

# THE OUTDOOR CODE

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**As an American I will do my best to**

## **Be clean in my outdoor manners**

- I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.
- I will take care of it for myself and others.
- I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

## **Be careful with fire**

- I will prevent wildfires.
- I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.
- When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out.
- I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

## **Be considerate in the outdoors**

- I will treat public and private property with respect.
- I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

## **Be conservation minded**

- I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.
- I will urge others to do the same.

## **Discussion Points**

- What does treat the outdoors as a heritage mean?
- What are some things I can do to take care of the outdoors next time I go camping?
- What should I do with my trash when there is nowhere to dispose of it nearby?
- What are the differences between a cooking fire, a campfire, and a bonfire?
- How can I decide if an area is appropriate for a fire?
- When putting out a fire, how can I tell if it is cold out?
- What does a clean fire ring mean?
- What are some things I can do to reduce the impact of hiking and camping on the outdoors?
- What are some things I can do to be conservation minded in the next week?
- Is it ever difficult to remind my friends to be conservation minded?