

Outdoor Activity Environmental Policy Version 1.0

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General

The Organization recognizes that preserving our natural environment is important. This includes leaving no litter on trails or at campsites, and not washing or dumping soaps, chemicals, or other unnatural materials in lakes and streams. These actions harm the natural environment and wildlife.

Policy

1.0 It is Organization policy that when participating in an outdoors activity, we require that participants leave trails and campsites clean and free of litter. We encourage participants to clean up after others that have come before you, as much as you can. This allows others to enjoy the trail and camp, as you did.

- a) Stay on the trail. Do not create shortcuts. Shortcuts can cause erosion and damages the trail and trail environment.
- b) Carry out all litter. Leave the campsite and trail cleaner than you found it. If there is preexisting litter, please dispose or take with you as much as you can.
- c) Do not remove and take with you pieces of nature that you may encounter on the trail. Organization Representatives may ask you to surrender such items and/or return them to where you found them.
- d) Protect water sources. Wash yourself, utensils, and clothes away from all water sources. Do not use soap, health/beauty products or chemicals in streams/lakes.
- e) Bury human waste. Where privies are not available, dig a "cathole" at least 6 inches deep and cover afterward. You should be at least 100 yards from any water source or camping area. Do not leave toilet paper above ground.
- f) Sterilize all drinking water. Treat water with iodine tablets, filter or boil before consuming.
- g) Take care with food. Animals frequent camp/picnic areas. If staying overnight, hang food at least 10 feet above ground and away from the trunk of the tree. Leaving food in your automobile is fine, if possible. Also, never leave smelly products (like toothpaste) in your tent.
- h) Be careful with fires. Use camp stoves for cooking. Use only downed wood for campfires and keep them small. Never leave a fire unattended and always extinguish it with water. Some areas have fire bans along the trail, so be sure to check before starting a fire.

Procedure

The Event Coordinator(s) and all Executives are responsible for informing the membership and enforcing the policy. The membership should be informed about

the policy when they join, and as part of an email prior to the event. Before the event departs, participants should be reminded again about the policy by the Event Coordinator(s) prior to departure. The Event Coordinator(s) and Executives are responsible for calling out and addressing any behaviour not in keeping with this policy. The participant in question will be told to halt and rectify their actions. Should they refuse, or repeat the offending action, they will be stripped of their membership and banned for a period of one-year.