

# 2016 BSA Outdoor Ethics National Conference

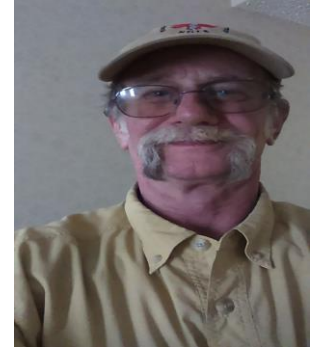


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**Some things you should know about me:** I was born and raised in Buffalo, Wyoming and graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. degree in Forestry and Natural Resources Management and post graduate studies at the University of Washington. I spent summers fighting forest fires and was a smokejumper out of McCall, Idaho for 2 seasons.



In 1975 I accepted a full time forestry position with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Eugene, Oregon and remained employed there until July, 2011 when I retired with 39 plus years of federal service.

In April 2011 I was hired by REI as a sales associate in the Eugene store so I am embarking on my next big life adventure – working retail in the BEST outdoor store in the nation ! Additionally, I teach Wilderness First Aid classes for the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS as an additional job.

**Vital Statistics:** I live in Eugene, Oregon; I am married, and have 2 Eagle Scout sons, a dog and 2 cats. My wife is employed at the local newspaper. The oldest son is an Indy race car mechanic with Andretti Motorsports living in Indianapolis. The youngest son graduated from University of Oregon in 2016 with a Business Management/Accounting degree and is currently working at one of the local credit unions.

**History with BSA and Leave No Trace:** I took my Master Educator course from NOLS in 1999 at Philmont Scout Ranch. I have taught at least one Trainers courses and/or Master Educator courses every year since 2000. I served on BSA National Jamboree staff in the Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics venues in 2000, 2005, and 2010 and am currently a member of the National BSA Outdoor Ethics Task Force. Additionally I was the BLM Oregon/Washington Outdoor Ethics program coordinator from 1999 until retirement in 2011.

**Involvement with BSA:** I have been an active BSA volunteer for the past 25 plus years serving as an adult leader since 1988. I am an Eagle Scout and have served as a Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chair, Troop Committee Chair, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster. I currently am a member of the District Committee and the National Outdoor Ethics Task Force.



I have received the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver Award, William T. Hornaday Badge, and am a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

**Other Outdoor Activities and Interests:** I am an active member of the Willamette Backcountry Ski Patrol, and a patroller/member of the National Ski Patrol since 2004. Other personal interests are backpacking and hiking, Nordic skiing, Dutch Oven cooking, and cycling. I am a rookie at telemark skiing and my wife and I ride a tandem bicycle.