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Frontcountry Education Takes Hold in Idaho



A view from above, sampling some of the scenic frontcountry trails that Boise, Idaho has to offer. The Leave No Trace Center For Outdoor Ethics is taking an active role here to incorporate education for Boise residents as part of its Frontcountry Program.

Since the fall of 2002, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics has been working with the Ridge to Rivers Partnership in Boise, Idaho to develop a comprehensive educational program to target people who enjoy the diverse Frontcountry resources in the Boise Foothills. Frontcountry, a growing focus of the Leave No Trace program, is defined as outdoor areas, easily

accessible by vehicle and mostly visited by day users.

“We opted to incorporate Leave No Trace because of its name recognition and the research that has been done relating to messages and delivery strategies. This is a more efficient approach than trying to reinvent the wheel,” said Tim Breuer, Ridge to Rivers Trail Coordinator.

Ridge to Rivers is a unique Partnership among government agencies (including the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Ada County, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the City of Boise), private landowners, non-profit organizations and private individuals. The Partnership works cooperatively to manage an extensive system of trails and roads that meander through approximately 75,000 acres of land between Boise Ridge and the Boise River. This vast recreational resource is home to many unique plant and animal species, while providing the residents of Boise and surrounding communities an easy escape from their busy lives.

Many outdoor opportunities exist in the Boise Foothills such as mountain biking, hiking, trail running, and wildlife and bird watching, just to name a few. Another distinctive quality of the Boise Foothills is that most areas are open to dogs, creating an environment for people to spend quality time outdoors, near their homes, with their pets. Hiking and trail running with pets and mountain biking are favorite activities in the Foothills.

“Open spaces next to communities are popular places for quick outdoor adventure, and the ‘urban Frontcountry’ is becoming more important as a place for convenient outdoor recreation and escape from the urban hum,” said Breuer.

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Number of Americans who are members of an environmental or conservation Group: 15.8 million

Number of Americans who plan to visit a federally-designated Wilderness in the next year: 143 million

Number of Grizzly Bears in the lower 48 states: between 800 and 1,020

Number of Americans who hunted in 2000: 22.8 million

Number of Americans who went freshwater fishing in 2000: 51.4 million

Number of miles the typical US meal travels from farm to plate: 1,250

Total mileage of wild and scenic rivers in the United States: 4,418 miles

Number of blue whales that have been sighted in the past twenty-five years: 75

In Brazil, estimated percent of all illegal drug shipments that are combined with wildlife: 40%

Percent of the world's total land area that is a designated "protected area": 3

Minimum number of animal species that are endangered worldwide: 1,000

Number of animal species that are listed as threatened or endangered in the US today: 496

Percent of North America's waste that is recycled or burned: 2

Number of tons of waste created for each new car made: 27

Energy that a bicycle uses per passenger vs. that of a car: 2%

Percent of Americans who like to drive their cars for pleasure: 41

Length of the longest stream in North America (Bear River in Northeastern Utah) that does not empty into an ocean: 500 miles

The only state that does not contain an area in the National Park System: Delaware

Minimum number of acres that make up the U.S. National Park System today: 83 million

Amount of America's public lands that are inaccessible to motorized vehicles: 50,000,000 acres

Percent of electricity in the US used to run commercial buildings: 31

Amount of money Americans who participated in wildlife related activities in 2001 spent on their fishing, hunting and wildlife-watching activities: \$108,000,000,000

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DISPATCHES

traces in the news

NEW FRESHWATER ANGLING SKILLS & ETHICS BOOKLET ON ITS WAY

61.4 million Americans went freshwater fishing in 2000

In the continuing efforts to reach people with the Leave No Trace message, the Leave No Trace Center is gearing up to add another edition to our popular Skills & Ethics booklet series. Although there are currently 16 booklets in the series, "we're just not effectively reaching all the anglers out there with Leave No Trace information," according to Nancy Roper from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thanks to their grant as well as the support and time of several partners, the Center will produce the 17th booklet in the series. Work on the new Angling Skills & Ethics booklet has already begun, and the new booklets should be ready for distribution early in 2004.

ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME: SUBARU/LEAVE NO TRACE TRAVELING TRAINERS TAKE IT ON

Ten National Park Service Wilderness Rangers, all highly experienced land management professionals, take their seats around the conference table. Steaming coffee and the harsh light of the morning sun help awaken the group for this early session. Thirty twelve-year-old Boy Scouts circle around a camp stove, the potential for a tasty dinner (or maybe an explosion?) momentarily draws their attention away from the fireflies, raccoons and other assorted distractions of their evening surroundings — 50 Raft guides, 24 schoolchildren, 10,000 conference attendees, dawn, two hours right after lunch, a two day course, Montana, North Carolina, Maine. These scenarios describe only a fraction of the teaching situations our teams find themselves in. And the best part is that regardless of the group's size, setting, or state of mind, they are able to provide exactly what each one needs. That's what makes the Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers special. If you would like to request a visit from our skilled educators, whether you have a grand event or a minor get-together, log on to www.travelingtrainers.org

ONLINE TRAINER COURSE REPORTING

The Leave No Trace Center has recently added online reporting to its services for new Trainers and the Masters Educators who are teaching Trainer courses. Currently, the Center sends each new Trainer a certificate when a course roster including participant information is

submitted. To make this process easier, Master Educators can now log-on to www.LNT.org and select "Training Course Information." Once on the Training page, Masters fill out a simple form that feeds directly to the Center. Submitting course rosters online is easy and will ensure that new Trainers receive their certificates as quickly as possible. For more information about Trainer course reporting, please contact Gavin McMillan at gavin@LNT.org.

DOUBLE DOSE OF FAME

The Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainer Program has received some special exposure this year. In late June Team West, Marcia and Gabe Williamson took part in a film shoot for a one-minute spot for Leave No Trace on the Outdoor Life Network, a cable channel that features outdoor sports and adventure programming. In addition, Crystal Bethea, one half of our Traveling Trainer Team East, has been profiled in the June issue of *Heart and Soul* magazine. This magazine, tailored for African American women, presented Crystal as one of three women who have made adventure an important part of their lives. Our congratulations go out to Crystal for the unique recognition she has garnered from the article, and we hope she won't forget us once the movie deal comes in!

CFC SEASON APPROACHES: GIVE BACK TO THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPES YOU LOVE!

If you are a federal employee, give to Leave No Trace through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Through the CFC, using payroll deduction, you can support Leave No Trace year-round. Leave No Trace: CFC #2366 (Federal Employees Only.)

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Kurt Achtenhagen is the Leave No Trace Center's new Director of Finance and Operations. Kurt describes himself as "jack of all trades" as he rattles off the extensive outdoor pursuits he enjoys. We're just impressed that he rides an hour into the foothills to his home every evening after work. Laura Nilo, the new Traveling Trainer Coordinator is a former Forest Service Ranger and has worked for various outdoor nonprofit organizations including Women's Wilderness Institute and Climbing for Life. Laura brings a solid outdoor recreation back-



Dispatches Continued ...

ground to her new post at the Center and we look forward to her new role here. Joel Stretch, who spent the summer as Office Assistant Wizard at the Center will officially join the staff in September as the Membership and Outreach Coordinator. Joel, a recent Texas A&M graduate with a degree in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences, has spent the summer enjoying Boulder's vertical landscapes. We also welcome Lara Rogers, Intern Extraordinaire who will be taking on official Leave No Trace assistant duties in the fall. We thank Gavin McMillan and David Braun for their incredible service and wish them bon voyage on the exciting adventures they both have planned in the coming months.

Advocacy in Action, Continued from page 8 ...

over the United States will meet at the national training center in New York and many will participate in Leave No Trace classes designed to help them integrate the principles of Leave No Trace into their outdoor frontcountry and backcountry curriculum. I hope that this gathering will spread the word to Girl Scout councils throughout the United States, encouraging them to make the concepts of Leave No Trace part of their outdoor training plans.

The biggest challenge in California is how to "get the word" out to all the Master Educators. With increased use of the Leave No Trace website, I hope that Masters throughout the state will be encouraged to offer Trainer courses and use the internet to advertise these courses. So, any Masters out there, call me and I will help you get your class the publicity you need! behind the principles. I look forward to continuing to spread the ethics and skills of Leave No Trace wherever I roam.

