SUMMER 2021 — Summer is here, and it’s hard to believe just how much has happened in the past year and just how resilient the outdoor educator community has been through it all. From the heartbreaking decision to cancel summer programs in 2020 to incredible innovation in spite of everything and continuing to support youth participants all along the way, we salute you. Although things may not officially be back to "normal" yet, we hope this summer can be filled with a bit more outdoor learning, exploration, and fun all around. As our friends at Generation Wild say, just 20 minutes outside can turn kids into kids again!

The Leave No Trace youth team is hard at work on updates to current popular curriculum pieces and brainstorming additional Leave No Trace resources focused on youth and youth educators. We’d love to hear from you, what would you like to see more of from Leave No Trace for Every Kid? Reach out!

Happy summertime,

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Leave No Trace Basics
As we all start to get out a bit more and for youth getting out there for the first time, it’s great to brush up on the Leave No Trace Basics: the essentials to know before you go. You can download and share the brand new Basics video and check out our social media toolkit as well! You don’t need to be a Leave No Trace expert to get outside, you just need to know the Basics.

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Celebrating Youth

As youth educators, it is important to create both space and time for all of our participants to be able to express their truest selves and to feel safe, comfortable, and celebrated as they are. Here are some ways to celebrate Pride this June and to support LGBTQ+ youth all year round!

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Featured Activity: Would you drink it?

Have you ever thought about how common outdoor items such as sunscreen, bug spray and dish soap can effect water sources? Play this fun game with youth participants to get everyone thinking about different possible water source impacts, and then let us know, would you drink it??

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Featured Program: TOPS Stewardship Program
The City of Colorado Springs Trails, Open Space & Parks Stewardship Program (TOPS) recently achieved recognition as a Leave No Trace Accredited Youth Program and aims to expand the accessibility of stewardship education to all park visitors, present and future! When virtual programming took flight in 2020, the TOPS staff turned one of their most popular programs, "Nature Detective," into a video mini-series with each episode focusing on a different Leave No Trace Principle. Education Technician, Anna Eick, created a Leave No Trace Activity Booklet to accompany the TOPS Junior Ranger program, which will be available at all libraries in the Pikes Peak region this coming fall. TOPS plans to expand stewardship programming to school districts across the city in order to reach as many current, and future, park visitors as possible and to remind students that they have the power to encourage positive behavior changes in others, including their parents! TOPS' commitment to this work is also reflected in their division's Leave No Trace Stewardship Initiative, which began in April 2019. Thanks to Gillian Rossi, Park Ranger Supervisor, and all who have worked so hard on this effort, and congratulations on becoming accredited!

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