

PLANNING AN OUTING WORKSHEET

Planning your event is where using outdoor ethics starts. Each patrol leader needs to know how to reduce the impacts of their outdoor activities. As the outdoor ethics guide, you can help them understand how planning does this.

Use the following worksheet when you plan your outing with the patrol leaders' council or patrol leader. Review the *Scouts BSA Handbook* and consider impacts that may occur on your outing. Then look at these topics. Once you have identified an impact, be sure to also identify ways to avoid or minimize

it. At the end of each outing, take the time to reflect and see how well you reduced your impacts. Make a plan to address these, such as holding outdoor ethics challenge activities or patrol competitions. Make it fun to learn and remember ways to reduce outdoor impacts. Your outdoor ethics guide, trainer, or trained adult advisor can help you with this!

The skills and concepts of outdoor ethics apply every time a unit goes camping. Scouts working on advancement for Second Class and enjoying activities such as hiking, climbing, orienteering, horseback riding, fishing, and geocaching should use the Leave No Trace principles to minimize their impact. When working on advancement for First Class or participating in activities with motors or mechanical devices such as shooting sports, ATVs at council camps, or boating, Scouts can apply Tread Lightly! to minimize their impact.

Additional information on outdoor ethics can be found in the *Scouts BSA Handbook* and the *BSA Fieldbook*. More information and training opportunities can be found at www.outdoorethics-bsa.org.

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Purpose of Outing: Location of Event: Main Activity: Skills Needed: Event Type: Overnight or Day Group Size:	Date of Activity: Number Attending: Cost per Scout: Meeting Place: Transport:															
Weather, health, and safety Who did you leave a plan with? First-aid kit, plan, and nearest hospital Are attendees properly trained? Weather forecast and appropriate plan Permits, maps, and permissions obtained Camp or ranger contact info Types of animals/insects																
Is it a sensitive time for wildlife/wetlands? <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Mating</td> <td style="width: 15%; text-align: center;">Y</td> <td style="width: 25%; text-align: center;">N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nesting</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Y</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Young with adults</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Y</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extreme heat/cold</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Y</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Excessive moisture</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Y</td> <td style="text-align: center;">N</td> </tr> </table>	Mating	Y	N	Nesting	Y	N	Young with adults	Y	N	Extreme heat/cold	Y	N	Excessive moisture	Y	N	Possible impact and action to take:
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Site considerations/durable surfaces Do you have a map? Is it a high-use area? Tent sites/condition Established trails/condition Established cook sites/tables/grills Availability of water and trash disposal	Possible impact and action to take:															
Waste reduction, management, and disposal Menu plan Packaging and portion control Cooking method: grills, fires, camp stoves Cleanup/disposal method Supplies to carry, filter, or strain water Supplies to store, carry out trash Are bathrooms available?	Possible impact and action to take:															

<p>Fires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bans or limits Need for fire Fire ring or low-impact plan Fire pit or mound cleanup, ash disposal 	<p>Possible impact and action to take:</p>
<p>Other people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group size Activity and noise levels Proximity to others Viewing areas and rest places People, horses, or pack animals on trails 	<p>Possible impact and action to take:</p>
<p>Personal property and historic items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presence of fences and signs Private property Natural and man-made objects Choices for crossing creeks 	<p>Possible impact and action to take:</p>
<p>Transport of invasive species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing, gear, and shoes Use of live bait Role of firewood Trailers, ATVs, and boats Tents, tarps, and gear 	<p>Possible impact and action to take:</p>