Idaho Frontcountry, Continued from page 1 ...

While many like the thrill of a great ride or the adrenaline rush of a great trail run, many more just enjoy a short hike before or after work. As with any lands used for recreation, there is always going to be some level of impact as a result of the use and the Boise Foothills are no exception.

According to Breuer, "The popularity of the Foothills has inevitable increases in user conflicts and resource impacts." The most pressing issues faced by the Ridge to Rivers Partnership are dog issues (dog waste and keeping pets under control), mountain bike etiquette, user conflicts (the sharing of multi-use trails), off-trail travel and the use of trails when muddy, leading to severe erosion. In order to effectively deal with these impacts, the Ridge to Rivers Partnership opted to develop a site-specific Leave No Trace program to educate users about how to minimize their individual impacts.

"As land managers, we have a responsibility to the land and the community to assure that both are treated with respect," said Breuer. To that end, the Partnership decided to utilize education rather than regulation. "Many of the impacts that we're dealing with can often be addressed by using education and outreach, which is better received by the community than more rules and regulations that are often tough to enforce."

After a site visit to Boise by the Center for Outdoor Ethics staff and an initial consultation and review of the resource impacts in the Foothills, the Partnership and the Center began developing locally-tailored Leave No Trace information to meet the specific recreation and resources management needs of the Foothills.

As Breuer put it, "Leave No Trace provides an excellent framework to customize messages that relate to a specific community's personality and issues. The Frontcountry program is the 'cafeteria' approach to etiquette messaging."

Although the work in the Boise Foothills is not complete, it is well underway and already making a difference. As more and more recreationists learn through the Boise Frontcountry program how they can enjoy the outdoors while minimizing their impacts, everyone will benefit, including the land!

Ben Lawhon is the Education Manager for the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. For more information on the Leave No Trace Frontcountry Program or to develop a site-specific program, please contact ben@lnt.org.

KEEPING WILDLIFE WILD

Have you ever been hiking along a trail and seen a mother bear and her cubs, a large bull moose or a bald eagle? It can be a truly wonderful experience. Unfortunately though, wildlife around the world faces threats from loss and fragmentation of habitat, invasive species, pollution, over-exploitation, poaching and disease. National and state parks, preserves, wilderness, open space and other protected lands offer a last refuge from some, but not all of these problems. Consequently, wild animals need people to be responsible when they are outdoors. They need people to promote their survival rather than add to their growing difficulties.

Because outdoor recreation, in its many forms, is dispersed over large areas and all seasons, its impacts on wildlife can be equally extensive. In many cases, fish, birds, mammals and reptiles are negatively affected by people recreating in their habitats. It is up to each of us to coexist peacefully and responsibly with wildlife no matter where or how we recreate.

Here are a few things to remember on your next outing that will help keep wildlife wild:

» **When possible, observe wildlife from a distance** – By observing or photographing wild animals from a distance, you can minimize the chance(s) that you will startle them. Many areas provide observation platforms or designated areas from which you may have a great vantage point. If an animal changes its behavior, such as by suddenly running away, ceasing to feed or displaying aggressive

behavior, you are too close. If animals are on the move, be sure to give them plenty of room.

» **Never feed wild animals**– Feeding wildlife alters their natural behavior and diet. It also prompts them to associate humans with food.



THE STARK TRUTH IS, IF WE WANT WILD ANIMALS, WE HAVE TO MAKE SACRIFICES.

COLIN TUDGE – WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Once animals develop a taste for human foods and begin to actively seek humans out, animals become habituated with food conditioning. This scenario can be deadly to animals because it causes them to deviate from their natural diet, lures them to hazardous locations such as roadside trailheads and campsites, and also can cause them to congregate in unnatural numbers leading to the spread of disease within their populations.

