



LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER COURSES

DESCRIPTION: A Leave No Trace Trainer Course is a modified version of the five-day Leave No Trace Master Educator Course. Like Master Educator Courses, two-day Leave No Trace Trainer Courses emphasize skills and techniques essential to Leave No Trace minimum impact outdoor ethics and education. This course is designed for individuals who will be teaching Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops and providing general Leave No Trace outreach. Through classroom discussions, lectures, interactive activities, and a two-day outing, this course will cover the Leave No Trace Seven Principles, discuss outdoor ethics, and give participants tools and techniques for disseminating Leave No Trace skills to others.

COURSE INFORMATION:

BEGINS: 9AM on Day 1

ENDS: 4PM on Day 2

COURSE COSTS: \$100 Per Person for Leave No Trace Community Partners (at \$300 level or higher)/\$125 Per Person for non-partners. Includes dinner on Day 1, breakfast and lunch on Day 2, educational materials for the course, and a one year membership to Leave No Trace.

DEPOSIT POLICY: All Trainer Courses to be taught by the Traveling Trainers are subject to a \$250 deposit, to be paid by the event host at the time the course dates are confirmed. Course dates cannot be held without payment. Cancellation of a course at least 60 days prior to the course will net a full refund, however cancellation less than 60 days out will result in a forfeiture of the deposit. You will receive an invoice to secure the \$250 deposit, which can be applied to participant costs, or will be returned to you following the course.

GROUP SIZE/YOUTH POLICY: Minimum of 5 participants and a maximum of 12. This includes a 3:1 youth to adult ratio policy. Any course participant under the age of 18 is required to have an adult chaperone who is a paid participant on the course and whom agrees to be in charge of that youth.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: The cutoff date for meeting the minimum number of participants is two weeks before the course start date.

CURRICULUM: A Leave No Trace Trainer Course emphasizes skills and techniques essential to Leave No Trace minimum impact outdoor ethics and education. As stated in the *Leave No Trace Release Form*, Leave No Trace courses do not teach basic travel, camping, or other outdoor skills, nor do they provide outdoor instructor certification. The Trainer Course includes a minimum of two days and one night in the field.

Core Components of Trainer Course Curriculum:

1. A minimum of 16 total hours of experiential instruction, 10 hours of which must be conducted in the field. One night camping is strongly recommended but not required.
2. The role and function of a Leave No Trace Trainer.
3. The principles and ethics of Leave No Trace.
4. Teaching skills and techniques and student learning styles.
5. One teaching session led by each participant.
6. Overview of the national Leave No Trace program.
7. The role and function of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

TEACHING SESSION: Graduates of the Trainer Course are equipped to teach others the Leave No Trace Seven Principles through Awareness Workshops of any length. In order to better equip Trainers to meet this expectation, each participant will teach one 5-10 minutes long lesson in the field during this Leave No Trace Trainer Course. This provides a hands-on learning experience and the chance to practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a supportive, educational environment. Teaching session topics will be assigned in advance, and information to assist with session preparation will be sent to participants.

COURSE COMPLETION: Upon successful completion of a Leave No Trace Trainer Course, each participant will become a Leave No Trace Trainer and receive a completion certificate from the Center. Successful completion of the course requires participation in all course activities and teaching exercises. Those who complete the Trainer Course are equipped to:

- Facilitate Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops
- Understand, demonstrate and teach Leave No Trace minimum impact techniques to others
- Lead a discussion on outdoor ethics and help others explore their own personal outdoor ethic
- Serve as a co-instructor for Leave No Trace Trainer Courses with a qualified Master Educator

SAFETY: As participant safety is a high priority for all courses, procedures and policies have been developed to attempt to limit participant risk. Participants are expected to work with staff to reduce risks and make the experience successful for all. In case of an emergency, course instructors are trained in wilderness first aid, carry first-aid kits, and follow a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan. Despite such steps, participants should be aware that there are risks associated with outdoor adventure activities, including but not limited to cooking and camp chores, adverse weather and environmental conditions, remote locations of our trips, and transportation in vehicles, on foot, by boat, or on a bike. Please carefully read and sign the *Participant Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks and Release and Indemnity Agreement* and call if you have any questions. Participants' understanding of these risks and adherence to our policies and procedures can contribute to making this experience rewarding.

HOST RESPONSIBILITIES: As the host of this Trainer Course, we rely on you for the following items:

- **Inviting and securing participants.**
- **Securing a classroom space (with electricity) for the morning of Day 1.**
- **Securing a basecamp style campground or outdoor location to be used for the remainder of the course. The host is responsible for acquiring any permits necessary for the camping portion of the course, if applicable.**
- **Collecting participant payment/registration prior to the course.**
- **Communicating with the Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers in a timely manner when they reach out regarding course logistics and planning questions.**