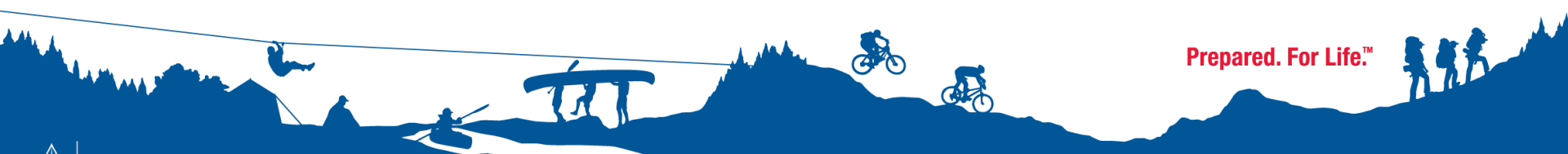




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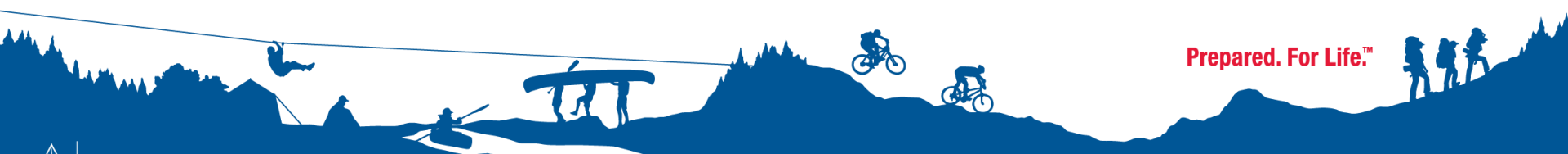
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LNT IN A NUT Shell



“Leave No Trace is a science based education program that combines knowledge and judgment with ethical responsibility. It is a program designed to expand the understanding of how we can enjoy the out-of-doors while protecting the natural areas and experiences we cherish.



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THE GOOD NEWS!



- There were NO Scout incidences reported on the AT with in PATC - 2018!
- Mason-Dixson & Baltimore Councils Outdoor Ethics Committees deserve much of the credit
- Education with-in BSA and Units is paying off

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THE BAD NEWS!



- Because of pass behavior of a few, Scouts have a bad reputation.
- The vandalism in Goblin Valley State Park, Utah.
- All it takes is one unit to ruin it for all of BSA

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A LASTING IMPRESTION



Troop 461

2/23/2013

BSA

Fred Alcorn
Mike Osgood
Calvin Alcorn
Eli Osgood
Bailey ☺sgood

Noelan Alcorn
Lansdon Alcorn
Ethan Alcorn
Andrew the Bear
Narrrrr!!!!!!

Matt Carey
They Shagged

TRAVIS
SMITH

ANDREW
THE
BROWN



Is This The Experience You Were looking For?





What is new on the AT



- **Rules/policies**
 - Group Size
 - Fires

- **Bear Issues/Food Storage**

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Rules/Policies



- **The Superintendent's Compendium** is the summary of park specific rules implemented under 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR)

“Over night travel in groups of 10 or fewer. If you are traveling in a group of more than 5, avoid using shelters, leaving them for lone hikers and smaller groups.” (LMPG)

For day hikes no more than 25 people

Shelters/camping areas are for those hiking the AT – not over night car camping

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A.T. Camper Registration



- This registration is intended for camping groups of 6-10 people **only**
- Scout, camp, school, church, and other groups
- <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/thru-hiking/camping>

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Fires On The AT



- First Rule = LNT Fires
- Fires in Designated Area



Definition: Metal or stone fire structure – **NOT** a rock fire pit!

- Camping and Campfire regulations on the A.T.
- PATC Foot Print: SNP – no fires in back country, NO VA, MD, PA – only at shelters

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Bear Issues/Food Storage



- A Food Storage Working Group has been formed to look into the Bear/Food Storage issue
- Large increase of bear incidences reported
- Bear canisters are being considered on AT



Helpful Hints



- **Have Unit Leaders enroll in LNT Trainer Course or Awareness Work Shop**
- **Check with local land management agencies, regarding permits, group size, and area-specific regulations**
- **Do not have two Crews “meet” and camp together**

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2019 Council LNT Offerings



- **LNT Trainer Course Location: Northern VA**
 - Spring 2019: March 30 (8:30am) to 31 (12 noon) at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
 - Fall 2019: October 19 (8:30am) to 20 (12 noon) Sky Meadows State Park
- **Germantown MD**
 - Spring 2019: April 6 (8am) to 7 (12noon)
 - Fall 2019: September 21 (8am) to 22 (12noon)

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2019 Council LNT Offerings



Location: Southern MD

- June 1, 2019 (8:30am) to June 2, 2019 (12noon) 2900 Camp Hedges Place , Bryans Road, MD 20616
- Register: www.ncacbsa.org Go To Training





2019 Master Educator Class



Location: Northern VA 2019

Cost \$290 — Includes facilities fees, meals for both weekends, educational materials, and the LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics Membership fee

1st Week: Friday May 3, 6pm – Sunday, May 5, 1pm

Second Week: Thursday, May 16, 2019, 3pm – Sunday, May 19, 2pm

Register: www.ncacbsa.org Go To Training

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Outdoor Ethics Awards



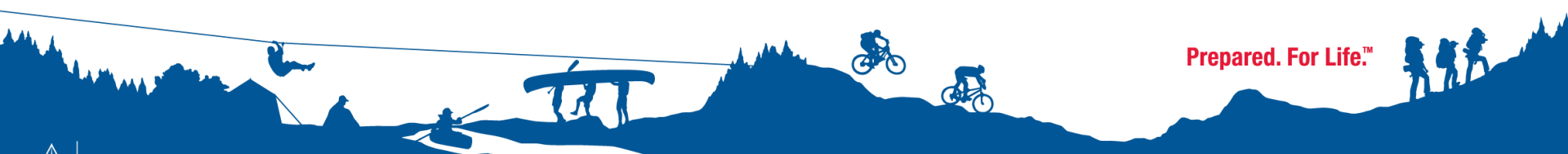
NCAC Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics

Awareness Award: Patches are available for purchase at the front desk of the Bethesda Office



Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award:

www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/awards



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