

Challenge Card Leave No Trace



Suited to Section



Joey Scouts



Cub Scouts



Scouts



Venturer Scouts



Rover Scouts

Challenge Area



COMMUNITY



PERSONAL GROWTH



OUTDOORS



CREATIVE

Key SPICES growth



SOCIAL



PHYSICAL



INTELLECTUAL



CHARACTER



EMOTIONAL



SPIRITUAL

Likely Scout Method elements



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



LEARNING BY DOING



NATURE AND THE OUTDOORS



PATROL SYSTEM



PERSONAL PROGRESSION



PROMISE AND LAW



SYMBOLIC FRAMEWORK



YOUTH LEADING, ADULTS SUPPORTING

Summary statement

Scouts will learn about how to look after habitats when we get out into nature.

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Plan

Ask your Unit to consider the purpose of this activity:

- Are we the only animals that use nature?
- Where do small animals live?
- Where do bugs, beetles, worms and butterflies live?
- What happens when we move a bug's house?

Do

Take your Unit out for a walk around a park, observe any wildlife that live in or are visiting the park.

If you find any rocks or logs, you can see inside a bug's home!

- Gently get a Leader to lift the rock or log up and turn it over, so the youth can observe any bugs living underneath. Be careful of snakes!
- Ask the youths to count how many bugs live underneath.
- Return the log or rock to its original position.

Review

Discuss with your Unit what you observed:

- Were there more bugs underneath the rocks and logs than you expected?
- How could we make sure bugs have a home to live in?
- What happens when we pick up sticks and leaves whilst we are out in nature?
- Are there animals that eat leaves, sticks and logs on the ground?
- Is there anything that grows on rocks and logs that could be dangerous to us?
- What are some things we can do to avoid disturbing wildlife while out in nature?
- Are there other things we find in nature that we should leave behind?
- Should we touch indigenous rock art or disturb sites of significance?

Ask your Unit to explain or discuss the seven principles of Leave No Trace:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimise campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of your hosts and other visitors