

Leave No Trace Trainer

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The positions of responsibility duties on the BSA online Handbook at <http://bsahandbook.org/PDFs/troop.pdf> offers the following description of the LNT Trainer position:

The Leave No Trace Trainer specializes in teaching Leave No Trace principles and ensuring that the troop follows these principles on outings. He can also help Scouts earn the Leave No Trace award.

He should have a thorough understanding of and commitment to Leave No Trace. **Ideally, he should have completed Leave No Trace training** and earned the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.

The BSA Task Force adds to it with the following information (a formal position description is under development):

- What: Leave No Trace Trainer
- Who: Scouting youth appointed by Scoutmaster
- Prereqs: Must have completed 16 hour Leave No Trace Trainer training from any recognized Leave No Trace Master Educator PRIOR TO ASSUMING POSITION.
- Age: The BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course Manual restricts training to youth ages 14 and higher. Youth who have completed required training would be eligible—if they can do the job.
- Recognition: New Leave No Trace Trainer position of responsibility patch
- Resources: BSA Leave No Trace 101 Course Guide, a 3 or more hour program
- Teaching Leave No Trace (on scouting.org)
- BSA Leave No Trace Awareness Cards (No. 21-116)
- Qualifying for a BSA Leave No Trace Awareness Card without BSA Leave No Trace 101 (available soon)
- Boy Scout Handbook, Chapter 7
- Fieldbook, Chapters 7-11 (I believe)
- Resources at the Center: www.lnt.org

For youth that are not old enough or cannot find the Trainer course, the Task Force recommends that the Scoutmaster consider appointing them an Instructor. For Instructors, the Task Force recommends, but it is not required, that the youth go through the BSA Leave No Trace 101 course.