

BSA Outdoor Ethics Program update notes – Feb 25, 2018

Title slide: This is a quick overview of some of the national and regional events and programs

Slide 2:

These are the four roles of the Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate – each has a parallel at the Region and National level, so this is how the presentation is structured.

Slide 3: Recruiting

170 Council Outdoor Ethics Advocates recruited since the position was first created in 2010....
Good Progress but more work to do – We are continuing to seek people to serve as Area Advocates who work to recruit and support the Council advocates. Introduce Chris Castillo as NE Region Area 6 Outdoor Ethics Advocate and any Council OE Advocates in the room.

Slide 4: Training

BALOO: lots of changes to this course, and it now includes more LNT information

Make sure you have the latest version with corrections: check the Outdoor Ethics appendix,
- if the email address for the LNT Center is “info@lnt.org”, then you have the latest version

Wood Badge: minor changes were made to the Outdoor Ethics session, and the updated course is going through trial runs this winter

Powderhorn: the Leave No Trace / Outdoor Ethics session is scheduled for review and update in 2018, other sessions are also being reviewed to update the Leave No Trace guidance and information

Slide 5: Training – continued

2017 LNT ME course report & plans for 2018.

Milestones achieved in 2017: 150 BSA LNT ME courses, exceeded 1000 graduates!

Congrats and good job everyone!

Amazing that BSA trained about 12% of total LNT ME's.

NOLS started offering courses ten years before BSA – they have the most by far

Appalachian Mtn Club started five years before BSA – have trained 500+

Most other LNT ME course providers: 1-5 LNT ME courses per year

Slide 6: Training – continued

Northeast Region LNT ME courses planned for 2018 – sign up soon!

Do you know any Scouters in Massachusetts/Connecticut/New England? Need sign-ups

Short “backpacking”. Camp is close to Mass Pike to easy to access

Mason-Dixon Council course

Many other courses in different parts of the country

Slide 7: National activities

- Jamboree was successful – we were able to share info about Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, and the outdoor ethics program with thousands of Scouts and visitors as part of the Conservation Trail. The Leave No Trace Center and Tread Lightly! were both represented with exhibits, and the National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and other exhibitors on the trail talked about Leave No Trace.

- Two events coming up in the summer of 2018 and we need volunteers to help share info about BSA Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace (details on the slide)

Slide 8: BSA National Outdoor Ethics Conference

Please come! :-)

Registration should be available in March – more info posted on <http://www.outdoorethics-bsa.org>

Slide 9: More Road Trip opportunities!

Northeast Region conference – lots of programs and workshops on camp and outdoor topics

MassJam.... Just in case someone is interested

Slide 10: Reporting -

We have a lot going on - It is getting harder and harder to list all of the accomplishments and training in BSA and all of the great outreach!

Mark Hammer – “master webmaster” has been actively working with the Leave No Trace Center to get our records to match their records. Please maintain your membership with the Leave No Trace Center! And if your information on the BSA Outdoor Ethics web site is out of date, please send to “updates@outdoorethics-bsa.org”. If you are a Master Educator who took the course two or more years ago, don’t forget to take the “refresher”

Overall we have made a lot of progress since 2010!

Thanks to everyone for all their work on promoting outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace.

There is still plenty to do!

Please stay in touch with ideas, suggestions, and complaints -