



LEAVE NO TRACE MASTER EDUCATOR COURSE

The first Leave No Trace Master Educator course to be held on Long Island based at Schiff Scout Reservation, Wading River, NY

**Friday, March 16, 2018 (5pm) through Sunday, March 18, 2018 (2pm)
and
Friday, April 13, 2018 (10am) through Monday, April 16, 2018 (5pm)**

This five-day course (split over two weekends) trains Scouts and Scouters ages 18 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators can conduct Leave No Trace Trainer courses (two-day) and awareness workshops (one-day or shorter).

This invaluable training is recognized and highly regarded throughout the world, especially by the outdoor industry, as well as government land management agencies. Successful graduates are certified to train others in Leave No Trace skills and ethics. 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. The first weekend is a mix of classroom and outdoor instruction, introducing the course and schedule, providing in-depth information on the overall Leave No Trace program, how to conduct training courses, and the science behind the Leave No Trace principles. During the second weekend we'll offer a back country and front country option. The back country experience will include offsite backpacking style camping on a beach & the Pine Barrens on Long Island following the principles of Leave No Trace. Front country participants will have an in camp experience following the principles of Leave No Trace. All participants will experience one night of primitive camping. No special skills, requirements or equipment is needed.

Each course is staffed with a minimum of two highly experienced outdoor Scout volunteers who are Master Educator instructors. Participants 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 present a short session or activity focused on the Leave No Trace principles or related topic.

- Prerequisite: Approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or Council Scout Executive

Fee includes facilities fees, meals for both weekends, educational materials, LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics Membership fee, Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, BSA Leave No Trace Master Educator Handbook, Leave No Trace Master Educator patch and lapel pin, National Park Service Leave No Trace DVD courtesy of the National Park Service and other materials. Participants are also eligible for discounts on Leave No Trace items. **Attendance at both weekends is required.** Details of the course, presentation topic and other materials will be e-mailed about two weeks prior to the course. Transportation to and from camp for participants at local train stations, airports and ferries is available at no cost. Register & pay in full by Feb. 16, 2016 the fee is \$275. After Feb. 16th the fee is \$300. Scholarships are available – contact Art.

**Register at the www.trcbsa.org/events/LNTmaster
Registration deadline for the course is March 2, 2018.**

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