

Garden State Council Halgas Outdoor Ethics Medal Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Unit: _____

Council: _____

Dates camped at Halgas: _____

Service Project completed: _____

Location of Service Project: _____

Service Project Approved By: _____

I certify that the applicants listed here have successfully completed the requirements for the Halgas Outdoor Ethics Medal.

Unit Leader Signature _____

Date _____

Additional applicants:

The Halgas Outdoor Ethics Medal may be purchased for \$7.50 at either of the Garden State Council service centers. Medals may be ordered by out of council units through contacting one of the council service centers.

Halgas Outdoor Ethics Medal



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GARDEN STATE COUNCIL, BSA

*“On breaking camp, leave two things behind you;
1) Your thanks, and
2) Nothing”*

— Lord Baden Powell





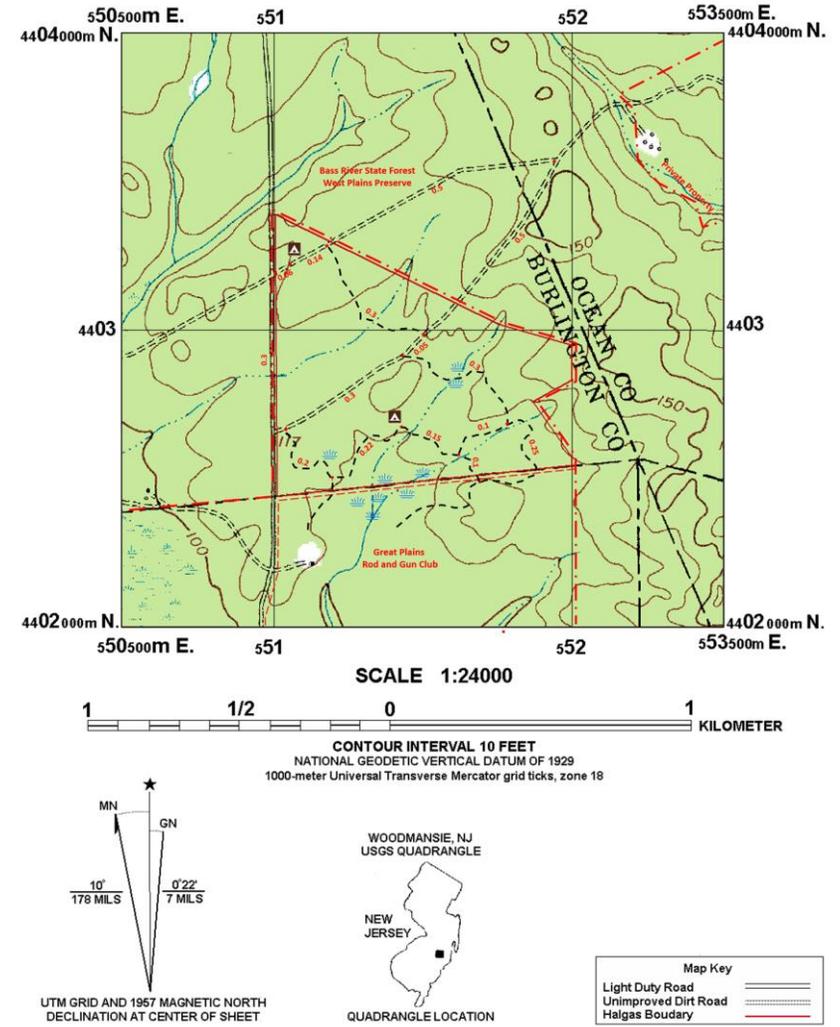
The Garden State Council Halgas Outdoor Ethics Medal is suspended by a green ribbon symbolizing growth and nature. It reminds the wearer that Scouting is designed to take place in the outdoors. In nature, Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another and all inhabitants of the biotic community. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at Troop meetings come alive. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and humankind's place within it. The outdoors is the laboratory for Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

The medal is comprised of compass points representative of the four components of the Boy Scouts Outdoor Ethics Program: the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, TREAD Lightly! and The Land Ethic. The compass signifies the wearer's ability to navigate through the wilderness, being mindful of Lord Baden Powell's earliest principles of outdoor ethics: "On breaking camp, leave two things behind you; your thanks, and nothing".

The background of the medal includes the branches of a Pitch Pine and Scrub Oak, depicting the local forest type within the Pinelands which Halgas Scout Reservation encompasses. The branches hold a pinecone and an acorn representing future generations of forest growth and our responsibility to protect and care for the land. In the foreground, the Pine Barrens Tree Frog sits centered. Named for its native habitat, the Pine Barrens Tree Frog lives in the White Cedar Swamps and Pitch Pine Lowlands of the Pine Barrens.

In 1979 the species was included on the New Jersey Endangered Species list due to its declining population, habitat loss, and pollution of breeding ponds. The frog itself is a barometer of the health of the Pinelands ecosystem; its presence is an indicator of the health of the land. On the medal, it reminds Scouts of the promise made when reciting the Outdoor Code: To be clean in my outdoor manner; Be careful with fire; Be considerate of the outdoors; and Be conservation minded.

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Discussion 3)

"The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land... In short, a land ethic changes the role of Homo sapiens from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it. It implies respect for his fellow-members, and also respect for the community as such."

Find 10 plants or animals in the area and discuss with your Patrol or Crew how they fit into the web of life. Discuss their interdependency on one another for survival and how their survival benefits human life as part of the biotic community.

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"We shall never achieve harmony with the land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations the important thing is not to achieve but to strive."

***— Aldo Leopold,
Round River: From the Journals of Aldo Leopold***



The BSA also offers national outdoor ethics awards. For more information on the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award and the Outdoor Ethics Action Award, visit:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/Awards.aspx>

Outdoor Code

***As an American I promise to:
Be clean in my outdoor manner,
Be careful with Fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation minded.***

Requirements:

To Earn the Garden State Council Halgas Outdoor Ethics Medal, Scouts must complete the following Requirements. Requirements 4 and 5 must be completed on different overnight outings, at least one of which must be while camping at Halgas. Requirement 6 must be completed at Halgas Scout Reservation.

1. Spend a minimum of two nights at Halgas Scout Reservation.
2. Attend an Outdoor Ethics Workshop run by a BSA Outdoor Ethics Trainer or Master, or become a BSA Outdoor Ethics Trainer or Master.



Outdoor Code

3. While on a campout or day hike:
 - a. Recite from memory and explain in your own words the meaning of the Outdoor Code and how it relates to the environment around you.
 - b. Discuss with your Patrol or Crew how each point of the Scout Law applies to the Outdoor Code.
 - c. Discuss how the Outdoor code relates to the outdoor ethics taught by Leave No Trace and TREAD Lightly!
 - d. Discuss with your Patrol or Crew three actions you can take in your daily life to be more conservation minded and how those actions support The Land Ethic.
 - e. Lead you Troop or Crew in reciting The Outdoor Code during a unit meeting or prior to leaving for an outdoor activity.

Leave No Trace



4. While on a campout:

- Recite from memory and be able to explain in your own words, the 7 principles of Leave No Trace.
- With your Patrol or Crew, create an outdoor ethics plan for your outing, using each of the 7 principles of Leave No Trace as a guide.
- While on the outing, use teachable moments to discuss the 7 principles of Leave No Trace and identify how you are preventing avoidable impacts and minimizing unavoidable impacts on the land.
- Spend 2 nights at Halgas Scout Reservation or a different camping area and demonstrate Leave No Trace skills and ethics appropriate for your visit.
- While on the outing, identify impacts left by previous visitors and discuss how they could have been prevented or minimized AND identify how these impacts can possibly be corrected. Report these impacts to the Garden State Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or land manager of the property.
- Following the outing, discuss with your Patrol or Crew how effective your outdoor ethics plan was and what you will do differently on future outings.

TREAD Lightly!



5. While on a campout:

- Recite from memory and be able to explain the 5 principles of TREAD Lightly!
- With your Patrol or Crew, create an outdoor ethics plan for your outing using the 5 principles of TREAD Lightly! as a guide.
- While on the outing, use teachable moments to discuss the 5 principles of TREAD Lightly! and identify how you are preventing avoidable impacts and minimizing unavoidable impacts on the land.
- Spend 2 nights at Halgas Scout Reservation or a different camping area and demonstrate TREAD Lightly! skills and ethics appropriate for your visit.

- While on the outing, identify impacts left by previous visitors and discuss how they could have been prevented or minimized AND identify how these impacts can be corrected. Report these impacts to the Garden State Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate or land manager of the property.
- Following the outing, discuss with your Patrol or Crew how effective your outdoor ethics plan was and what you will do differently in the future to avoid preventable impacts and minimize unavoidable ones. Summarize your discussion and what you would do differently on future outings.

The Land Ethic



6. While on a campout:

- Aldo Leopold was both a conservationist and a preservationist. Define in your own words what the two terms mean and how they differ from each other. Explain why each is important in society.
- With your Patrol or Crew, read one of the following quotes by Aldo Leopold and lead the discussion activity for the quote.

Discussion 1)

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Discuss with your Patrol or Crew what Leopold means by the "Biotic Community." Describe the biotic community that exists at Halgas Scout Reservation. Take a short hike through Halgas and identify 5 members of the biotic community that directly impact each other, where if one were to be harmed or removed, the others would suffer.

Discussion 2)

"Ethical behavior is doing the right thing when no one else is watching- even when doing the wrong thing is legal."

Discuss with your Patrol or Crew what it means to be ethical. How do ethics play a part in your everyday life? Where do we as a society and you as an individual derive our ethics? Where did you learn about outdoor ethics or The Land Ethic? How are members of today's society supposed to form a Land Ethic without experiencing the outdoors? What are some examples of actions that are legal but may be ethically wrong?