



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
JAYHAWK AREA COUNCIL



## **Leave No Trace Master Educator Course**

The Jayhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America will host a Leave No Trace Master Educator Course on the weekends of October 30-Nov. 1 & November 19 – 22, 2015 at Falley Scout Reservation located outside Oskaloosa, KS. [www.jayhawkcouncil.org](http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org).

This course is open to all registered Scouters, 18 years of age and older.

**Course size is limited to 12 participants on a first come, first served basis.**

**Registration for this course will end approximately 30 days before the course start date. On or about September 30, 2015.**

### **What is a Master Educator Course?**

As of January 2014, there were over 6,123 Leave No Trace Master Educators worldwide, representing nine countries and the 50 United States. This invaluable training is recognized and highly regarded throughout the world, especially by the outdoor industry, as well as land management agencies. The profile of graduates is extremely varied; from outdoor retail executives, school teachers, USFS and NPS backcountry rangers, to college outing club members, outfitters and guides. Over 900 of these Leave No Trace Masters are members of the BSA.

Successful graduates of this BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator course will have the ability to train others both in and out of Scouting in Leave No Trace skills and ethics. Within their Scouting context graduates will conduct BSA Leave No Trace Trainer courses (usually over a week-end), BSA LNT 101 Workshops (3-4 hours), and custom awareness sessions as needed.

The Master Educator Course provides participants with a comprehensive training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics, through practical application in a field-based setting. In the two week-end course the first week-end is spent in both indoor and outdoor classroom settings, introducing the course and schedule, providing in-depth information on the overall Leave No Trace program as well as the Center, reviewing gear and packing. The second week-end (four days) are spent in a Scouting backcountry high adventure setting, learning and practicing the principles of Leave No Trace.

Each course is staffed with a minimum of two highly experienced outdoor educators who are Master Educator Instructors. You will learn Leave No Trace techniques through skits, discussions, and hands-on activities. To practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a

supportive, educational environment, each participant will teach a short session focused on the seven principles of Leave No Trace.

- Each participant will be required to plan and present a 20-30 minute presentation on one of the seven principles of Leave No Trace before graduating. This topic may be assigned to you by the course director.
- You must bring a current copy of your Health Form, signed by a doctor.
- You will be asked to read and sign the Assumption of Risk document at check-in.
- You will need to notify the Course Director of any medical or food conditions.
- Additionally, you will receive a selection of educational and teaching materials to aid you during the course and as you go about teaching Leave No Trace to others.

Every participant to complete a Master Educator course will receive a one-year membership to Leave No Trace. This membership gives new Master Educators better access to teaching resources, as well as closer contact with the Center for education, training, and outreach questions.

Shortly after receiving your registration and tuition payment, you will be sent a packet of information to help you plan and prepare for the course. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the course director or any member of the host/support staff, all of whom are LNT Master Educators.

General information about Leave No Trace can be found on-line at [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org) or by calling 1-800-332-4100.

### **Tuition**

Tuition for this course is \$280.00 for early bird registration; \$300.00 after Sept.1, 2015. Registration will close on September 30, 2015. Register on-line at [www.jayhawkcouncil.org](http://www.jayhawkcouncil.org).

Tuition covers all food and snacks for both week-ends and all course materials.

Detailed course information and answers to questions related to food allergies, medical restrictions, mobility limitations (etc.) can be obtained from the Course Coordinators: Jay Stires, [jstireslnt@cox.net](mailto:jstireslnt@cox.net), 785-862-9428 or John Ayers, [jayersjr@att.net](mailto:jayersjr@att.net). 785- 357-4018.