» **Control your pet** – Wildlife and pets are not a good mix. A pet under control lessens the chance it will be harmed by wildlife. Pets should not approach wildlife and should never be allowed to chase or harass wild animals. When pets impact wild animals, these animals tend to change their feeding patterns, exert more energy (fleeing) and relocate to sometimes less desirable habitats, which can lead to poor health or even death. You should always carry a leash and use it if it is required.

» **Store food and trash properly** – Human food and trash should always be securely stored. Whether you are in a developed picnic area or a backcountry campsite in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, it is always best to make sure that animals will not come into contact with your food or garbage. If you're in the backcountry, hang your food or store it in a bear canister. If you're in a more developed area or day-use area, store your food in a car or an on-site food locker.

By being in-the-know you can have more fun in the outdoors, see more wildlife and minimize your impact on wild animals. For research information regarding recreational impacts on wildlife, please check out *Wildlife and Recreationists: Coexistence Through Management and Research* by Richard Knight and Kevin Gutzwiller, 1995.

– Ben Lawhon

DRIVING SUPPORT TO PARTNERS

Did you know that Leave No Trace has over 200 official partners who believe in and support the organization's mission and work? These partners include corporations, outdoor retailers, guide services, non-profit organizations, schools, city and state parks, universities, land management agencies, outfitters and other groups.

We know that partners support Leave No Trace, but how do the Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers support partners? Over the past several months, we have enjoyed the privilege of working closely with a number of Leave No Trace partners, an especially satisfying opportunity for us to give back to those who contribute to Leave No Trace. Delivering workshops to partners augments the strength of our working relationships and contributes to mutual success. Here are a few snapshots from this spring:

One notable event on Memorial Day weekend was the Bolder Boulder, a 10-kilometer road race, sponsored by Subaru, that attracted 48,000 runners and walkers. In addition to running the race with our friends from Subaru and staffing an outreach booth, we displayed the Leave No Trace Outback, the car we have been driving on our Traveling Trainer adventure this year, a great visual demonstration of the Leave No trace partnership with Subaru.

In Wyoming, The Grand Teton Lodge Company offers a wide range of outdoor recreational activities to visitors who come to Grand Teton National Park. The Leave No Trace Center has developed a series of educational materials specifically for visitors to the lodge. Additionally, the park concessionaire energetically promotes Leave No Trace to its thousand-person staff, and their guests that participate in trail rides, float trips, nature walks and other forms of outdoor enjoyment.

Following our stay at the Tetons, we met with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps leaders and mentors from the Continental Divide Trail Association. They participated in lively discussions regarding ethics and the Leave No Trace principles. Throughout the summer, these leaders will have daily teaching opportunities with the thousands of users of Colorado trails.

The San Juan Mountains Association, co-creator of the Leave No Trace Kids Calendar, serves as a vital educational link between the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service and the general public

in the Durango region of Southwest Colorado. The two-part Awareness Workshop we facilitated targeted Wilderness Rangers, volunteer Wilderness Information Specialists, Ghost Riders (horse-mounted volunteers that educate forest visitors) and San Juan Mountains Association staff.

Summer camp offers a delightful way to make friends, develop skills and establish a connection to nature. The 82-year old Cheley Colorado Camps attracts people from all around the world to participate in such outdoor recreational pursuits as horseback riding, backpacking and river trips. With over 10 million youth attending 12,000 camps across the United States the benefits of teaching Leave No Trace are as important to camping as S'mores!

Finally, we met with the talented cartographers, marketing specialists and managers at National Geographic Maps. They investigated their personal land ethic during a "Lunch and Learn" training session. Next time you pick up a National Geographic Map, note the listing of the seven Leave No Trace principles.

A big reason for the success of Leave No Trace can be attributed directly to our active relationships with the wide range of Leave No Trace partners. To all of you, we say thank you for your generosity, your support of our mission, your interest in enhancing the quality of outdoor leisure pursuits, and your undeniable care for protecting public lands.

Traveling Trainer, Gabe Williamson engaging in a hot game of Leave No Trace Jeopardy, one of the many educational tools the Teams use to reach people with minimum impact skills and ethics.



