

LEAVE NO TRACE MASTER EDUCATOR COURSE
Kellogg Conservation Center
62 Undermountain Rd. South Egremont, MA 01258
4/26/2017 – 4/30/2017

COURSE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Course Registration

Thank you for your interest in participating in a Leave No Trace Master Educator course with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the Appalachian Mountain Club. Please read over the contents of this information packet carefully and promptly mail the following forms to the address below (keep the rest for your files):

- Leave No Trace Master Educator Course Application
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Acknowledgement of Risk, Release of Liability & Photo Release
- Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Confidential Medical & Health History Form
- The Leave No Trace Center's Course Participant Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy requires payment in full at time of registration to secure your place on the course. We will accept credit cards over the phone, a check in the mail, or a purchase order from your company or organization. If you have already submitted payment, just return the forms to complete your registration. If you have not yet enrolled in the course, send forms to the address below and contact the Leave No Trace Coordinator to arrange payment.

Send forms and contact for questions:

Marian Orlousky – Leave No Trace Coordinator
Appalachian Trail Conservancy Phone: 717-260-3217
4 East First Street Fax: 717-258-1442
Boiling Springs, PA 17007 Email: morlousky@appalachiantrail.org

Cost: The ATC Master Educator Course is \$700. ATC members receive a 10% discount and A.T. Club volunteers and agency partners receive an additional \$50 on top of the 10% discount. Course fee includes instruction, curriculum and teaching materials, a subscription to the Leave No Trace Tracker and a one-year Leave No Trace Individual Membership. Camping at the Kellogg Conservation Center (evening of Day #1), meals Day #1 lunch through Day #5 lunch, group equipment, and transportation during the course are also included.

Partial scholarships are available through Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics - we encourage you to apply as early as possible. Call 1-800-332-4100 or find the scholarship application on-line at www.LNT.org. You must first be registered in a course to apply for a scholarship.

REFUND POLICY: Reservations canceled more than 30 days in advance will receive a full refund. For reservations canceled within 14-30 days of the workshop or program, the refund is less 30 percent of the workshop fee. Reservations canceled less than 14 days in advance will forfeit the full amount. After the start of the program, no refund will be given to a participant leaving the program for any reason. In the event that the Appalachian Trail Conservancy must cancel a workshop, registrants will be notified and all course fees and deposits will be refunded.

Course Information

BEGINS: April 26th, 2017 - 9:00 am at the Kellogg Conservation Center (KCC)

ENDS: April 30th, 2016 – by 3:00 pm at the Kellogg Conservation Center

DESCRIPTION: This five-day course is designed for individuals who are actively teaching others backcountry skills and ethics or providing recreation information to the public. The overall goal of the course is to train educators and others in ways to practice and teach Leave No Trace skills and ethics. Through classroom discussions, lectures, demonstrations and a four-day backpacking trip, this course will cover the seven Leave No Trace principles and discuss wildland ethics, as well as give the participants the tools and techniques for disseminating these low-impact skills to other users of backcountry lands. Participants could include a mixture of federal and state agency partners, educators, A.T. club volunteers, outdoor retailers, youth group and outing club leaders, and other individuals. Upon completion of the course, you will be qualified to teach Leave No Trace Trainer courses. The Leave No Trace Master Educator qualification is recognized and valued throughout the outdoor industry.

The KCC is situated on the Appalachian Trail among the picturesque hills of the southern Berkshires. We'll be backpacking in the surrounding area for four days, three nights along the A.T. We will be hiking only a few miles each day on moderate terrain to allow plenty of time to cover course material, which we will do both during the day and into the evenings. The terrain of the Appalachian Trail can vary greatly, so participants should be prepared for rocky, rugged and sometimes steep conditions. Participants should be in good physical condition and be able to hike with a full pack (about 40-50 pounds) for 3-6 miles per day. We will camp at designated campsites, managed campsites, impacted campsites and explore the possibility of a pristine site, all along the Appalachian Trail.

CURRICULUM: A Leave No Trace Master Educator course emphasizes the skills and techniques essential to Leave No Trace minimum impact outdoor ethics and education. As stated in the Leave No Trace Disclaimer of liability, Leave No Trace courses do not teach basic travel, camping, or other outdoor skills, nor do they provide outdoor instructor certification. A Leave No Trace Master Educator course includes a minimum of four eight-hour days and at least three nights camping in the field.

