

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Troop 146

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First Class Requirement 1b1 "Explain each of the principles of Tread Lightly!"

NOTE: READ THIS FIRST! IT HAS ALL THE ANSWERS!

Name



RESPONSIBLE RECREATION IS IN YOUR HANDS. Learn how to tread lightly on land and water.

T = Travel Responsibly

on land by staying on designated roads, trails and area. Go over, not around, obstacles to avoid widening the trails. Cross streams only at designated fords. when possible, avoid wet, muddy trails. On water, stay on designated waterways and launch your watercraft in designated areas.

R = Respect the Rights of Others

including private property owners, all recreational trail users, campers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed. Leave gates as you found them. Yield right of way to those passing you or going uphill. On water, respect anglers, swimmers, skiers, boaters, divers and those on or near shore.

E = Educate Yourself

prior to your trip by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies. Plan for your trip, take recreation skills classes and know how to operate your equipment safely.

A = Avoid Sensitive Areas

on land such as meadows, lake shores, wetlands and streams. Stay on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitats and sensitive soils from damage. Don't disturb historical, archeological or paleontological sites. On water, avoid operating your watercraft in shallow waters or near shorelines at high speeds.

D = Do Your Part

by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species and repairing degraded areas.

THE FIVE PRINCIPLES

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#1. T = Travel Responsibly
OK to answer with just a word or a phrase
1a. Stick with this kind of road or trail or area:
1b. If a fallen tree blocks the trail, do you go over or around?
1c. If no bridge, where's the best place to cross a stream?
1d. Where's the best place to launch your canoe?
#2. R = Respect the Rights of Others OK to answer with just a word or a phrase
2a. If you're hiking past some campers, how much noise should you make?
2b. Sometimes a blazed trail cuts across a farmer's field (he gave permission). What if you run into a fence with a gate. What's the rule?
2c. If we're hiking uphill on a narrow trail and we come across some hikers coming downhill, who has the right of way?
2d. If we're on a long-distance canoe trip, and our route takes us past some swimmers or some fishermen, what's the rule?
#3. E = Educate Yourself OK to answer with just a word or a phrase
3a. Prepare for your hike in advance by (<i>Hint:map</i>)
3b. Prepare for your campout in advance by (Hint:regulations)
3c. Prepare for your outing in advance by (Hint:skills training)
3d. Prepare for your outing in advance by (Hint:how to use gear)

#4. A = Avoid Sensitive Areas
OK to answer with just a word or a phrase

4a. Name four kinds of areas that may have sensitive soil easily damaged:
4b. If we're hiking along a blazed trail that passes pretty close to a lake shore, what's the rule?
4c. Some hiking trails, especially out west, may take you past some ancient Indian rock carvings or paintings (petroglyphs). What's the rule?
#5. D = Do Your Part OK to answer with just a word or a phrase Name some things that you can do.
5a. Do this (Hint:set a good example)
5b. Do this (Hint:better than we found it)
5c. Do this (Hint:dispose of waste)
5d Do this (Hint: get along without a campfire)