Marcia & Gabe

the field

TEAM EAST LEAVES A LASTING IMPACT AT 26TH AND THOMPSON STREETS

Robert E. Morris Charter School is a long way from anywhere you might consider “backcountry”. In fact, the neighborhood around Robert E. Morris in northwest Philadelphia is about as “inner-city” as it gets! It seems an unlikely spot to find the Traveling Trainers, but 18 eager, young Leave No Trace advocates are here. Finally, we were going to meet them in the flesh.

Since January, Mrs. William’s third graders have followed Team East. Each month, they read our on-line journal, charted our progress, and checked for new assignments. The assignments combined ecology,

learned about petrified wood, how crystals form, and the importance of “Leave What You Find”. We also learned about raccoons, what an omnivore eats, and how to “Respect Wildlife”. We learned about cryptobiotic soil, tidal pool habitats, how to “Choose the Right Path” and the importance of “Know Before You Go”.

This morning, Mrs. William’s class would arrive to find their classroom transformed into Camp Leave No Trace. Desks were pushed aside to make room for a kayak, our “Know Before You Go Tent”, the “Black Bear--Respect Wildlife Learning Center”, and the “Trash Your Trash--Trail Snack Bar”. Our tricked-out Outback was also parked on a side street, awaiting their inspection.

Most of Mrs. William’s class had never seen a kayak, or been inside a tent, but it was our Subaru and our life on the road that really captured their imaginations. Most, have never been outside the city. “Yes, we really have been to 18 states.” “Yes, we carry everything with us in the car.”

What did they learn today? In their own words:

“Bears are omnivores. They eat meat and plants.”

“You shouldn’t throw your trash on the ground.”

“Bears don’t mate for life.”

“You should never feed wild animals.”

“When you’re in the wilderness, you should be careful where you step. You could kill a flower or hurt an animal.”

“You need specialized equipment to go camping. You should always tell someone where you are going.”

“When I grow up, I’m going to have a job like yours, so I can travel and teach people things.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, “A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.” Did we stretch some minds at 26th and Thompson Streets? Did we leave a lasting impact? You bet, we did!



Mrs. Lois Williams third grade class at the Robert E. Morris Charter School receive their long awaited visit from Traveling Trainers, Crystal and Peter.

geology and geography lessons with Leave No Trace Principles.

Together, we’ve learned how to search the internet, studied the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge web-page, and learned why some birds migrate. We’ve discussed the importance of preserving wild places, and why it is important to “Trash Your Trash”. We’ve



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ADVOCACY *in Action*

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JULIE BIRD, UTAH STATE ADVOCATE

Recently, I had the pleasure of working with Cheryl Marzec of Sinbad Tours who had just joined Leave No Trace as a partner. She was anxious to receive Leave No Trace training, and to incorporate Leave No Trace principles into the many tours she guides throughout Southern Utah.

Cheryl proposed a backpacking trip to Salt Creek in Canyonlands as a trainer course. She invited five friends that were also outdoor enthusiasts to join her. Thus, the last weekend of May, seven of us — the

maximum group size allowed — set off for four days in the backcountry of Canyonlands Needles District. We experienced the cactus and many different wildflowers in bloom, ancient Indian dwellings, artifacts, pictographs and the wonderful scent of spring sage. Many great opportunities to hone our Leave No Trace skills and ethics were presented themselves.



Julie Bird getting out there in Utah.

In my nearly three years as the State Advocate for Utah, I've enjoyed teaching workshops or Trainer courses to groups such as the Back Country Horse Users, Boy Scouts and the Junior Ranger program at Jordanelle State Park. I have also been privileged to do trail outreach in Canyonlands and Arches National Parks with the Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers. I look forward to continuing work with the many Masters and Trainers here in Utah to spread the Leave No Trace message.

LIZ GARLAND, CALIFORNIA STATE ADVOCATE

We have had a busy year spreading the message of Leave No Trace throughout California! In late 2002, the decision was made by several Master Educators, the state coordinator JoAnne Schiffer-Burdett and me to post all Master and Trainer courses on the Leave No Trace website. This little step has made it much easier

to increase the lines of communication over the large geographic area we cover.

