Leave No Trace "Train the Trainer" Course for Scouters September 30 – October 2, 2011

The Leave No Trace Train the Trainer course is a weekend 16 hour outdoor course designed for Scouters (Cub, Boy Scout, and Venturing), educators, and youth leaders, etc. who value the outdoors and want to teach others how to protect, preserve, and responsibly use it. The course will be directed by LNT Master Educator Rob Heider, a Montgomery District Scouter and veteran BSA High Adventure adviser, along with other Train the Trainer qualified Montgomery District Scouters. The class will cover topics like: a brief history of wilderness and public land protection, review of LNT principles, teaching techniques and learning styles, all with an emphasis on Scouting and LNT. There will be discussion regarding why LNT is important in the Scouting program, and how LNT has been incorporated into Scouting Rank Requirements.

The course is not an official Scouting activity, but this specific course is designed to actively assist Scouters to teach others, both inside and outside of Scouting, how to responsibly enjoy the outdoors using Leave No Trace principles and ethics. The course is open to Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Venturing adult leaders.

Each registered student will receive information via e-mail to prepare for the course, and will conclude the course with an action plan to teach LNT in the Scouting community. A maximum of 14 students will be accepted. Adult Scouters from Montgomery District will receive first preference. High adventure/backpacking skills are not required for the course, but having basic outdoor camping skills is a requirement. Course graduates receive a certificate from the Leave No Trace Center for Ethics and will be qualified to teach LNT principles to Scouts, Scouters, and other interested groups.

How to Register/Registration Deadline:

Registration is on a first come, first served basis with preference given to adult Scouters with high adventure experience or basic outdoor camping experience and registered in Montgomery District

There is a maximum of 14 participants for the class

Cost for the weekend, which includes all training materials handed out during the course: $15.00 per person

Deadline for registration is Friday, September 16, 2011. Send completed registration form and completed and signed release form via e-mail attachment to: rlheider@yahoo.com

Registration form, release form, and course description may be found at this link:

http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=37602&orgkey=2185