Leave No Trace "Train the Trainer" Course offering Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics is an educational non-profit organization which teaches and promotes the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors by all people.

What is the **Train the Trainer** Course?

- The course is designed for educators, youth leaders, Scouters and others who value the outdoors and want to teach others how to protect and preserve it. Graduates will receive a Leave No Trace Trainer certificate and will be qualified to teach Leave No Trace skills and ethics to a variety of groups.
- 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.
- Part of the course will include an emphasis on Leave No Trace and the Scouting program.

Who is teaching the course?

- The course is being taught to Scouters by fellow Scouters who are Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers, and are veterans of BSA High Adventure.

Who may participate:

- Currently registered adult Scouters who have a desire to teach Leave No Trace principles and ethics to others, including Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing leaders.
- Other qualifications: High adventure experience, like Philmont, Northern Tier, Lenhok'sin, etc. will be given preference for course attendance, but is not required. Basic outdoor camping skills are needed. Scouters from Montgomery District will be given first preference.
- A total of 14 students will be accepted for the course.

Topics:

- A brief history of land conservation and public wilderness protection in the U.S.
- The underlying land ethic.
- Individual learning styles.
- Outdoor teaching techniques.
- The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace.
- Leave No Trace and the Scouting program.

By the end of the course, each participant will create a Leave No Trace Action Plan to make use of the skills each participant learned with a specifically laid out goal to teach and promote ethical outdoor principles and responsible outdoor use to others either in or outside of Scouting.

The Leave No Trace Train the Trainer course is not intended to teach outdoor skills, like camping, backpacking, canoeing, mountain climbing, etc., but to teach others how to teach Leave No Trace principles and ethics to others.

Cost:
$15 per person, which covers the cost of insurance, training materials, and recognition. Registration to be paid upon arrival at the course location.

Note:

- The course is around 16 hours in length, with at least 10 hours in the outdoors. Each student will be **required** to spend a weekend (Friday evening through Sunday morning) camping "high adventure style" in the woods.
- Each student **must** come prepared with backpack, tent, stove, appropriate outdoor clothing, bedding, etc.
- Each student will be responsible for his/her own food. It is **required** that students use backpacking food for the weekend – your personal cooking will be part of your training! Students may pair up with other students for cooking in order to save time and money.
- **Fresh water will NOT be available at the course site** – it will be the responsibility of each course participant to bring his/her own fresh water or bring an appropriate water purifier to draw water from an nearby creek or lake.
- Students will be **required** to do a "homework assignment" before attending as part of the preparation for the course. All necessary materials and information will be sent to students far enough in advance to allow time for preparation.
- Students will be close enough to their cars to be able to store/retrieve food, water, etc.

Registration:
All participants **must** sign a "Course Participant Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risks, Release and Indemnity Agreement" in order to participate, as required by The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics for all of its courses.

All participants must return a completed registration form and a completed and signed release form via e-mail attachment to Rob Heider by Friday, September 16, 2011.

Date:
Friday, September 30 through Sunday morning, October 2, 2011. **Check in is on site at 6 PM.**

Location:
Rockville Chapter, Izaak Walton League Fishing Lake
12057 Clopper Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

(NOTE: Actual course is to be held around the IWLA fishing lake and not at the chapter house on Waring Station Rd.)

How to Register/Registration Deadline:

- Registration is on a first come, first served basis with preference given to adult Scouters with high adventure experience (but is also open to others with basic camping skills, and registered in Montgomery District
- There is a maximum of 14 participants for the class
- **Deadline for registration is Friday, September 16, 2011.** Send registration forms 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