Three Leave No Trace Trainer courses were held outside Sacramento along the scenic South Fork of the American River. Participants included Girl Scout and Boy Scout adult leaders, several community outreach groups and concerned citizens who read about the classes on the Leave No Trace website. Due to the diverse nature of all these groups, we enjoyed lively and thought provoking discussions. More than that, everyone went home with new tools designed to bring the Leave No Trace message into his or her community.

The Southern California contingent spearheaded by Joanne Schiffer-Burdett and Marlene Lugg, has increased the number of training classes, specifically targeting youth groups. We have discovered great enthusiasm in California for the development of frontcountry materials that can be used by youth serving agencies who "car camp" more than backpack. We look forward to making this an important part of all Leave No Trace trainer courses offered throughout the state.

The Traveling Trainers visited a national Girl Scout Wider Opportunity event in Yosemite National Park at the end of

July. This event featured 30 girls from across the United States teaching Leave No Trace songs, games, and various activities to 150 younger Girl Scouts from the local Yosemite area. The Traveling Trainers added a dimension of fun to this educational event.

This fall, Girl Scout outdoor trainers from all



Liz Garland enjoying another great California day.

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TRAINING NOTES by Michael Cheek

In the interest of streamlining the number of Leave No Trace publications, the Master Network Newsletter is no longer being published. This update is the first installment of what will be a regular feature in the Tracker.

The Master Educator Course Curriculum Guide, formerly called the "Training Guide" is in the process of being revised for the first time in 12 years. Under the direction of the Educational Review Committee, the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), the "Master Educator Handbook" is scheduled for publication in August of 2003. This handbook will be the definitive resource for Master Educators to conduct Trainer Courses and Awareness Workshops in their local areas. Participants on Master Courses will receive the handbook as part of their package of materials and the handbook will be available to Masters who attended courses prior to 2003.

As of June 2003, participants on NOLS Master Educator Courses can earn 2 hours of college credit through the University of Utah. This is hopefully the first step in having Leave No Trace included in the curriculum of Outdoor Education/Recreation programs throughout the U.S. Other Master Educator highlights of the past year include the following:

- AMC conducted their first canoeing Master Educator Course at Rangely Lakes, Maine, in August 2002.
- Eight Saudi Arabian nationals representing the Saudi National Commission of Wildlife Conservation came to the U.S. in November 2002 to be trained as Master Educators, spending ten days traveling and camping on durable surfaces in the canyon country of Southeast Utah.
- An instructor from the National Autonomous University of Mexico School of Mountaineering attended an AMC Master Course in April 2003.
- The first Master Educator course in Nevada was conducted in May 2003 at the Blackrock Desert National Conservation Area.
- On the international scene, Master Educators have been trained in Chile, Mexico and Norway in the past year.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the efforts of many dedicated partners working together.

Michael Cheek has been a NOLS Instructor since 1990 and is currently the Leave No Trace Program coordinator at NOLS Headquarters in Lander, Wyoming.

Master Link

2003 Courses offered by the National Outdoor Leadership School

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Sept. 8-12	Isle Royale National Park, MI	Canoeing
Sept. 15-19	Rocky Mountain National Park, CO	Backpacking
Sept. 15-19	Kings Canyon/Sequoia Natl Park, CA	Horsepacking
Sept. 15-19	Mt. Rogers Natl Rec Area, VA	Backpacking
Sept. 22-26	Coconino National Forest, AZ	Backpacking
Sept. 22-26	Olympic National Park, WA	Backpacking
Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	King Range Natl Cons Area, CA	Backpacking
Sept. 29 - Oct. 4	Green River/Labyrinth Canyon, UT	Canoeing
Oct. 13-17	Amicalola Falls State Park, GA	Backpacking
Oct. 27-31	Ouachita National Forest, AR	Backpacking

*For more information on NOLS Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses please contact:
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2003 Courses offered by the Appalachian Mountain Club

DATE	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
August 25-29	Pinkham Notch, NH	Canoeing
September 22-26	Delaware Water Gap, NJ	Backpacking
October 6-10	Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee, VT	Backpacking

*For more information on AMC Leave No Trace Master Educator Courses please contact:
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TRAINING COOKBOOK ... LOOKING FOR NEW RECIPES

The first edition of the Leave No Trace Training Cookbook has been used effectively for the past few years, and it is time to develop a second volume. We will continue to revise the cookbook to include your Leave No Trace training recipes for students from all experience levels, backgrounds, and age groups.

