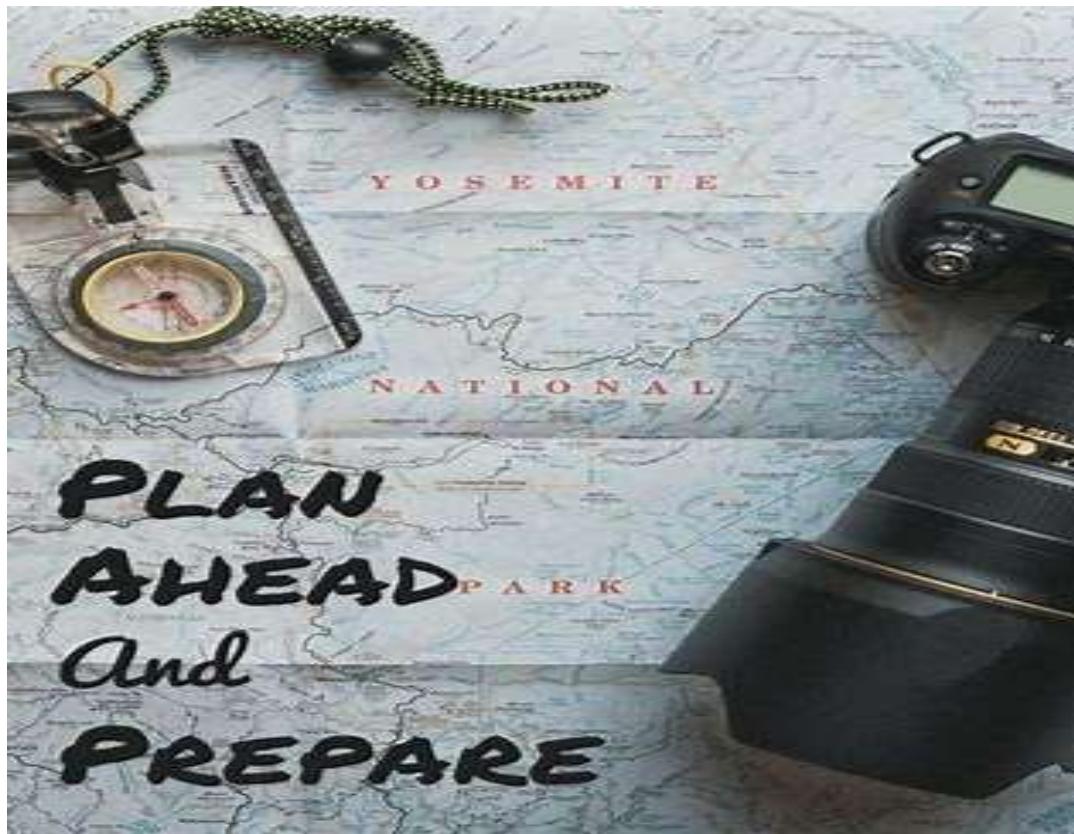


LEAVE NO TRACE

ISSUE NO 1 | PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE



TO A SCOUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE?

Planning Ahead and Preparing is the first principle of Leave No Trace. To plan Ahead and prepare means that as a Scout one must make sure that they have taken into account all aspects of a trip beforehand. Aspect could include: the ability of the

participants, the terrain, the weather, rules and regulations, just to name a few. Planning ahead and preparing will help Scouts to Leave No Trace as well as ensure a safe and enjoyable trip in the great outdoors

WHAT IS LEAVE NO TRACE ?

Leave No Trace is a concept that consists of 7 principles: **Plan Ahead and prepare**, **Camp on durable surfaces**, **Dispose of waste properly**, **Leave what you find**, **Minimize campfire impact**, **Respect other Visitors**, and **Respect Wildlife**. These 7 principles are guidelines to help preserve wildlife and keep everyone safe.

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Why is Trip Planning important?

- It helps ensure the safety of groups and individuals.
- It prepares you to Leave No Trace and minimizes resource damage.
- It contributes to accomplishing trip goals safely and enjoyably.
- It increases self-confidence and opportunities for learning more about nature.



“Failing to plan is planning to fail.”

- Allen Lakein



Things to consider when planning a trip...

- **Identify the goals (expectations) of your trip.**
- **Identify the skill and ability of trip participants and Plan trip activities to match your goals, skills, and abilities.**
- **Gain knowledge of the area you plan to visit**
- **Choose equipment and clothing for comfort, safety, weather, and terrain**
- **Plan activities according to the weather**
- **Regulations/restrictions**
- **Private land boundaries**
- **Group size**

