



# 2024 National Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Conference

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# In Closing

**Scott Anderson**

**Chair, Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee**

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# Dan Howells Memorial Scholarship Fund

**\$877.00 + \$600.00 Matching Funds**

**\$1477**

**+ On-line contribution?**



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**Kathy Mills**

Chair, 2024 Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Conference

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# Conference Workshop Presenters Thank you! (It takes a village!)

**Torsten Bangerter**  
Videography & Still Photography

**Quartermaster Corp**  
in the Kitchen



# Conference Committee, Thank You!

**Meredith Blackwood**

Past Conference Chair - Outdoor Ethics

**Paula Boothe**

Program Operations

**Matt Durrant**

Program

**Ted Weiland**

Conservation, Ecology, & Global Sustainability

**Mike Adams**

Health Officer - Conservation Good Turn

**Les Holden**

Physical Arrangements & Logistics

**Dave Wilson**

Publicity & Social Media

**Shanae Ames**

Exhibits, Trade Show & Vendors

**Sharlene Skidmore**

MicroTrash & UpCycling Art Contest

**Robert Hendriksen**

Display Board Contest

**Alice Miller**

Conference Giveaways

**Tom Otterstrom**

Event Food & Beverage



# Conference Chair & Subcommittee Liaison Thank You!

**Kathy Mills**

Chair

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**Keith Abraham**

Subcommittee Liaison

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# Distinguished Conservation Service Awards

**Tim Beaty & Ted Weiland**

Conservation Awards & Recognitions Workgroup

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# Distinguished Conservation Service Awards

The **Distinguished Conservation Service Award Program** is a series of awards presented by Scouting America for service in conservation and ecology. Created by William Temple Hornaday as the **Permanent Wild Life Protection Fund Medal** in 1915, the program is designed to encourage learning about natural resource conservation and the environment, teach sound stewardship of the natural resources and the environment, and recognize those who are outstanding in this field.



# Distinguished Conservation Service Awards

After Hornaday's death in 1937, the program was renamed in his honor to the **William T. Hornaday Awards** in 1938 and officially became a BSA award program. In October 2020 the BSA changed the name of the award program to the **Distinguished Conservation Service Award Program**.

It is a very rare and highly prized award, with less than 2500 youth medals being awarded in its more than 100 year history.



# Distinguished Conservation Service Awards



Currently, there are three forms of the award: the **Distinguished Conservation Service Award** for Scouting America's youth, the **Distinguished Conservationist** for adults, and the **Distinguished Conservation Service Award Certificate** for organizations.





# **Distinguished Conservationist**

**Scouting America**

**National Court Of Honor**



# Distinguished Conservationist

Margaret Olivia Sage  
Aldo Leopold  
Drew William Standard  
Thomas Calderwood Stephens  
John M. Phillips  
John F. Shakin  
Earl Hansel  
Ray Brice  
Walter Wenzel  
Lawrence Walker  
Daniel Poole  
Ronald Switzer  
Jack Holmes Berryman  
J. William Shiner  
Marlene Lugg  
Harold Hill  
Kieth Grove  
R. Max Peterson  
James Johnson, Sr.  
Bill Getz  
Francis Cummings

Patrick Aubuchon  
V. Dan Stiles  
Thomas Richards  
Dan Nelson  
Gregory Hansen  
Roger Conant  
Thomas Birch  
James T. Spencer  
John Gilmore  
William Dickenson  
L. Waltres  
William Brookes  
Stewart Jacobson  
Doug Blankinship  
Carl Landon Diamond  
Charles Rutland  
Robert Sturtevant  
George Tabb  
Donald Hansen  
Jeffrey Marion  
Matthew W. Klope

David Bates  
Bruce A. Winslow  
C. Ben Jelsema  
Robert C. Birkby  
Tim Beaty  
Clint Shock  
Robert Sousa  
D. Craig Murray  
Clark Guy  
Glenn Chambers  
Hugh Allen Newberry  
Frank H. Wadsworth  
Larry Warlick  
Richard N. Williams  
Michael Huneke  
William Mike Perkins  
Daniel L. Coberly  
Mark Anderson  
Edward Warner  
David L. Kulhavy  
Leon E. App

