

BSA Outdoor Ethics





Outdoor ethics is deeply ingrained in the BSA program. No place is this more important than in the outdoors. Scouting and Venturing have a long, proud tradition of conservation service to the nation. How do we preserve that tradition? By heeding the challenge in 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.
Be conservation minded.**

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Cub Scouts and their leaders interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace should begin by exploring the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. The requirements are as follows:


1. Describe what the [Outdoor Code](#) means to you.
 2. Complete the [Leave No Trace online course](#)  and print the certificate.
 3. Complete the [Tread Lightly! TL! Kids Outdoor Quiz](#)  and print the certificate. Click on the "Outdoor Quiz" arrow.
 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.
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Outdoor Ethics Action Award

The Outdoor Ethics Action Award challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills. The requirements for the Outdoor Ethics Action Award are as follows:

Cub Scout Action Award Requirements

1. Do the following:
 - a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.

- b. Describe to your den leader or parent/guardian what the Leave No Trace front country guidelines mean to you.
 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.
 3. Complete one of the following:
 - a. With your family, put on a short activity (such as a skit or demonstration) at an outdoor activity or den meeting on a principle of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!
 - 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!
 4. Follow the [Leave No Trace principles](#)  or frontcountry 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.
 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.
 6. 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.
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<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards/CubScout.aspx>

[National Park Service Leave No Trace video](#) 