North American Skills &amp; Ethics</i> booklet to learn about the principles of Leave No Trace available on line at <a href="http://www.LNT.org">www.LNT.org</a>. Review the principles of Tread Lightly! at <a href="http://www.treadlightly.org">www.treadlightly.org</a>.</p> <p>b. Read Chapter 7-11 of the <i>Fieldbook</i>.</p> <p>c. Read the Foreword, and Chapters on Conservation Aesthetic, Wilderness and Land Ethic of the <i>A Sand County Almanac</i> by Aldo Leopold. Discuss with your crew what Aldo Leopold meant when he stated “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it does otherwise.”</p>
<p>3. Facilitate or participate with a family or den when they put on their activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at a den or pack meeting or outing about a principle of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!</p>	<p>3. Facilitate your troop’s leadership in planning and leading an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use outdoor ethics and the</p>	<p>3. Facilitate your team’s leadership in planning and leading an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the team participating in the outing should use outdoor ethics and the specific skills to minimize impacts from</p>	<p>3. Facilitate your crew leadership in planning and leading preparation for the adventure in youth requirement #3, including learning the skills needed to minimize impacts. Practice the skills at least once before heading out on your adventure. While on your adventure, facilitate all</p>

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	specific skills to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.	their use of the outdoors.	members of the crew participating in the adventure using the outdoor skills and ethics necessary to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Help plan and participate in three activities that your pack or den can complete while following Leave No Trace principles or the front country guidelines.	4. Help plan and participate in at least three outings where your troop can follow the Outdoor Code and practice the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Facilitate a discussion at the end of the outings.	4. Help plan and participate in at least three outings where your team can follow the Outdoor Code and practice the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Facilitate a discussion at the end of the outings.	4. Working with other Scouting or community groups, help find opportunities for your Venturers to make a presentation about how they have used the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and/or the Land Ethic in the outdoors.
5. Contact a local land owner or land manager to arrange the pack or den service project that reduces impact from our use of the outdoors. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Examples might be collecting litter, cleaning fire rings or grills, or other steps suggested by the landowner or land manager.	5. Assist your unit in arranging for a service project emphasizing outdoor ethics with a local landowner or land manager. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Participate in that project. The project should lead to permanent or long-term improvements.	5. Assist your unit in arranging for a service project emphasizing outdoor ethics with a local landowner or land manager. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Participate in that project. The project should lead to permanent or long-term improvements.	4. Facilitate a youth in contacting a local landowner or land manager in advance to arrange the details of the campaign for youth requirement 5. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Participate in both the service and educational aspects of that campaign. The project should lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Make or assist in a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your pack or den did for requirement 4.	6. Make, or facilitate youth in making, a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your troop did for requirement 4.	6. Make, or facilitate the youth in making, a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your team did for requirement 4.	6. Make, or facilitate the youth in making, a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your crew did for requirement 4.
7. Help your Cub Scout or another Cub Scout earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.	7. Help at least three Boy Scouts earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.	7. Help at least three Varsity Scouts earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.	7. Help at least three Venturers earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.