



WE CAN learn and follow **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.**
- **Be conservation minded.**

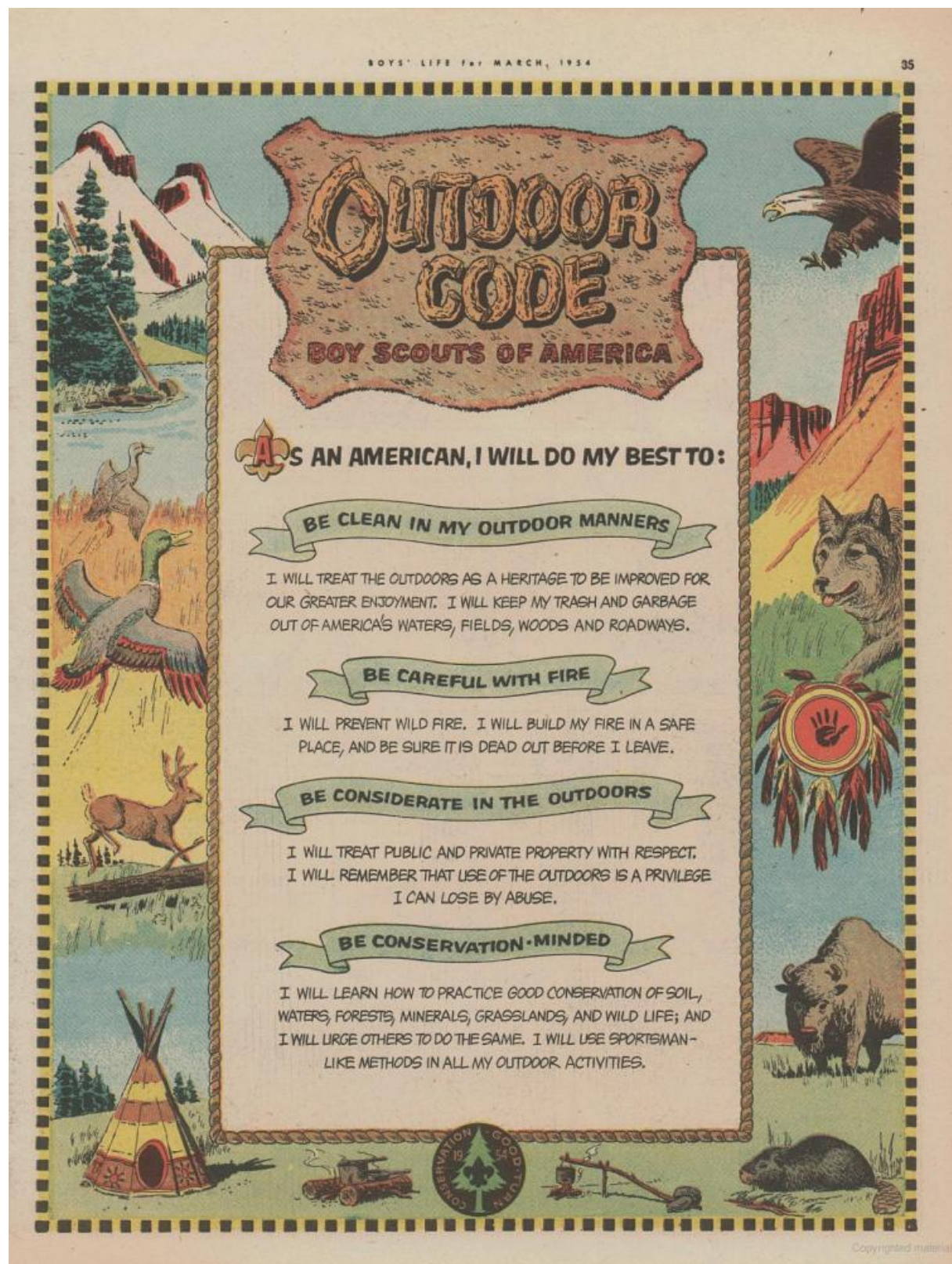


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The Outdoor Code captures the essence of the Scouting Outdoor Ethic and establishes our aspirations and commitment.

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This full page version of the Outdoor Code was on the first page of the color section (p35) of the magazine.





Clean in my outdoor manners



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- A Scout treats the outdoors as a heritage.
- A Scout takes care of it for himself and for others for the future.
- A Scout keeps waste like litter, unused food, chemicals, and body wastes out of lakes and streams and either packs it out or disposes of it properly in the backcountry.
- A Scout never engages in graffiti or vandalism such as carving initials or defacing outdoor areas..



Careful with fire (and other impacts).