Core Components for Master Educator course Curriculum

1. Review of the role of Leave no Trace Master Educator.
2. Review of the mission and need for the Leave No Trace program.
3. Discussion and practice of the principles and ethics of Leave No Trace.
4. Discussion of the Leave No Trace Trainer concept and Training Guidelines.
5. Overview of recreation ecology and types of resource and social impacts.
6. Discussion of Leave No Trace teaching skills and techniques, student learning styles, and development of lesson plans.
7. Development of a Leave No Trace action plan.
8. At least one student led teaching exercise by each participant.
9. Focus on interactive and hands-on field experiences.
10. A historical overview of the Leave No Trace program.
11. Discussion of the role, function, and administrative structure of the federal land management agencies' Leave No Trace programs.
12. Overview of the role, function, and administrative structure of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

TEACHING SESSION: The Leave No Trace Master Educator Course is the foundation of the national Leave No Trace education model. Graduates of the Master Educator course are expected to teach others, including agency personnel and the public, the principles of Leave No Trace. In order to better equip Master Educators to meet this expectation, each participant will teach at least one class in the field during their Master Educator Course. These classes provide hands-on learning experiences and the chance to practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a supportive, educational environment.

Upon completion of registration, participants will receive the *Teaching Session Information* page; **Please read and respond accordingly.**

SAFETY: As participant safety is high priority for all Appalachian Trail Conservancy-sponsored events, procedures and policies have been developed in order to limit participant risk. Participants are expected to work with staff to reduce risks and make the experience successful for all. In case of an emergency, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy staff are trained in wilderness first aid, carry first aid kits, and follow a comprehensive Emergency Action Plan. Despite such steps, participants should be aware that there are risks associated with outdoor adventure activities, including but not limited to cooking and camping chores, adverse weather and environmental conditions, remote locations of our trips, and transportation in vehicles or on foot. Please carefully read and sign both of the *Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability* forms and call if you have any questions. Participants' understanding of these risks and adherence to our policies and procedures can contribute to making this experience extremely rewarding.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW: Please note breakfast will not be provided before we meet on Day #1. Meals will be provided beginning with lunch on Day #1 through lunch on the last day of the course. On Day #1, we will meet at 10:00 am at the Kellogg Conservation Center for a day in the classroom. That evening (Day#1), we will camp at KCC. We will depart for our hiking trip just after breakfast on Day #2, arriving back at the KCC around mid-day on the 6th. We will complete the course wrap-up and clean-up by 4 pm on the 6th.

FACILITY: The Kellogg Conservation Center is owned and operated by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC). Tent platforms are available for participants use. Hammocks cannot be accommodated. Participants should bring their own tents, sleeping pads and bags for use at KCC and throughout the course. KCC has a small kitchen which the group will use to prepare meals at KCC, however Master Educator participants will not be able to use the kitchen independently. Participants will not be able to store anything at KCC except for personal vehicles while we are in the backcountry. A shower will be available for participants' use at the close of the course.

Located on Rt. 41 in South Egremont, Massachusetts, the Kellogg Conservation Center is the regional office for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in New England and also the office of the Appalachian Mountain Club's Berkshire Trails Program. The 99 acre property, which abuts the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, was donated to ATC in 2004 by Mary Margaret Kellogg for "educational, historic preservations, recreational, agricultural and conservation activities." The front part of the building that includes the original house, dates back to 1744 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is actively managed to fulfill Mary Margaret's vision and ATC's mission to "preserve and manage the Appalachian trail – ensuring that its vast natural beauty and priceless cultural heritage can be shared and enjoyed today, tomorrow, and for centuries to come."

Directions:

To get to KCC from the north:

Take Rt. 7 south from Great Barrington

Take 23/41 west towards South Egremont

Take Rt. 41 south (left turn after the post office)

The KCC is about 7/10 mi south of South Egremont on Rt. 41 on the right. If you cross the AT where it crosses 41, you went too far.

To get to KCC from the south:
Take Rt. 7 north to Great Barrington
Take 23/41 west towards South Egremont
Take 41 south (left turn after the post office)

The KCC is about 7/10 miles south of South Egremont on Rt 41 on the right. If you cross the AT where it crosses 41, you went too far.

Camping is available at the KCC the evening prior to the course, although a variety of lodging options are available in the nearby town of Great Barrington. Please contact Marian Orlousky morlousky@appalachiantrail.org if you would like to camp at KCC the night before the course.

Equipment Information

Always prepare for the worst weather and, more than likely, you'll be quite comfortable. When packing clothing for the course, think in terms of a layering system which includes moisture-wicking skin layers, warmth-holding insulating layers and wind/water-proof shell layers. With these layers in various combinations, you will be warm and dry in most types of weather. Upon completion of registration you will receive the *Personal Equipment List* for specific suggestions on what to bring.

Group Gear: Certain gear is provided by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy for the use of all participants. These items may include: tents, tarps, ground cloths, cooking stoves, pots, pans, cooking utensils, first aid kits, repair kits, maps, trowels, and water purification systems. You may be able to bring your own tent if you would like to, but we may ask you to share a tent with other participants to minimize the number of tents in use.

