

Appendix X

CAMP OHNO!

Overview: Teach participants Leave No Trace principles by showing them a firsthand example of a high-impact campsite. This works well for stationed events where participants rotate through various educational stations.

Objective: Participants will be able to list at least four of the seven principles and one way to follow each of them.

Materials: tent; litter; food scraps; fake fire, rocks, ax, and flowers; washing tub; dishes; fake dish soap; water or a blue towel to represent water; Inspiration Point sign; boom box; LNT principle signs—Know Before You Go; Choose the Right; Trash Your Trash; Leave What You Find; Be Careful With Fire; Respect Wildlife; Be Kind to Other Visitors

Time Considerations: Can be adjusted for station lengths from 15 to 30 minutes

Directions: Have Camp Ohno set up before participants arrive. The list below matches the high impacts with corresponding LNT principles, and the information in parentheses is what should be done. When participants arrive, have the music playing loudly. Turn it off and welcome them to Camp Ohno. Tell them to have a look around for a few minutes and try to spot what you've done wrong. Then you'll come back together and discuss it.

1. **Know Before You Go:** Tent doesn't have a rain fly (should always be brought in case it rains)
2. **Choose the Right Path:** Tent set up too close to water (should be 200 feet away)
3. **Trash Your Trash:** Litter (put in trash can), washing tub in creek or lake (should be 200 feet away)
4. **Leave What You Find:** Pulled flower (cannot pollinate and make more)
5. **Be Careful With Fire:** Setting up a fire (use existing fire ring if available), litter in fire (can be hazardous, paper products may blow away and start forest fires), ax in tree (use dead-and-down wood)
6. **Respect Wildlife:** Food scraps on ground (don't feed wildlife—it damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers)
7. **Be Kind to Other Visitors:** Boom box (volume should be kept low or use headphones; otherwise, leave at home)

Extension: This is a station at the TIC (Trout in the Classroom) Release and Nature Day. For this event, each participant keeps a journal. In the past, the LNT station's journaling has included participants writing down what they see being done wrong, how they would fix it, and two new LNT practices they have learned.

Sources: Camp OhNo in *Leave No Trace 101* (Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, 2007); Quick Leave No Trace Activities: http://nevadaoutdoorschool.org/OutdoorEthics/OE_LessonPlans/LNT_Quick.pdf