

2006 Fall Camporee Grand Towers District

A “Leave No Trace” Camporee



“Leave nothing but footsteps. Take nothing but memories and photographs.”

September 29-October 1, 2006

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Introduction to Leave No Trace

Leave-No-Trace is a comprehensive approach to living and behaving in the outdoors which encompasses not just camping, but also hiking, backpacking, and even just going to the park for an afternoon. The 2006 Fall Camporee will explore the seven principles of the Leave No Trace code. These principles are:

- * Plan Ahead and Prepare
- * Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- * Dispose of Waste Properly
- * Leave What You Find
- * Minimize Campfire Impacts
- * Respect Wildlife
- * Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Leave No Trace is not a series of hard and fast rules about what to do in any situation: How far should you camp from running water? What surfaces should you camp on? This information is part of Leave No Trace, but not all of it. Leave No Trace is an attitude and an ethic. Leave No Trace is about respecting and caring for wilderness, about doing your part to protect our limited resources and future recreation opportunities. Once the principles are embraced, the techniques follow.

The entire camporee will be an exercise in Leave No Trace. The seven principles given above will form the core of not just the events, but of the entire weekend. Your troop is encouraged to practice Leave No Trace as you camp at your campsite, as you set-up and take down your tents, as you move around the camporee area. Camping areas will be inspected after the event to see which Troops truly “Left no Trace”. You don’t have to go to the back-country to practice Leave No Trace camping.

Further information on Leave No Trace can be found in the Scout Handbook, at the BSA web site (www.scouting.org), and at the Leave No Trace website (www.lnt.org).

The Outdoor Code

*As an American I will do my best to-
Be clean in my outdoor manners
Be careful with fire
Be considerate in the outdoors
and
Be conservation-minded.*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 28th

- 5:00 – 9:30 PM Troops arrive at Camporee Area. **Check-in at District Headquarters and receive map showing Camping Areas**
- 9:30 – 10:00 PM Leaders/SPLs' Meeting at District Headquarters.
Discuss any additional rules for Camporee events.
- 12:00 PM Campsites quiet. All lights out.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th

- 8:30 AM **Morning Flag Raising.** Optional attendance.
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM Patrols should register at Staff HQ during this time for the morning “Leave No Trace” hike. Upon registering, the patrol will be assigned a time between 9:30 and 11:30 for its hike to begin.
- 9:30 – 11:30 AM “Leave No Trace” hikes. See events for details.
- 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM **Lunch. Be prepared for patrol activities to start at 1:00 PM.**
- 12:45 PM Assemble at the flagpole for announcements.
- 1:00 – 4:00 PM **Patrol Events.**
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM A Campwide event may be held at the discretion of the staff.
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM **Free Time.** Clean-up and prepare for Personal and Uniform Evaluation.
Rehearse Skits.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Continued)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th

5:30 PM **Retreat.** Flag Lowering. Personal and Uniform Evaluation conducted by Camporee Staff.

6:00-8:00 PM **Supper.** Be sure to allow time for clean-up so that at 8:00 PM everything is cleaned and put away.

Use this time to further rehearse skits.

8:00 PM **EVENING PROGRAM.** Assemble at Flag Pole to be led to the Evening Campfire site.

8:15-9:45 PM **CAMPFIRE: Skits and Entertainment by Patrols and Staff**

The Grand Towers Order of Arrow chapter will meet at the Campfire after the Patrols have returned to their campsites.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th

6:30 AM Wake-up

6:30-9:00 AM Prepare and eat Breakfast. Clean-up. Pack personal gear.

9:00 AM **Awards Ceremony and Closing**

9:00-10:00 AM Break Camp.

Take bags of aluminum cans, glass and plastic jugs home to be recycled. Police grounds. Clean Site. When ready to Check-out, send a Scout to District HQ to request final inspection of campsite. Trash Bags are to be removed by each Troop/Patrol.

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Leave No Trace hike on Saturday morning

On Saturday morning, each patrol will be taken on a 30 minute hike by a staff member. Part of this hike will be through the camp grounds, and part of the hike will be through 'wilderness'. During this hike, the patrol will be asked questions about what they see and encounter as it relates to Leave No Trace. For example, they may be asked how a campsite layout fits the Leave No Trace guidelines on camping. Or they may be asked where might be an appropriate spot to go to the bathroom in their immediate vicinity.

The patrol will also be judged based on their following the Leave No Trace guidelines during the hike. They should hike and behave accordingly.

The hike on Saturday will be worth 100 points. The exact nature of the scoring is to be determined.

