



Dear OLS Instructor Participant,

May 2009

Thank you for your interest in the Outdoor Living Skills program. The northeastern forest that we live and work in is one of the most heavily used backcountry areas in the nation and possibly the world. We have a responsibility to manage our own use and help educate other users of the impact that recreation has on backcountry and frontcountry areas. We often think of pristine backcountry areas but over 95% of recreational usage happens less than five miles from a road.

This course will help you improve your backcountry skills and be able to teach them to others. We will incorporate the eight hour *Maine State Trip Leader Permit* and the sixteen hour *Leave No Trace Instructor Training* into this three day course. Along the way you will also learn and practice skills in teaching the ACA OLS program. The Seven Principles of LNT are guidelines for you to work with. They are not set rules that must be followed under all circumstances. We will spend time discussing our own ethics and how they impact others. This course will not teach you how to backpack or camp. I expect that you will have experiences in a wilderness setting before attending this course.

As part of this course, you will lead an instructional exercise on one of the LNT Principles:

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| 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare              | 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts        |
| 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces | 6. Respect Wildlife                 |
| 3. Dispose of Waste Properly           | 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors |
| 4. Leave What You Find                 |                                     |

I will contact you after you register for the course with the principle that you will teach. I will also provide you with training resources and materials. Participants will have the opportunity to teach each other so that we can learn from each other's teaching methods.

Wyonegonic Camps will provide food, cooking equipment, tests, and training materials for you. You will need to bring your own backpack and personal gear for an overnight trip. We will have a short ½ mile hike into our camping area.

The course will begin on Monday June 8th at 1:00 PM. We will begin in camp by watching a slideshow on LNT. We will then pack our group equipment and drive to the trailhead for our hike. We will continue through the evening, setting up camp, cooking dinner and continuing with the training. We will stay in the remote site through the day on Monday and then move to a pristine campsite for Tuesday night. We will return to Wyonegonic by 4:00 PM on Wednesday.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the course or our facilities. I look forward to spending time with you along the shores of Moose Pond, in the shadow of Pleasant Mountain.

Sincerely,

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**INFORMATION FOR YOUR TRAINING INSTRUCTOR**

Please complete one form for each training clinic that you are attending and return to  
Wyonegonic via mail or email

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TRAINING CLINIC \_\_\_\_\_

What will be your responsibilities this summer?

What do you hope to gain from this Training Clinic?

Describe your experience – (ie: competition, school, camp, recreational...):

Explain your prior teaching experience (if any):

Estimate your strengths in regard to the activity you are training for – please be specific:

Estimate your weaknesses in regard to the activity you are training for – please be specific: