The following activity materials are intended to be used with Bigfoot’s Playbook:
*A Youth Educator’s Guide to Leave No Trace Activities, Games, and Experiential Curriculum*

The following activity materials are included in this packet:
- Ethics Game
- Campsite Oh-No’s
- Minimum impact Match
- Specific is Superior
- Okay vs. No Way
- Are You Ready?
- Surface Hopscotch
- Trash Timeline
- Leave No Trace Question Ball

About this packet:
- The activity cards have been designed so that you can print double sided.
- It is recommended that you print out the cards, cut them out when appropriate, and laminate the cards ahead of using Bigfoot’s Playbook.
- Each group of activity materials includes a blank card page with a backing so that you may create your own cards with items that are specific to your program, community and culture.
Other kids cutting from one part of the trail to another to get in the front of everyone else.

Food and snack wrappers in the camp’s fire ring.

People breaking the branches off trees.

Names carved in trees.

Strangers dog approaches you and/or jumps on you.

Kids on bikes not looking out for other people.

Trampled flowers around an outdoor area, camp or on a trail.

Fish guts on the stream bank.

Trash on the ground in your classroom, area or around camp.

Being passed by a large group while hiking or walking on a trail.

Kids or adults feeding animals like squirrels.

Pet waste on the ground.
Banana peels and apple cores left around a picnic area or on the side of a road.

Fishing line and hooks left on the banks of a lake or river.

Other kids or adults not showing you respect.

Other kids and adults being noisy and scaring off the animals you’re watching.

Horses wading into water ways.

Half burned food and trash in a campfire ring.

Kids or adults finding deer antlers and taking them for themselves.

Other camp groups setting up their tents next to yours.

Kids or adults squishing insects or other small creatures.

Other kids ruining an art project of yours.

Trash left scattered around sport’s fields.

Kids or adults picking wild flowers.
Banana peels and apple cores left around a picnic area or on the side of a road.

Food and litter at your campsite attract animals (add mice, raccoons and/or bears).

A large, partially burned log is laying over the top of the fire pit (add a large burned log that overlaps your fire pit area).

Your water source is dirtied by the last campers (add food scraps, foam, and a muddy bank).

The campers next to you are playing very loud music and their pets are running through your campsite.

Trees surrounding your campsite have the last campers’ names and initials carved into them (add drawings on trees).

‘Social trails’ run through your campsite and in all directions (add new trails that criss cross from the nearby brush straight through your camp).

The flowers around your site are all picked or trampled.

The “garbage monster” visits your site (add styrofoam, food wrappers and flashlight batteries).

Multiple burn areas scorch the ground where camp fires have been before. (Add burn marks to the ground next to your tent and two in your eating area).

Other campers are washing their dishes in your watersource. (add dirty dishes, soap, and food scraps to the water source).

The firepit is filled with partially burned garbage by the last campers.
leash

flashlight

stove

batteries

binoculars

colored pencils

gloves

cat hole

headphones

trail

lantern

socks

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compass  sleeping
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litter  camera  pet  trowel
matches  fuel  sketchbook  music
boots  map  first aid kit  bag to hang food
flashlight  backpack  tent  sign

snacks  sunglasses  hat  wildlife
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<th><strong>A bandana can be used to strain food particles from wastewater.</strong></th>
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<td>Okay! Catching food particles in a bandana allows the food particles to be thrown away while the water is dispersed.</td>
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<th><strong>With left-over food, you should strain out the chunks and pack them out.</strong></th>
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<td>Okay! Straining out the chunks of food first will help make the cleaning process much easier. Pack out the food when finished.</td>
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<th><strong>Okay! Repackaging food into different bags and containers can reduce the amount of trash you have to deal with.</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Store food in a bear resistant container in your tent.</strong></th>
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<th><strong>Canned food is a great food to bring backpacking.</strong></th>
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<td>No Way ... canned food is heavy, doesn’t support the needs of a group, and produces a lot of heavy garbage that you will have to carry out.</td>
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OKAY VS. NO WAY
SPECIFIC IS SUPERIOR
A staff member has told you that you’ll be venturing out on a long hike tomorrow. You and your group will be hiking in Shenandoah National Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Meadow Springs Parking Area and hiking two miles before breaking for lunch around Noon. After lunch there will be another mile hike out to High Clear Pond. After a quick dip, the group will begin hiking back out to the trailhead with an arrival time of approximately 4:00pm. The hike into the pond will be mostly uphill with some flat stretches. The return hike will be mostly downhill. Temperatures during this time of the year can range from high 50’s in the morning and at higher elevations to the low 90’s during the afternoon. The weather is predicted to be mostly sunny, but be prepared for any weather, including rain. The trail can be quite rocky and may be muddy so come prepared with hiking boots. The planned lunch area is beautiful and provides a great spot off trail for the group. You will have to bring your own lunch. Staff members will have sunscreen, first aid kits, radios, and all other necessary safety equipment. Be prepared for a wonderful time! See you there!
SPECIFIC IS SUPERIOR
A staff member has told you that you’ll be going on a day hike tomorrow in Shenandoah National Park. Your group will be hiking a couple of miles to a beautiful mountain pond. We’ll have a great time! See you there!
Do the contents of your pack...
• Help you make sure that you will be safe? Please explain.
• Help you Leave No Trace? How?
• Help you have a successful and fun day on the trip? Please explain.
• Properly prepare you for the weather conditions that you’ll encounter? How?
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Plastic Bags
Tin Cans
Aluminum Cans
Glass Bottles
Cigarette Butts
Leather
Tin Cans
Glass Bottles
TRASH TIMELINE

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QUESTION BALL

Use the suggested questions below to make your own Leave No Trace Question Ball. If using as an ice breaker only, terminology questions may be advanced for some. Get creative and create questions that are specific to your program, as well!

• How can we avoid transporting invasive aquatic species?
• What are examples of minimum impact campfires?
• Look around: what are two examples of durable surfaces?
• Who should yield when hikers and horses meet on the trail?
• How would you describe the term “invasive species?”
• Why is Leave No Trace important to our group?
• What are potential sources of information before traveling in the backcountry?
• What is an alternative to toilet paper?
• Why is Planning Ahead and Preparing important?
• Why is it smart to repackage food before hitting the trail?
• What is one way that you are going to practice Leave No Trace today?
• What are the three D’s of choosing firewood?
• Is grass more fragile in WET or DRY conditions?
• What is a “fire ban” and why is it important to check this before a trip?
• Why is it OK to walk through the middle of a muddy trail?
• Is it okay to bury any leftover food waste?
• What things did you bring with you today to stay protected from the sun?
• Where should you throw away dog waste bags when outdoors?
• Look around: what are two examples of non-durable surfaces?
• Why do trails help us protect the outdoors?
• Which area of your campsite receives the most impact?
• When hiking, is it OK to hike off trail? How do you know?
• Which natural objects are OK touch? How do you know?
• What types of wildlife do you think you will see today?
• How do you know if you are too close to a wild animal?
• Why is it important to dig your cat hole 6-8 inches deep?
• What is a “cat hole?” and why do we use them?
• How should we dispose of toilet paper in the backcountry?
• Where should you keep snack wrappers if there is no garbage can?
• What should we do if we see wildlife nearby?
• How do you show that you care for nature?
• What kind of gear helps us stay safe when we are outdoors?
• Why is it best to urinate on rocks rather than vegetation?
• How do you remember the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace?
• Name as many of the Seven Principles as you can!
• What is one of the four objectives of proper waste disposal?
• Wildlife: what is the difference between “attraction” and “habituation”?
• What can we do to protect our food from wildlife when we are outdoors?
• What happens when we feed wildlife?
• What is one way we can be respectful of wildlife?
• Where is the best place to take a break while hiking?
• Why is it smart to have a backpack on your trip?
• Camping: What should you do with your dirty dish water?
• What are some alternatives to having a campfire?
• What is the highest level of Leave No Trace training available?
• What is ANOTHER way that you are going to practice Leave No Trace today?