John J. Moriarty  
Gary Stolz  
Rex Eric Hayes  
Herbert F. Darling  
William W. Bowerman  
David Guy Brickley  
Gary L. Miller  
Larry Musser  
Stephen N. Williams  
Brent Haglund  
Wayne H. Schimpff  
Attila Bality  
William Hoover  
Scott T. Anderson  
Brenda Potterfield  
Bruce Deadman  
Timothy Babb



# Distinguished Conservationist

## David O'Leary

### Distinguished Conservationist

In recognition for his national service promoting Outdoor Ethics, Conservation, and Sustainability in the Scouting program and for his national advocacy for renewable energy, energy and energy resource efficiency, and socially responsible business practices.



# David O'Leary

## In Scouting

- Western Massachusetts Council, Council Commissioner
- National Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee 2021- Present
- Outdoor Ethics Subcommittee 2007-2020
  - Regional Chair 2007-2014
  - National Chair 2014-2020
- National Outdoor Program Committee 2014-2020
- National Camping Committee 2017 - 2020
- National STEM Advisory Committee 2014-2019
- National Camp School, instructor/section director Ecology & Outdoor Skills since 2005
- Presented Outdoor Ethics, Environmental, and Sustainability sessions at numerous National & World Scout Jamborees, NOACs, and National Outdoor Program Conferences.



# David O'Leary



## Beyond Scouting

- Sierra Club 2000- Present - Currently Massachusetts Chapter
  - Numerous National Committees including National Business Partnerships
  - Maryland Chapter - Chapter Chair, Conservation Chair, Energy & Global Warming Chair, led the chapter's Legislative Program
  - Awarded the national Special Service Award - 2014
- reSET (Social Enterprise Trust) - Board Member championing social entrepreneurship.
- E2 (Environmental Engineers) - Committed to policy change fostering a synergy between economic prosperity and environmental preservation.



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**Guiding Our Youth Into the Future**

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# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

## ***Our World Is Changing***

Our world is changing at a remarkable pace.



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## ***Our World Is Changing***

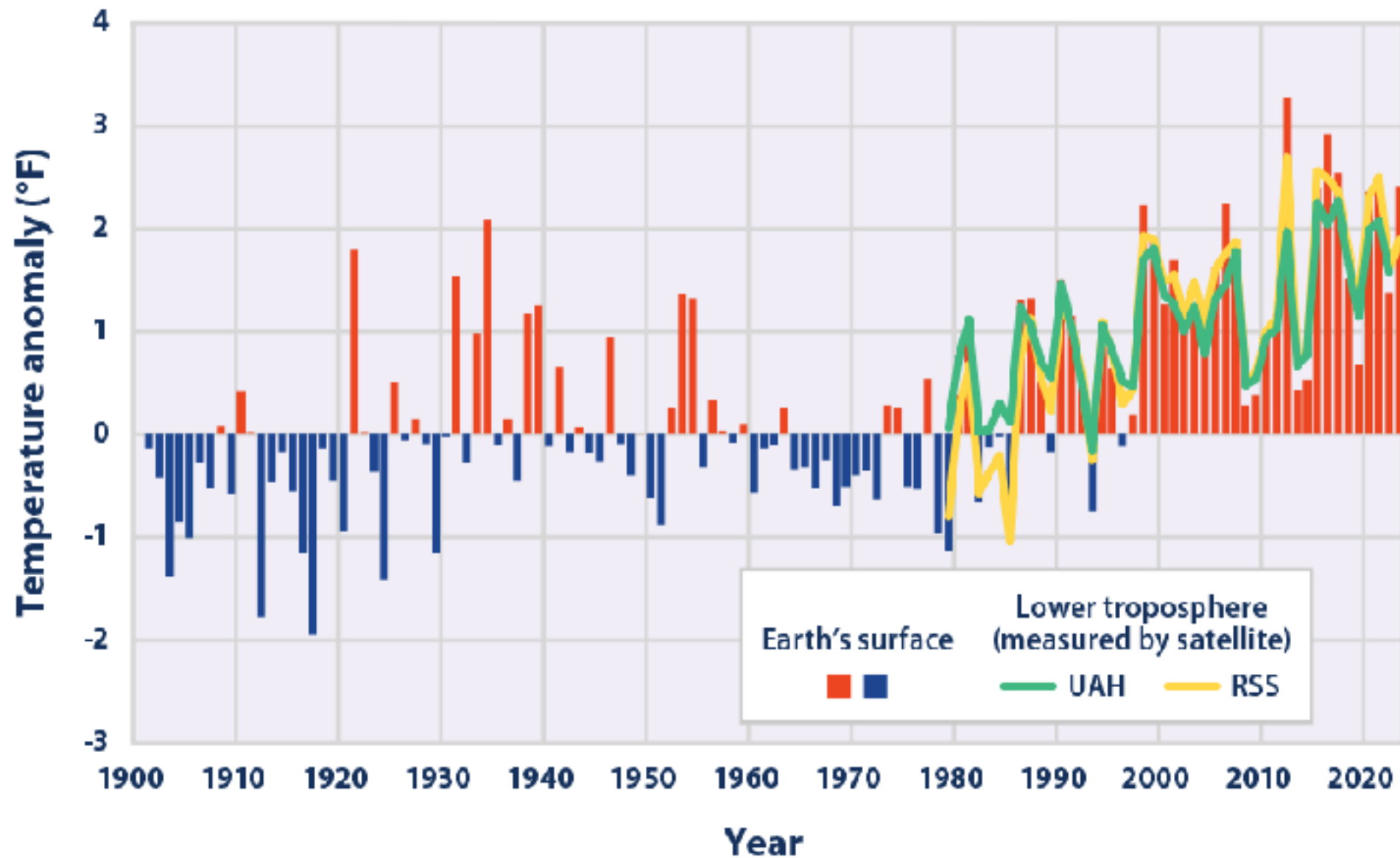
- Irregular weather patterns



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## *Irregular weather patterns*

Rising global average temperature is associated with widespread changes in weather patterns.





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## *Our World Is Changing*

- Irregular weather patterns
- Increased natural disasters



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## ***Increased natural disasters***

Scientific studies indicate that extreme weather events such as heat waves and large storms are likely to become more frequent or more intense



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## ***Increased natural disasters***

Heavy precipitation, river flooding, tropical cyclone activity, wildfires are all trending upward



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## *Our World Is Changing*

- Irregular weather patterns
- Increased natural disasters
- Rising consumption habits

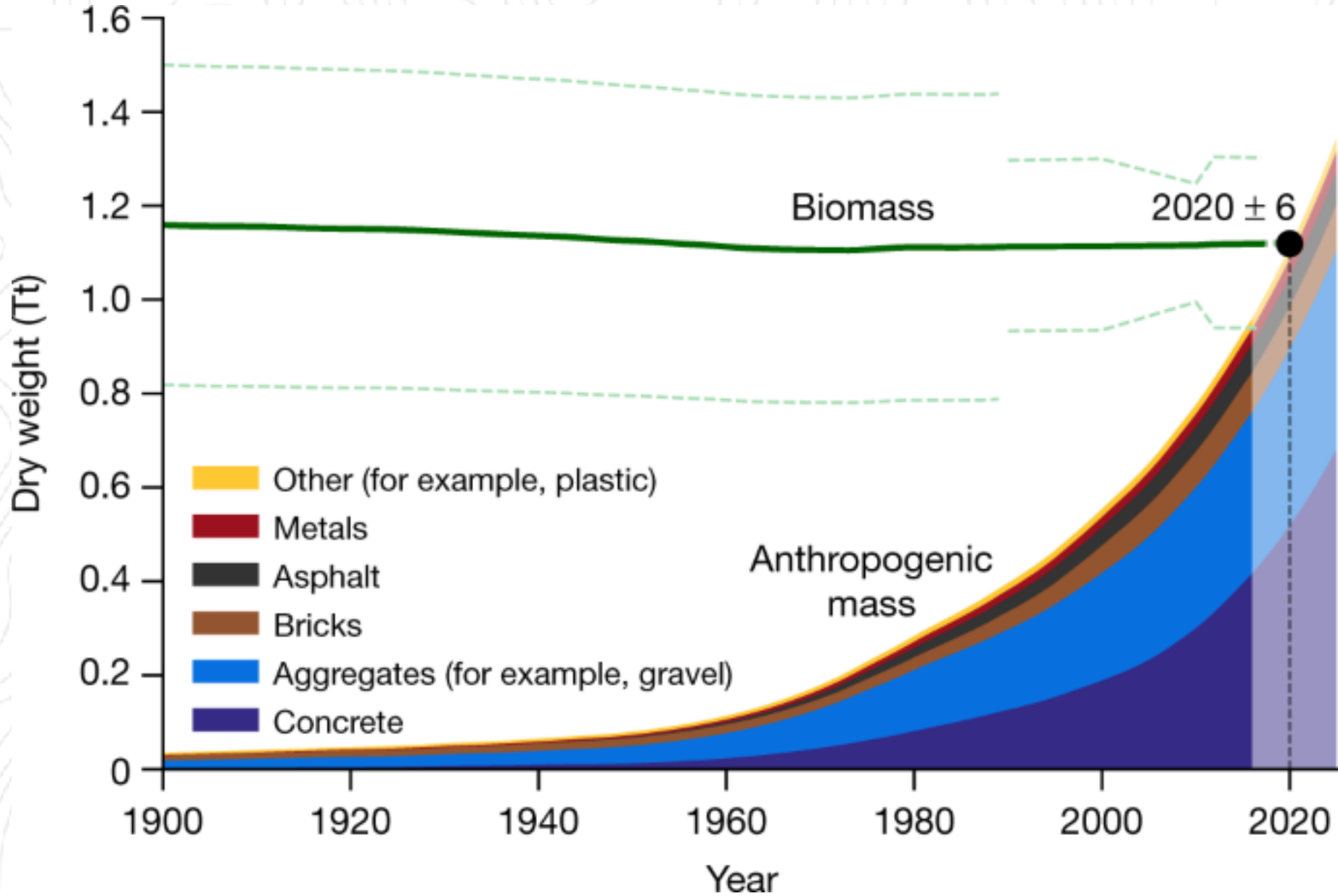


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## ***Rising consumption habits***

While population growth has slowed since the 1970s, resource consumption rates continue to increase.

# Global human-made mass exceeds all living biomass





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## ***Rising consumption habits***

More consumption = More pollutants



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## *Our World Is Changing*

- Irregular weather patterns
- Increased natural disasters
- Rising consumption habits
- Loss of natural habitats and species



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## ***Loss of natural habitats and species***

Habitat loss poses the greatest threat to our diversity of species. The world's forests, swamps, plains, lakes, coral reefs, and other habitats continue to disappear.



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***These are all BIG problems.***

- Irregular weather patterns
- Increased natural disasters
- Rising consumption habits
- Loss of natural habitat and species.



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***These are all BIG problems.***

***Unsolvable by a youth  
organization.***



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***Or are they?***



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

***We can empower our youth to  
make positive change by instilling  
the values of Scouting!***



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

***Our legacy lives in the youth we  
inspire to protect the Earth!***



# Mission of Scouting America

*The mission of the Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the **Scout Oath** and **Scout Law**.*



# Values of Scouting

## Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.



# Values of Scouting

## Scout Oath

### An Environmental Interpretation



# Values of Scouting

**"To do my duty to God and my country":**

This is a call to be a good steward of nature, which many consider to be God's work. Duty to country clearly can include protecting its natural resources.



# Values of Scouting

**"To obey the Scout Law":**

The Scout Law is loaded with environmental applications.



# Values of Scouting

**"To help other people at all times":**

We are helping people by protecting the environment we all share. Environmental protection is ultimately about helping both current and future generations.



# Values of Scouting

**"To keep myself physically strong":**

Our outdoor activities build strength and at the same time connect us with nature, which is the first step towards instilling a sense of responsibility for the Land.



# Values of Scouting

## **"Mentally awake":**

Staying informed about issues and being aware of our impact on our natural world.



# Values of Scouting

## **"Morally straight":**

This includes making ethical choices that consider the consequences of our actions.