There will be no other events on Saturday morning. Patrols should check in at Staff HQ between 9:00 and 9:15 AM to get assigned a slot for their hike. They will be given a Patrol Scorecard at this time and assigned a skit for the evening campfire. They should return to Staff HQ approximately ten minutes before their assigned time prepared for a 30 minute hike. They should have their scorecard with them at this time.

Patrols may not begin the events until they have checked in at HQ and received a scorecard.

Notes for Staff:

On this hike, examine the camping area with the Patrol in the context of Leave No Trace. How did the Troops do fires or cooking set-ups? Did they pitch their tents in an appropriate place? Have they been collecting their trash? What other things have they done to minimize their impact on the area? When you head into the woods, watch how the patrol behaves relative to 'Leave No Trace'. Are they all spread out, or are they following a trail? Are they throwing trash around? Are they respecting the wildlife and others on the trail? Are they picking up trash on the trail?

Ask them a few other questions. If they had to go to the bathroom on this hike, where would they go and how would they go?

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1) Plan ahead and prepare

The first principle of Leave No Trace is planning ahead. Planning ahead ensures that the group is properly prepared for the trip and brings equipment and supplies appropriate for the destination. Canned goods are not the best option when you need to pack out your trash over several days, but may be perfect for a no-pot meal on a quick overnight event where fires can be used. Stoves may be required in National Parks where fires are prohibited. Know the rules and regulations of the areas you are visiting and plan accordingly.

The patrol should arrive at this event with two representative packs for a patrol outing. These will be used in the first phase.

In the second phase, the patrol will be asked to plan an outing to a specific location. They will be given 10 minutes to develop a list of supplies for the trip.

Scoring:	First phase	40 points
	Second phase	40 points
	Patrol teamwork and cooperation	<u>20 points</u>
		Maximum 100 points

2) Travel and camp on durable surfaces

Think about the camps at S-F Scout Ranch – dusty, packed earth, well-worn paths through from one area to another. This is the result of hundreds of scouts each summer walking the same trails, camping at the same spots. In the back country, there is a time to follow the established path and a time for each scout to walk his own line. To minimize your impact on the areas you visit, you must know the appropriate places to walk and camp.

The scouts will be given maps for two different regions and asked to set up a camp in each. They will be given ten minutes for each region.

Scoring:	Properly located campsites, up to 40 points per region	80 points
	Patrol teamwork and cooperation	<u>20 points</u>
		Maximum 100 points

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3) Dispose of waste properly

Garbage is one of the most ubiquitous signs of previous human presence in an area. An old soda can visible at the bottom of the river as you canoe by. A plastic wrapper from a candy bar discarded along the side of the trail. These are obvious forms of waste, and should be packed out (or avoided all together by planning properly). But there is also dirty water from washing pots or brushing your teeth – this cannot be packed out. And then there is human waste, which you definitely do not want to pack out.

For the first activity, the patrol will be given five minutes to sort a variety of waste items by the length of time it takes for those items to decompose if they are left in the wilderness. In the second part of the event, the patrol will be asked how to properly dispose of each of these items.

Scoring:	First phase	40 points
	Second phase	40 points
	Patrol teamwork and cooperation	<u>20 points</u>
		Maximum 100 points

4) Leave what you find

In the Petrified Forest in the southwest, there are photos of old petrified trees which are no longer present because over many years, everyone who visited took a small piece. Leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but memories and photographs.

In this event, the patrol will be sent to survey a wilderness area and report on what they find and what they learned from what they found. They will also be asked to reconstruct a picture from the pieces they find.

Scoring:	Survey of site and discussion	80 points
	Patrol teamwork and cooperation	<u>20 points</u>
		Maximum 100 points

5) Minimize campfire impacts

Scorched dirt can take a long time to properly regenerate to fruitful soil. Light back-packing stoves can be a simpler, quicker and more effective means of cooking on a back-packing trip. Still, the images of roasting marshmallows on a stick or telling tales around the campfire are an enduring image of Scouting, and there are ways to build fires while minimizing the impact on the woods around you. The patrol will be asked to build a small fire following Leave No Trace principles. (They will not need to light the fire.) Then they will pretend to extinguish it and dispose of the remains appropriately.

Scoring:	Properly laying the fire according to LNT	50 points
	Properly disposing of remains	30 points
	Patrol teamwork and cooperation	<u>20 points</u>
		Maximum 100 points

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CAMPFIRE SKIT DESCRIPTION FORM

Patrol name _____ Troop _____

Title of Skit _____

Brief Description:

Scoutmaster signature: _____

This form should be completed and submitted at Staff Headquarters no later than 4:30 PM on Saturday.

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TROOP ROSTER

Unit # _____

(Please indicate if Cub Scout, Webelos or Boy Scouts)

Adults: _____

Scouts: _____

List names of attendees below. Use reverse side if needed.