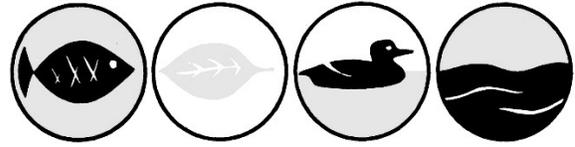


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Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace refers to a set of outdoor ethics promoting conservation in the outdoors. It is built on seven principles: 1. plan ahead and prepare, 2.travel and camp on durable surfaces, 3.dispose of waste properly, 4. leave what you find, 5. minimize campfire impacts 6. respect wildlife, 7. be considerate of other visitors.

These seven principles have been adapted to different activities, ecosystems and environments.

Since 1994, **Leave No Trace Center For Outdoor Ethics**, a non-profit organization also known as Leave No Trace, exists to educate people about their recreational impact on nature as well as the principles of Leave No Trace to prevent and minimize such impacts.

In the mid 20th-century there was a cultural shift in wilderness ethics from woodcraft where wilderness travelers prided themselves on their ability to rely on the resources of wild lands to a post-WWII ethics of minimal impact on the environment.^[1] Leave No Trace began in the 1960s and 1970s.^[2] There was a large increase of wilderness visitation following the creation of new recreational equipment such as white gas stoves, synthetic tents, and sleeping pads. This began a commercial interest in outdoor recreation which in turn caused more visitors to national parks.^[1] In those decades, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service started to teach their non-motorized visitors how to have a minimal impact on the land. Wilderness Informational Specialists were trained to educate visitors on minimal impact camping in the different parks. In 1987 the three departments cooperatively developed a pamphlet titled "Leave No Trace Land Ethics".^[3]

Also in the 1970s, groups such as the Sierra Club were advocating minimum impact camping techniques. The Boy Scouts of America(BSA) had been actively advocating training and implementation of Leave No Trace and outdoor ethics principles early in the 1970s at such places as Philmont Scout Ranch in Northern New Mexico. A pilot program in the 1980s between the BSA and the Bureau of Land Management in the High Uintas Wilderness tried to reach a wide audience.

The national education program of Leave No Trace was developed in 1990 by the United States Forest Service in conjunction with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). At the time the USFS also created other programs such as Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, and previously in 1985 the Tread Lightly program which was geared towards motorized recreation. The Bureau of Land Management joined the program in 1993 1994.^[3]
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YOUTH EVENT SEPTEMBER 24 9 am – 3 pm

This year our Youth Event will focus on the environment. After meeting with a few of the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders, they shared the importance of teaching our children to enjoy, but respect nature. Our annual Youth Event held on 63 acres of pristine land is the perfect venue to help children learn about the environment and nature. *Leave No Trace*, our featured article, will be one of the new additions. The Northern Illinois University-Illinois Lake Management Unit Subunit will demonstrate erosion with their stream table.



This year will also feature the Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education organization. They rescue, rehabilitate, and release native birds of prey and promote conservation awareness through interactive educational programs. They will be providing 20 minute education programs and will be bringing a Hawk, Owl and Falcon with them. This program is great for all ages.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 8 General/Board Meeting 7 pm
- Sept 12 General/Board Meeting 7 pm
- Sept 17 Grounds will be closed for
Private function. Mason's
- Sept. 18 Trap Shoot 10-2
- Sept 24 Youth Event
- Oct 1 Adopt-A-Highway 10 am
Chipping trails at NICC
- Oct 10 General/Board Meeting 7 pm
- Oct 16 Trap Shoot 10-2
- Nov 6 Trap Shoot/Closing of house
- Nov 14 General/Board Meeting at
Antioch Library 7 pm
- Dec 12 General/Board Meeting at
Antioch Library 7 pm

