

The Outdoor Code

Every Scout who is spending time outdoors should be familiar with the Outdoor Code. It is especially important for Webelos, Scouts BSA, and Venturers who are out camping regularly.

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Be considerate in the outdoors

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(The breakdown of the Outdoor Code is the one from the Webelos Handbook)

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Be clean in my outdoor manners

- I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.
- I will take care of it for myself and others.
- I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire

- I will prevent wildfire.
- I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.
- When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out.
- I will leave a clean fire ring or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors

- I will treat public and private property with respect.
- I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

Be conservation minded

- I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.
- I will urge others to do the same.

Discussion Points

- What does treat the outdoors as a heritage mean?
- What are some things I can do to take care of the outdoors next time I go camping?
- What should I do with my trash when there is nowhere to dispose of it nearby?
- What are the differences between a cooking fire, a campfire, and a bonfire?
- How can I decide if an area is appropriate for a fire?
- When putting out a fire, how can I tell if it is cold out?
- What does a clean fire ring mean?
- What are some things I can do to reduce the impact of hiking and camping on the outdoors?
- What are some things I can do to be conservation minded in the next week?
- Is it ever difficult to remind my friends to be conservation minded?