SUMMER 2020 — Only a few months have passed since the last edition of the Footprint, yet it feels as though it could have been years. Despite the COVID time warp we are somehow through most of summer, one that has likely looked very different for many of us and our programming, and are again on the cusp of "back to school." We have felt so inspired seeing the creative ways you all have pivoted to continue to provide programming and support to your communities, and although much is still left uncertain, we want to reiterate that Leave No Trace is here to offer support for you as educators. We have a great library of free, digital and virtual resources for anyone hoping to inspire today's young people to protect the outdoors.

With this hope in mind, we also want to make space for and echo the sentiments of our executive director Dana Watts from earlier this summer: Leave No Trace represents a broad and diverse international community with the shared goal of protecting the natural world for all. Systemic racism impacts this goal for the outdoors thus it is a Leave No Trace issue. Our entire staff has been taking a top to bottom look at the real work ahead to build a more diverse, equitable and inclusive culture for the future for Leave No Trace. As youth educators, this work presents a meaningful opportunity. We invite you to consider with us:

- How can today's teenagers help us find solutions to the culture of shaming on social media in the name of protecting the outdoors?
- What steps can we take to change unintentional but potentially harmful language that is used in outdoor curriculums?
- Who is being represented and who is excluded when we introduce youth to prominent leaders of the outdoors movement?
- In what ways can the Seven Principles promote anti-racist education to young people (and ourselves) in an effort to truly Be Considerate of Other Visitors?
• How can learning about Indigenous and tribal communities' relationships to the places we call public land help us practice Leave No Trace in our everyday lives?

We have a saying at Leave No Trace—it's not about perfection, it's about learning and through learning, **action**. This inspires us when we think about the direction that we are headed toward. It is the cumulative effect of our individual efforts, big and small, that will create change.

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**Leave No Trace for Every Kid**

In our continued efforts to learn, unlearn and grow as educators, here are some awesome outdoor leaders and organizations the youth team has been following. Let us know what you're learning and how we can work together to make sure all youth can feel a sense of belonging and inspiration in the outdoors.

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**Teaching Methods & Learning Styles**
For all you educators getting back into a classroom—virtual, in-person, or some combination of the two—it is important to take learning styles and teaching methods into consideration (as current conditions allow) when planning lessons and workshops. Check out these tips from our mobile educators.

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Featured Activity: Social Media Discussion Guide

The Social Media + Stewardship curriculum was developed as a guide to promote discussions with youth surrounding intentional social media use in the outdoors context. With social media playing an even more prominent role in most of our lives right now, these conversations are ever more relevant and evolving.

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Featured Educator: Woodcraft Rangers & BIRCH
Woodcraft Rangers seeks to guide young people as they explore pathways to purposeful lives through "The Woodcraft Way" – a whole-child youth development approach that integrates mind, body, spirit and commitment to service. A 98-year old, Los Angeles-based organization, Woodcraft Rangers offers overnight and day camps over the summer, and a full spectrum of afterschool enrichment programs to 14,000 underserved youth annually. In its transition to digital learning over the past few months, their team developed BIRCH, a text-messaging program focused on providing parents and caregivers with daily inspiration, easy-to-do at-home activities, and research backed tips to help keep families feeling safe and supported. Woodcraft Rangers is proud to have worked with organizations like Leave No Trace to provide its families with a variety of information to help keep youth active and engaged in learning while school is out. What an innovative way to continue to engage with your community during these challenging times!
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.