FALL 2019 — Fall is here. Many of you will be wrapping up a long summer programming season, others might be jumping straight into fall programs and volunteer roles within your community. Whatever the case may be, I hope that you’re feeling refreshed and excited about the upcoming opportunities you have to teach young people what it means to be a steward of the outdoors. As always, there are a few new resources that we have for you. Don’t miss those below!

This fall our youth team will be speaking at several conferences and events and we hope to see you there! We’ll be leading sessions on how to use the Social Media Discussion Guide with teenage audiences, as well as how to use our Program Quality Assessment tool to improve your program’s overall Leave No Trace impact.

- National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Annual Conference — September 24-26 in Baltimore, MD
- BSA National Outdoor Conference — September 25-29 in Cimarron, NM
- North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) Annual Conference — October 16-19 in Lexington, KY
- ACA Rocky Mountain Fall Conference — November 18-20 in Florissant, CO
- Christian Camp & Conference Association (CCCA) National Conference — December 3-6 in Orlando, FL

Thanks for being a Leave No Trace educator and I hope you have an excellent fall season!

See you out there,

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Back to School... in Yosemite
Take a page from the kids that attend Yosemite National Park Valley School's book, and learn the hand signals and the why behind the Leave No Trace Seven Principles. Your students might even be inspired to create their own video!

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PEAK Back in Stock

In case you missed the good news, PEAK (Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids) Packs are back in stock! This well-loved curriculum comes conveniently packaged for use in both the indoor and outdoor classroom. Get your copy today!

Learn More

Featured Activity: Fourth Grade Activity

Did you know that fourth graders can get a free pass to explore federally managed lands and waters? Use this Leave No Trace activity as a supplement to the diary entry 4th graders make to get their pass, and help inspire the next generation of stewards!

Explore More

Featured Educator: Meg Anderson
Do you have your P.O.O.P. or Pooping Outside and in Obscure Places License? When teaching kids about disposing of waste, Meg Anderson of East Bay Camp, poses the question, "what about... *human* waste?" to get beyond just talking about litter. This is usually met with some embarrassment and giggles, but Meg helps to thoroughly break the ice by transitioning to the book *Everybody Poops* by Taro Gomi. She then discusses the specifics of how and where to go. After each camper recaps the lesson back to her and digs an appropriately sized cat hole (no use required), Meg presents them with a wallet-sized, laminated P.O.O.P. License. What an incredibly fun and creative way to teach kids about Principle #3! We’ll be sure to ask for ID next time we see you out there ;)

Submit YOUR activities, games, and ideas! Each newsletter will highlight a Leave No Trace educator with a unique approach to engaging youth in Leave No Trace through games, activities, and more. Email julia@LNT.org with any leads.

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