

POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY

OUTDOOR ETHICS GUIDE

Job Description

The Outdoor Ethics Guide helps the troop minimize its impact on the environment and maximize the quality of the outdoor experience. You serve as a teacher and coach, ensuring all members understand and live by the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! principles.



Reports To

The Outdoor Ethics Guide reports to the **Senior Patrol Leader** with the guidance of the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster for Outdoor Activities (Outdoor Ethics Advisor).

Prerequisites

- **Rank:** At least Star rank.
- **Training:** Completed or will commit to completing *Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)* during their term.

Key Duties

1. **Training & Advancement:** Teach Outdoor Ethics requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class ranks.
2. **Conservation Leadership:** Help Life Scouts identify and plan service projects that meet conservation hour requirements.
3. **Mentorship:** Mentor Scouts in the troop on how to practice the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! principles for all Scouts.
4. **Awards Promotion:** Encourage Scouts and leaders to earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards.
5. **Evaluations:** Conduct "clean sweep" inspections of troop campsites to ensure they are left better than they were found.

Resources

- Outdoor Ethics Guide Handbook: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/outdoor-ethics-guide/>
- Outdoor Ethics Guide Duties: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/outdoor-ethics-guide/outdoor-ethics-guide-duties/#6>
- Leave No Trace: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/leave-no-trace/>
- Scouting America Outdoor Ethics Orientation: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/training/>

Performance and Advancement Expectations

To fulfill the "active service" requirement for this role, the Outdoor Ethics Guide is expected to:

- **Be a Regular Participant:** Consistently attend troop meetings, campouts, and Courts of Honor to perform the duties of the position.
- **Complete Position Agreement:** Read and sign the troop's Leadership Position Agreement.
- **Meet with the Scoutmaster:** Schedule and complete at least one conference with the Scoutmaster or delegated adult leader during their term to review their progress and discuss their advancement goals.
- **Maintain Records:** Keep a record of their service and duties for all Scoutmaster conferences.

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Troop 54 Leadership Tracking Sheet

Scout's Name: _____ **Patrol:** _____

Term Dates: _____ to _____

Performance Reflection - *Rate yourself on a scale of 1–5 (1 = Needs Improvement, 5 = Excellent)*

1. **Modeling the Code:** How well did I live by the Outdoor Code on every outing? ____
2. **Teaching Ability:** How effectively did I explain Leave No Trace to younger Scouts? ____
3. **Conservation Advocacy:** How did I encourage others to consider the environment during activities? ____

List all campouts, outdoor adventures, and teaching sessions completed during your term (do not include Troop Meetings)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event / Location</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Describe a specific time during a campout when you noticed the troop (or a specific patrol) was having a negative impact on the environment (e.g., poorly placed tents, improper dishwashing, or trash left behind). How did you step in to coach them, and what was the result?

Which Outdoor Ethics principle (within Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly!) did you find most difficult to teach other Scouts, and how did you adjust your teaching style to help them understand it?

I confirm that this Scout has successfully fulfilled the responsibilities of Webmaster.

SPL's Signature

Date

Scoutmaster or ASM for Outdoor Activities Signature

Date