We would like to compile activities and training ideas that you currently use while in the field teaching Leave No Trace including, but not limited to:

1. Training ideas for specific age groups, especially youth
2. Activities for one hour to one-day presentations and/or training
3. Any creative ideas and techniques you have used to reach the general public with Leave No Trace

Your activity suggestions will become part of the curricula that Leave No Trace educators can turn to for teaching ideas. Please visit the following link to download recipe submission forms: <http://www.lnt.org/TeachingLNT/MasterQuestions.php>. Please return the questionnaire to Leave No Trace, Inc., P.O. Box 997 Boulder, CO 80306.

In return for submitting your ideas, we will recognize you as a contributor to the Training Cookbook, send you a hard copy of the book, and offer you a 10% discount on your next order of Leave No Trace materials. Contact Ben at ben@lnt.org with any questions. Thank you for the invaluable contribution you provide to the national Leave No Trace program.

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Leki USA
Montrail
SOLTAC
Timberland

Retailers/Outfitters/Guides

Adventure 16, San Diego, CA
Adventure Professionals, Inc., Seattle, WA
Alaska Outdoors, Wasilla, AK
Allegany Expeditions, Cumberland, MD
Alpine Ascents International, Seattle, WA
Alpine Shop, St. Louis, MO
Austin Lehman Adventures, Billings, MT
Base Gear Company, Los Angeles, CA
Bugaboo Mountain Sports, Santa Cruz, CA
Campmor, Paramus, NJ
Crossing Latitudes, Inc., Bozeman, MT
Enertia Trail Foods, Kettering, OH
Footsloggers, Boone, NC
Four Season Outfitters & Guides, Flagstaff, AZ
Galyan's (All Locations)
Get-Outdoors.com, Berkeley, CA
High Country, Inc., Atlanta, GA
La Cordee, Montreal, Quebec
LL Bean (All Locations)
Lee's Sports & Sportswear, Kalamazoo, MI
Lost Canyon Ranch, Dolores, CO
Maine Sport Outfitters, Rockport, ME
Mountain Adventures, Mills, WY
Mountain Chalet, Colorado Springs, CO
Mountain High, Inc. Wichita, KS
Mountain Madness, Seattle, WA
Neptune Mountaineering, Boulder, CO
Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting, Buena Vista, CO
Northstar Outdoor Adventures, Lexington, KY
Northwest Adventures, Ellensburg, WA
Paddle Masters, St. Paul, MN
Rainier Mountaineering, Tacoma, WA
REI (All Locations)
Rosebud Llama Utah, Fruitland, UT
Scappoose Bay Kayaking, Warren, OR
SOLO, North Conway, NH
Specialty Sports, Inc., Denver, CO
Sports Basement, San Francisco, CA
Sunrift Adventures, Travelers Rest, SC
The Trail House, Frederick, MD
Tideway Treks, Damariscotta, ME
Timberline Adventures, Dallas, TX
Way Out West Trek & Tours, Tuscon, AZ
Western River Expeditions, Salt Lake City, UT
Wet Dawg, Inc., Eugene, OR
Wet Planet Rafting, Inc., White Salmon, WA
Whitewater Challengers, Old Forge, NY
Wild Bird Gardens, Uxbridge, MA
Wilderness Adventure, New Castle, VA
Your Planet, Salt Lake City, UT
Yosemite Concession Services, Yosemite, CA
Yosemite Mountaineering School, Yosemite, CA

Non-Profits/Parks/Schools

Adirondack Mountain Club
Alliance for Chesapeake Bay
American Discovery Trail Society
American Hiking Society
American Mountain Guides Association
American Whitewater
Appalachian Mountain Club
Appalachian Trail Conference
Arizona Trails Association
Association for Experiential Education
Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

