

Outdoor Ethics Guide- Troop 420



GENERAL INFORMATION

Type: Appointed

Term: 6 months

Reports to: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and ASM, Trail to First Class

Description: The Outdoor Ethics Guide promotes the BSA Outdoor Code.

Comments: The Outdoor Ethics Guide should be a good role model on how to reduce impacts in the outdoors. Using Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles, the Outdoor Ethics Guide helps the troop to learn about and make responsible outdoor choices.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: None

Rank: None

Experience: None but should have an interest in outdoor ethics and a willingness to learn Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles.

Training: Should have completed Leave No Trace advancement-related requirements for current rank, be familiar with Chapter 7, "Outdoor Ethics" in the Scout Handbook and be willing to complete both online Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Awareness courses.

Attendance: Must be an active member of the Troop, meaning has been attending most Troop Meetings and other outings.

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Training: You must attend the troop Junior Leader Training even if you have attended in the past.

Attendance: You are expected to attend

- 75% of all troop meetings (3 of 4 each month),
- 5 of 6 Patrol Leaders' Council meetings and
- At least ½ of all outings, events and service projects.
- If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.

Effort: You are expected to give this job your best effort and to use the ASPL for advice and direction when needed.

GENERAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Uniform: Set the example by always wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.

Behavior: Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.

- Be the first to reflect the scout sign
- Maintain a positive and enthusiastic attitude.
- Exhibit good self-discipline.
- Have an excellent attendance record.
- Meet your obligations on time and with full effort.
- Have fun but not at the expense of everyone (Goofing off without purpose wastes time and loses the interest and respect of the other scouts).

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on time for meetings and activities. *You must call the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you have an emergency and cannot attend a meeting, outing or activity you have committed to. You should have an alternate ready to assume your responsibilities anytime you are absent. You are to plan ahead and "**Be Prepared**" for any duties assigned to you by the ASPL.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Trains Others:

- Explains to Scouts the relevant requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class ranks.
- Demonstrates how to practice the Outdoor Code, and the Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! principles to meet advancement requirements.

Provides Leadership:

- Helps the troop develop an outdoor ethics plan.
- Identifies impacts that may occur on an outing, finds ways to avoid or to minimize them then works with the patrol leaders to create an outing that practices outdoor ethics.
- Mentors den chiefs in the Outdoor Code and practicing Leave No Trace Principles for Kids.
- Helps Life Scouts understand, plan, and carry out activities or projects meeting conservation service hour requirements.

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Supports Recognition by encouraging Scouts and leaders to complete the Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action awards and merit badges.

Meets with the SPL (and ASM, Outdoor Activities) prior to troop planning sessions for outdoor camping or other activities to identify impacts that may occur.

Meets **monthly** with the ASM, Trail to First Class to evaluate the needs of TFC scouts.

Meets **monthly** with SPL (and Scoutmaster if requested) to evaluate the program, your responsibilities and the performance of your duties.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Senior Patrol Leader

Other Junior Leaders

Assistant Scoutmaster

Scoutmaster

Boy Scouts outdoor ethics and conservation resources and training programs

Leave No Trace website

Tread Lightly! website

Boy Scout Handbook, No. 33105

Junior Leader Handbook, No. 33500A

Boys' Life magazines

Troop and patrol rosters

Activity calendar (troop)

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Troop 420 Leadership Contract with _____
(neatly printed name)

Scout's Agreement

I have read the job requirements for the position of **Outdoor Ethics Guide**. I understand the duties and responsibilities of this position, and I agree to carry them out to the best of my ability. I agree to lead by example, and I make these commitments to my fellow Scouts, the adult leaders, and myself. In addition, I will help other scouts whenever possible; be especially supportive of younger and less experienced scouts and will do my best to have fun while helping the scouts of Troop 420.

If I find that I am unable to meet this commitment, I will promptly ask to be removed from this position. I understand that I will receive FULL leadership credit if I follow the above stated commitments. I may not receive credit if the above commitments are not met.

I will do my best to uphold the duties of this position from _____ (start date) to _____ (estimated end date).

(Signature)

(date)

Approval

(Scoutmaster's Signature)

(date)

This scout has served in this leadership position through (Actual End Date): _____ (Scoutmaster's Initials) _____

Comments: