

Word of the Day

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Land Ethics

The concept of the Land Ethic was developed by Aldo Leopold in *A Sand County Almanac* (1949). In this book, Leopold reflected not only upon his interaction with the land and how it had enriched him but also how our society tends to trivialize or dismiss the role of the land. The following quotations provide a brief introduction to the Land Ethic concept as envisioned by Leopold:

“An ethic [that] presupposes the mental image of the land as a biotic mechanism. We can be ethical only in relation to something that we can see, feel, understand, love, or otherwise have faith in.”

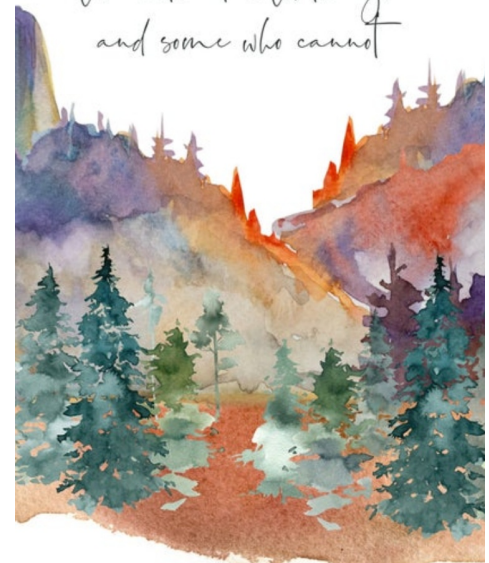
The Land Ethic teaches us that we should consider our actions considering their impact on the living, breathing community that is the land and that we should select the alternative available that does the least violence, or impact, to that community. The practice of the Land Ethic grows strongest when we have experienced the land, grown to love and respect it, and have labored to enhance or restore it or, as Leopold would have put it, when we have practiced “conservation” defined as restoring the capacity of the land for self-renewal. We understand the Land Ethic when we think of right in relation to the land as follows:

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.

Are you ready to face the challenge of looking at the land in this fashion? If so, then you understand the Land Ethic.

*there are some who can
live without wild things,
and some who cannot*



- ALDO LEOPOLD -

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Outdoor Ethics at
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Lord Baden Powell's Idea on Scouts' Own Services



For an open Troop, or for Troops in camp, I think the Scouts' Own should be open to all denominations, and carried on in such manner as to offend none. There should not be any special form, but it should abound in the right spirit, and should be conducted not from any ecclesiastical point of view, but from that of the boy.

Everything likely to make an artificial atmosphere should be avoided. We do not want a kind of imposed Church Parade, but a voluntary uplifting of their hearts by the boys in thanksgiving for the joys of life, and a desire on their part to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others.

A Scouts' Own should have as big an effect on the boys as any service in Church, if in conducting the Scouts' Own we remember that boys are not grown men, and if we go by the pace of the youngest and most uneducated of those present. Boredom is not reverence, nor will it breed religion.

To interest the boys, the Scouts' Own must be a cheery and varied function, Short hymns (three verses are as a rule quite enough—never more than four); understandable prayers; a good address from a man who really understands boys (a homely “talk” rather than an address), which grips the boys, and in which they may laugh or applaud as the spirit moves them, so that they take a real interest in what is said. If a man cannot make his point to keen boys in ten minutes he ought to be shot! If he has not got them keen, it would be better not to hold a Scouts' Own at all.

By Baden Powell
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The word reverence refers to a profound respect for God. The wonders of the world remind us of our God's creative power. We find it in the tiny lines of a leaf and the great mysteries of the universe. It exists in the kindness of people and in the teachings of our families and religious leaders.

We sow our reverence by living our lives according to the ideals of our beliefs.

The United States Constitution gives each of us complete freedom to believe and worship as we wish without fear of punishment. All your life, you will encounter people who hold different religious beliefs or even none at all. It is your duty to respect and defend the rights of others whose beliefs may differ from yours.

Packing List for the Second Weekend

Clothing

- The course cap that was provided
- The course t-shirt that was provided
- Additional shirts/layers as needed
- Under clothing
- Socks
- Something to sleep in
- Rain Gear
- Jacket
- Appropriate footwear

Personal Care Items

- Towel / wash cloth
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Personal shaving or grooming gear
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Personal Medications
- Personal First Aid kit

Miscellaneous

- Camera
- Money for voluntary offering at Interfaith Worship Service

Gear

- Tent
- Cooking Gear
- Personal Mess Kit
- Food
- Camp chair - very important - does not need to go in backpack
- Sleeping Bag
- Tarp
- Personal sleep gear appropriate for expected weather
- Pad
- Full water bottle
- Pocketknife
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Pen/Pencil(s)
- Course Notebook
- Your printed ticket



A Wood Badge Ticket Is:

- A Commitment.
- A vision of personal improvement.
- A vision of how the Scouter will lead.
- A series of goals.

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Relevant

Time-based

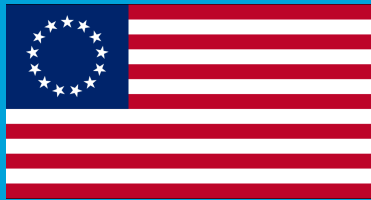
Your Ticket should be Guided by:

- Your Personal Values.
- Your Personal Vision.
- Your Personal Mission.



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Flag of the Day - The Betsy Ross Flag



With the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the new American nation needed a flag of its own. On June 14, 1777, Congress passes this resolution :

“Resolved: That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation .”

Each star and each stripe represents one of the colonies that would become the United States. The Flag of 1777 flew over the young nation for 18 years. George Washington was the only president to serve under this banner. To this day, June 14, the birthday of our flag, is celebrated each year as Flag Day.



The Eagle Patrol learned they have one very talented artist (Patrol Flag) and one who is less than artistic (Totems). They also were more successful launching their car engine than the car itself!

Beavers were the 1st Program Patrol and we added a totem which represents the 5 members of our patrol. We selected different colored beads to show our diversity. We selected the wooden separations to represent our goal to link the ideals of Wood Badge.



On Saturday, the Fox Patrol rolled out in style when their FOXY LADY car performed in the afternoon competition. It was a fitting look that matches their patrol yell: “Fox Fox Fox ... ‘Cuz We Fancy”.



Totem, Flags and Cars ... Oh My! Owls ended their day on a high note with an amazing race. Cleaning up, kicking trash and taking names! Hoot! Hoot! Hoot!



Bobwhites had a great day 2! We are norming and starting to perform. We have also learned how not to cook with compressed gas!

