



## Program Updates to Outdoor Ethics

As of January 2016, Suffolk County Council has initiated the BSA National “OUTDOOR ETHICS” program. This has taken the place of the previous Leave No Trace Trainer courses. The Boy Scout Troop position of Leave No Trace Trainer no longer exists. This position has been replaced by the position of “Outdoor Ethics Guide”.



At this time there are no official training requirements for this position. It is highly recommended that anyone aspiring for this position should obtain the proper training being offered in March, April and May of 2018 by the SCCBSA Outdoor Ethics Committee. Please visit [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org) to find out more information and to sign up for a course.

The new Outdoor Ethics courses include training programs in the 7 Principles of Leave No Trace, the Tread Lightly! 5 Principles and components of “The Land Ethic” by Aldo Leopold from his book, *The Sand County Almanac*.

The rank requirements for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers have an increased emphasis on Outdoor Ethics. A core focus of each of these programs is the BSA’s Outdoor Code. It has been suggested that each Scouting unit add the Outdoor Code to either its opening or closing ceremonies. This practice will help reinforce the Outdoor Ethics Code across all the units that Scouting embraces.

### 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.**

As a result of this move to incorporate the three elements of Outdoor Ethics and the Outdoor Code, the BSA has done away with the Leave No Trace Award. This has been replaced by a two-tiered Outdoor Ethics Award system; The Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award (a Patch) and The Outdoor Ethics Action Award (a Name Plate). Both youth and adults can earn these awards.

There are varying requirements for Boy Scouts, Venturers, Varsity Scouts and Scouters.



For more information about the BSA Outdoor Ethics program, please consider utilizing the following Scouting resources:



# 2018 SCCBSA



## OUTDOOR ETHICS COURSES

Your Choice of (3) Courses

**March 2 - 4** (Cabin available)

**April 13 - 15**

**May 4 - 6**

at **SCHIFF SCOUT RESERVATION**

All courses start on Friday night at 6 PM and end Sunday 12 PM.

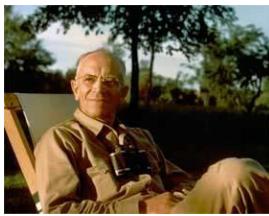
The course fee is \$100 per person which includes:

All Meals Saturday - Sunday, Camping Fees, Outdoor Ethics Supplies, Materials and each Participants One Year Individual Membership with both Tread Lightly! and Leave No Trace.

Adults and Youth age 14 or older are welcome.

All courses are **BYO TENT CAMPING – ONLY March course cabin available.**

### The Land Ethic



These courses cover information needed to be a successful Boy Scout Troop position of **Outdoor Ethics Guide**. They will also contribute to earning the **Outdoor Ethics Awareness** and **Action Awards** for Units. Each participant will have a Leave No Trace Principle presentation assigned to present during the course.

Register Online at [SCCBSA.org](http://SCCBSA.org) or Fill out the Registration below and return to:

Suffolk County Council, BSA

7 Scouting Blvd., Medford, NY 11763-2292

Make checks payable to: Suffolk County Council, BSA

Please fax Credit Card Registrations to: (631) 924-7145

Questions? Please contact Wes Triani at: [Triani\\_Wes@NLGroupmail.com](mailto:Triani_Wes@NLGroupmail.com) (631) 389-2350

Circle **ONE** Outdoor Ethics Trainer Course: **March** **April** **May**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINES:** Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup> April 20<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #CONCERN: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Youth:** Please Provide Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Payment Method: **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Visa** **MasterCard** **AMEX** Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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