

2016 Course Dates

Master Educator

May 18—22	Frontcountry
July 20-24	Backpacking
August 10-14	Canoeing
September 1 – 5	Backpacking

Trainer

June 4—5	Backpacking
August 6—7	Backpacking

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What is Leave No Trace?

The member-driven Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics program used on public lands. Through relevant and targeted education, research and outreach, the Center ensures the long-term health of our natural world. In its simplest form, Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you - the world we all **enjoy. Do your part to pass our nation's** heritage of outdoor recreation to future generations by joining us.

Why take a course?

Take a Leave No Trace course to:

- Heighten your skills and ethics
- Improve as an outdoor and/or environmental education instructor
- Enhance your career opportunities; this training is recognized and valued throughout the industry
- Become a steward of the land
- Illustrate a commitment to protecting your wild lands

What is a Master Educator course?

The Master Educator is a five-day course is designed for individuals who are actively teaching others backcountry skills or providing recreation information to the public. Through classroom discussions, lectures, and a four-day canoe or backpacking trip, this course will incorporate the seven Leave No Trace principles with the tools and techniques for disseminating low-impact skills to other users of the backcountry. This course is ideal for federal agency partners, educators, outdoor retailers, youth group and outing club leaders, and other individuals actively teaching outdoor skills. Upon completion of the course, you will be qualified to teach Leave No Trace Trainer courses.

What is a Trainer course?

The Trainer course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program. Participants receive introductory training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics in a condensed two-day format. The Trainer Course assists the student participants in learning more about the seven principles and techniques for disseminating these low impact skills.

What students are saying

“The significant increase in my feeling connected to the outdoors is owed directly to the instructors. They effectively communicated the ideas and skills related to Leave No Trace, but more importantly they helped me get emotionally attached to **these ideas. The instructors’ passion for the outdoors is infectious.** The program has enhanced my outdoors experiences by making me aware of ways I can decrease my impact and increase my connection to the wild lands I visit. It has also given me the enthusiasm and knowledge to help expose **others to Leave No Trace ethics.”**

Paul Gallery, Master Educator participant

“The course provided me with the science, knowledge of the principles, and with the mindset to discuss wildland ethics with others. I understand, now more than ever, **why** I do the things that I do and why I should do even more to reduce my impacts. I acquired many new activities and learned new critique styles. These will be very helpful in teaching Leave No Trace, but also **other courses and programs.”**

Charles Williams, adjunct professor at AdventureSports Institute

““The instructors were both excellent...easy to approach and passionate about the subject. **Everything was amazing...the people were great and the material was fun.”** Leann Huey, Outdoor Program Manager Girl Scouts of Western NY

Educational Scholarships Available

If Master Educator Course tuition costs are deterring you, the Center has scholarships to help. Master Educator Scholarships are designed to provide partial course tuition to individuals enrolled in an approved Master Educator Course. Scholarships cover up to half of course tuition and do not include travel costs or other related expenses.

Consideration is given to those individuals demonstrating a need for Leave No Trace education in their region as well as those who have specific Leave No Trace related outreach/educational goals upon course completion. Thank you to [Outdoor Research](#) for providing additional generous funding to support the Master Educator Course Scholarships program. More info at: Int.org/teach/master-educator-course-scholarships

Custom Courses

If you have a group of at least five people who cannot attend a currently scheduled course, contact ADK about setting up a custom Master Educator course. You pick the dates, location, and help set up logistics, and we'll offer the course at a discounted rate to your group.

Successful completion of the Master Educator course qualifies you to offer and teach two-day Leave No Trace Trainer courses and Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops.

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