Audubon Magazine
Boy Scouts of America
Breckenridge Outdoor Ed Center
Burning Man
Camp Chief Ouray/YMCA of Rockies
Camp Tekakewitha
Central de Estudios S. Mende Infesta
Charles Country, MD Office of Tourism
City of Largo, Parks Division
Colorado Fourteener's Initiative
Colorado Mountain Club
Continental Divide Trail Alliance
CO State Univ. - Outdoor Adventure Program
Deer Lake Wilderness School
Denver Area Prep
Educo Outdoor Leadership School
Florida Trail Association
Four Corners School of Outdoor Education
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club
Girl Scouts, Lake Erie Council
Girl Scouts of AZ, Cactus Pine Council
Girl Scouts, Shawnee Council
Go For Green, CA
Grand Teton Natural History Association
Green Mountain Club
Green Mountain College
Impeesa District Occoneechee Council BSA
High Mountain Institute
Int'l Mountain Bicycling Association
Jefferson County Open Space
Landmark Learning, LLC
Little Miami, LLC
Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Maine Island Trails Association
Mattaponi & Pamunkey Rivers Assoc.
MerleThorpe, Jr. Charitable Trust
Mid-East RC & D Council
Monmouth County Park System, Lincroft, NJ
Mount Washington Observatory
National Environmental Education Training Foundation
National Outdoor Leadership School
Nevada Commission on Tourism
Nevada Division of Wildlife
Nevada Division of State Parks
New York/ New Jersey Trail Conference
New York State Outdoor Guides Association
New York State SDE
Niobrara Council
North Idaho College, Outdoor Pursuits
NWCC Wilderness Guiding Skills Program
OpEPA
Oregon Dept. of Forestry
Outdoor Campus Engineers
Outdoor Industry Association
Outward Bound USA
Pacific Crest Trail Association
Park Stewardship Through The Arts
Passport to Wellness
Pathways to Adventure
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club
Randolph Mountain Club
Reach Ministries, Int.
Roanoke River Partners, Inc.
Rocky Mountain Nature Association
Saco River Project of The Nature Conservancy
San Juan Mountains Association
Scouts Canada
Search and Rescue of the Northern Adirondacks
See You At The Top!
Sierra Club
Sierra Club Foundation
Singapore Youth for Christ
St. Lawrence University
Student Conservation Association
Sustainable Resource Development
Superior Hiking Trail Association
Tennessee Trails Association
Teton Science School
The Great Outdoors Conservancy
The River Alliance
The SABENS Group
The Tahoe Rim Trail Association
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OUTLOOK



For many years, Leave No Trace has enjoyed a healthy and productive relationship with our government partners. Much of the activities we collaborate on happen with park rangers and in-the-field employees. In an effort to further strengthen relationships with these important partners, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics board of directors hosted their spring board meeting in Washington, DC. All four of the Center's agency partners were represented at the meeting including the US Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Our meeting, held at the Department of the Interior, focused on "institutionalizing" Leave No Trace—in other words, combining mutual goals and creating strategies that further the Leave No Trace

program and outdoor ethic on the public lands that our government partners oversee.

At the meeting, we discussed various issues including the state of the current program, partners, and successes including specific projects that illustrate Leave No Trace education reducing human impacts on public lands. Our government representatives were also given the opportunity to address current issues they are facing including budget cuts, lack of personnel, and inability to maintain and/or repair dilapidated facilities and trails.

In the end, we decided that a small working group needed to meet again to address these current issues and formulate a plan for moving forward. On June 30th, our working group convened, strategized and developed marching orders for moving forward. To start, we will create an Agency Steering committee made up of our government officials who will meet in an effort to identify common interests and areas of collaboration within the

Leave No Trace program. Additionally, we will inventory all existing government outdoor education programs to identify future opportunities for Leave No Trace. And finally, the Steering committee will conduct its first meeting at the upcoming Joint Ventures conference (hosted by the land management agencies) in November, 2003.

In addition to the board / agency meeting, the board of directors hosted a reception in Washington, DC. The board awarded five recognition plaques to Leave No Trace partners including the Department of Interior, the Department of Agriculture, Walt Disney Company, Subaru of America and departing board advisor, Stew Jacobson of the Bureau of Land Management.



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