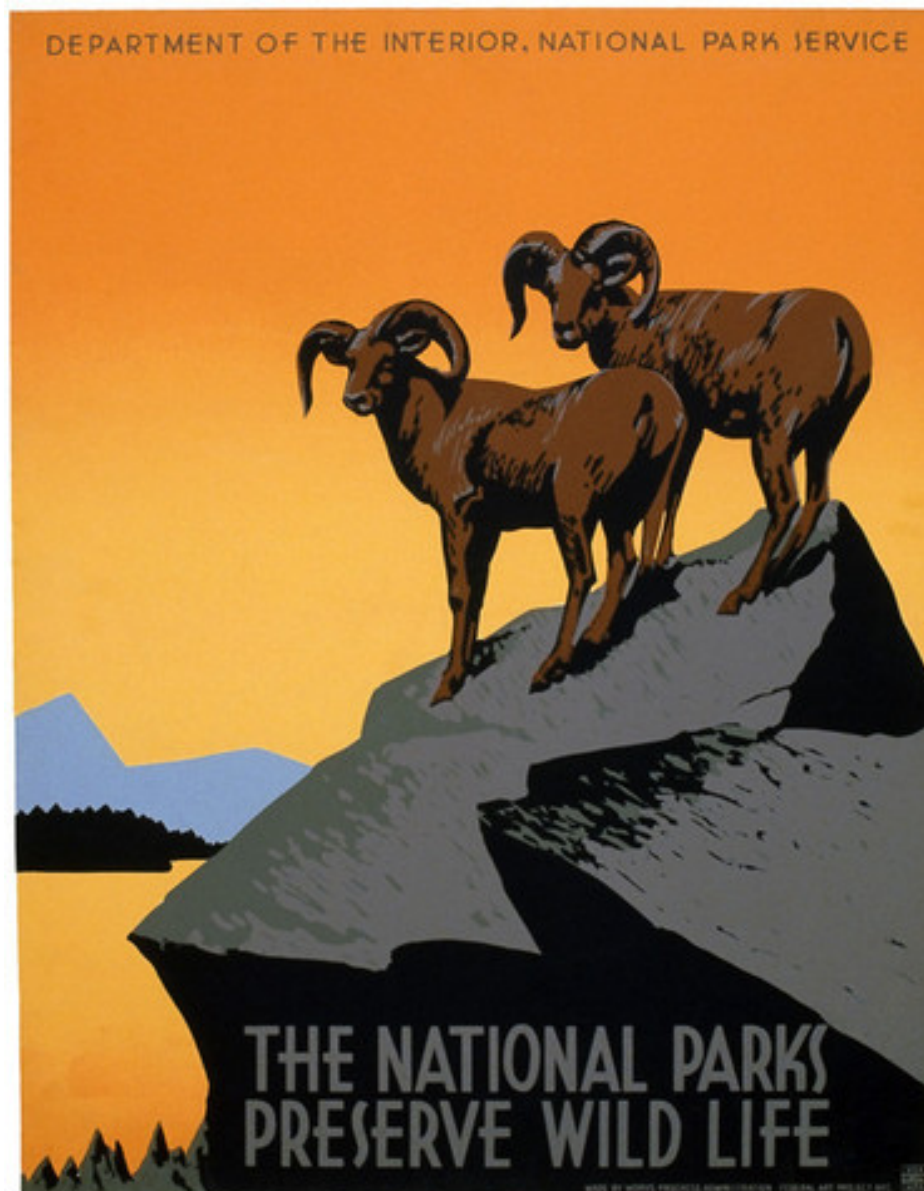
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- A Scout uses fire only when allowed and only when it is safe and non-damaging to the environment to do so. Often, a Scout may use a stove or a grill instead of making a ground fire.
- A Scout is also careful of other impacts, such as leaving food out that may disrupt animal eating patterns, contributing to erosion by cutting switchback or whittling or chopping live trees.
- A Scout is careful of our nation's cultural heritage, leaving artifacts undisturbed and preserving our recreational resources for all to use and enjoy.



Considerate in the outdoors

- A Scout treats the land and water and everything that lives, grows and plays on the land and water with respect. This means not just fellow Scouts, but also other visitors and the plants, animals and ecosystems that make up the land.
- A Scout observes animals, but does not disturb them or scare them from their nests or foraging.
- A Scout avoids trampling delicate plants to preserve them for others to view and for the insects and animals that depend upon them.



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Conservation-minded

- A Scout observes the land, animals and plants in the environment.
- A Scout seeks to understand how they interact with each other.
- A Scout is vigilant in watching for injury to the environment and reporting it to those who can stop it.
- A Scout never passes litter without picking it up.
- A Scout works to restore the health of the land so that others also can enjoy, live, and learn from it.



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