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# Values of Scouting

## Environmental Interpretation of the Scout Law

**Trustworthy**

**Loyal**

**Helpful**

**Friendly**

**Courteous**

**Kind**

**Obedient**

**Cheerful**

**Thrifty**

**Brave**

**Clean**

**Reverent**



# Values of Scouting

## ENVIRONMENTALLY TRUSTWORTHY

Learn about environmental issues and keep promises to protect our natural world. People can depend on you to be a steward of the Earth.



# Values of Scouting

## LOYAL TO NATURE

Show that you care about your local ecosystem, wildlife, and the global environment alongside your family, friends, and community.



# Values of Scouting

## ECOLOGICALLY HELPFUL

Help by participating in conservation service to preserve and restore our natural world.



# Values of Scouting

## ECO-FRIENDLY

Be a friend to the land, the water, and all that is living.



# Values of Scouting

## **COURTEOUS TO THE PLANET**

Be considerate in all your interactions with our natural world.



# Values of Scouting

## KIND TO ALL LIFE

Treat all living things as you would want to be treated. Protect and nurture life in all its forms.



# Values of Scouting

## **OBEDIENT TO NATURAL LAWS**

Follow the principles of ecology and sustainability. Obey environmental regulations and support conservation efforts.



# Values of Scouting

## **CHEERFUL NATURE ADVOCATE**

Look for the beauty in nature. Cheerfully engage in conservation tasks. Inspire others to appreciate and protect the environment.



# Values of Scouting

## RESOURCE THRIFTY

Use natural resources wisely and sparingly.  
Reduce, reuse, and recycle to minimize waste  
and environmental impact.  
Conservation is Wise Use.



# Values of Scouting

## **BRAVE FOR THE EARTH**

Face environmental challenges even when they seem daunting.

Do what you know is right for the planet.



# Values of Scouting

## **CLEAN AND GREEN**

Keep your surroundings free from pollution. Help maintain clean air, water, and soil in your community and beyond.



# Values of Scouting

## REVERENT TOWARD NATURE

Respect the intricate balance of ecosystems. Be faithful in your duty to God and preserve the natural world for future generations.



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

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inspire!***



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## Scouting's Outdoor Program

Opportunity to learn about our natural world



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## Scouting's Outdoor Program

**Get Out  
Have Fun  
Find Out**



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# **Guiding Our Youth Into the Future**

## **Scouting's Outdoor Program**

**Live by the Outdoor Code & Practice Outdoor Ethics**



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Outdoor Ethics in Scouting is about more than making a pledge and distributing a list of guidelines.

**It is about helping Scouts learn how they can navigate their own ethical & moral decision-making.**



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Let's get their hands dirty



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

## Scouting's Outdoor Program

**Live by the Outdoor Code & Practice Outdoor  
Ethics**

**Conservation Service**



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## Conservation Service

Scouting has a long history of giving conservation service.



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## Conservation Service

Trail work

River Cleaning

Removal of Invasive Species (including that Majestic Plastic Bag)

Habit restoration



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## Conservation Service

When a Scout is willing to cheerfully work to preserve or restore our natural world they will truly begin to internalize their own personal Land Ethic.

**This is our aspirational goal.**



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# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

## *Remember*

- Cumulative Impacts matter



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## *Remember*

- Cumulative Impacts matter
- Small steps taken by everyone is one giant step



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

## *Remember*

- Cumulative Impacts matter
- Small steps taken by everyone is one giant step
- Community involvement shares the story



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

***Work to build a Scouting  
community for the LAND!***



# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

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# **Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee**

## **Committed to serve you and your councils**

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# Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee

## Build Active Outdoor Ethics Programs

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# Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee Build Healthy Conservation Committees

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# **Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee**

## **Provide the Best Guidance to Sustainably Manage Our Treasured Properties**

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# **Outdoor Ethics & Conservation Subcommittee**

## **All to serve our Scouting youth**

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# We Are Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

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# Guiding Our Youth Into the Future

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***to protect the Earth!***



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Thank you for joining us and for all you are doing to support  
Outdoor Ethics and Conservation in Scouting

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