

## THE TEACHING EDGE METHOD

### Teaching Outdoor Ethics With the EDGE Method: A Sample Format

Use the EDGE method as described in the *Scouts BSA Handbook*. As part of your planning, decide how you will Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable the Scout to be successful.

**EDGE stands for:** Explain  
Demonstrate  
Guide  
Enable

**Explain outdoor ethics:** This can occur at a meeting or outing. Use your *Scouts BSA Handbook* to discuss the rank-appropriate information: Outdoor Code, principles of Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! principles.

**Demonstrate:** This can be done as part of planning a campout or outing at a patrol meeting. Select specific principles and show what one might do to practice them. Use materials from Teaching Leave No Trace or from the resource section of this handbook, or make up a game or activity. Show how outdoor ethics, including the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly!, fit into the outdoor program.

**Guide:** Guide Scouts in practicing outdoor ethics at a campout or outing. Assist Scouts in making choices that demonstrate the Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly! principles.

**Enable:** Provide opportunities for Scouts to demonstrate outdoor ethics at a campout or outing. Give feedback as to the effectiveness of their actions and any improvement that is needed.

When finished teaching, remember to evaluate. Meet with Scouts to review how outdoor ethics was practiced on a campout or outing. When requirements have been met, sign off outdoor ethics-related advancement records.