

**University of Arkansas
Outdoor Connection Center (OCC)
Leave No Trace Master Educator Course
Offered through Landmark Learning (LL)**

Dates: May 12-16, 2008

Cost: \$425 U of A Students / \$500 University (Faculty/Staff/HPER members) / \$575 Non-University

Registration: If you are in the immediate Fayetteville area, please register in person at the Outdoor Connection Center (HPER building Room 102). If you are not in the immediate area, please call Jennifer Hazelrigs at 479.575.6834 or jtracy@uark.edu or information on registering by phone or mail.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: A 50% deposit is required to enroll in the course. Registration within 30 days of the course start requires full tuition at the time of registration. More than 30 days prior to the course start, funds paid minus a \$50 admin fee are refundable. Within 30 days prior to the course start, 50% of full tuition is refundable, the rest is forfeited.

Mandatory Pre-trip Meeting: May 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in HPER building Room 103. (If you are not in the immediate Fayetteville area, please set up a phone meeting with Jennifer Hazelrigs to review documents, logistics and course expectations).

Cost Includes: Leave No Trace Master Educator Course Tuition, LNT Master Educator Trainers (provided by Landmark Learning), 2 medically trained Outdoor Center Staff, canoes, paddles, PFD's, group camp or group kitchen gear.

Cost Does Not Include: Food while in the front country or en route, food in the backcountry, eating utensils/bowls, water bottles, proper clothing, proper footwear, personal items, personal medications, health insurance, travel insurance, transportation, and spending money.

Course Requirements:

The Master Educator course is not designed to provide instruction on backcountry living skills. The backcountry aspect of the experience is meant to provide relevance to the curriculum, through practicing Leave No Trace techniques and methods, observing examples of impact, and creating an awareness of use and its purposes. The course itinerary is very full and does not allow time for teaching how to tandem canoe class I or II water, light stoves, cook, purify water, and set up tents for example.

It is expected that participants come with a level of comfort for living in a backcountry setting for a 3-4 day time period. If you feel that you would require instruction in any of these backcountry living or paddling skills, please contact Jennifer Hazelrigs to discuss your goals and alternatives available to you.

Trip Itinerary:

- May 12 (Mon.) Course begins at base classroom, HPER building, Room 103 at 8:30 a.m. Course will cover the foundations and layout of the week (lecture, discussions, group breakouts, practical workshops, etc.). A gear shakedown will be done at the end of the day, so please bring all necessary items for the backcountry. Lodging is not provided.
- May 13 (Tues.) Meet at put-in site on the Buffalo River at TBA a.m. (the exact site will be determined no later than April 28th) Course reconvenes at the put in. The purpose of the trip is not to paddle several river miles, but rather learn, practice, and implement LNT principles.
- May 14 (Wed.) Paddle 3-10 miles and or day hike river area.
- May 15 (Thurs.) Paddle 3-10 miles and or day hike river area.
- May 16 (Fri.) Paddle 3-8 miles and conclude course at river OR go to a visitor center/outfitter and interface with visitors; provide demonstrations, literature, and activities for groups. Load group gear and boats onto OCC vehicle at river take out. Graduation and departure is approximately 4 pm from river or visitor/outfitter site. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. (Exact itinerary will be provided no later than April 28th).

Teaching Topics

The Teaching Topic is the cornerstone of the Master Educator experience. It provides the opportunity to prepare a lesson plan, deliver it, and receive immediate feedback from peers and instructors.

Each Master Educator is expected to teach one of the seven principles of Leave No Trace to the class, incorporating into their topic the content and style necessary to teach a group they may encounter as a Master after this course. For example, if the candidate will be working with school groups, s/he should address our class as school-aged students and prepare activities or discussion to fit that particular audience. OR, if the candidate will be working in general education at trailheads or on the trail, s/he should address our class as recreationalists s/he might encounter. In preparing your topic, imagine that we (your classmates) know nothing about LNT. Each candidate will be evaluated through peer review and by course instructors for depth of content, appropriateness for the chosen audience, and instructional style. Sign up for your topic with your registration material and get online to research: www.lnt.org.

Directions to Course:

The first part of the course will be held at the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville campus) in the HPER building Room 103. For directions to the campus please view <http://campusmaps.uark.edu/>. The HPER building is located in B-1 on the map. You may park in lot 67 (just west of the HPER building, also known as the softball parking lot). The second part of the course will be at the put in site on the Buffalo River

(approximately 1.5-2.5 hours from Fayetteville). The exact location will be determined no later than April 28, 2008).

Hotel and Camping Information for May 11th and 12th

If you are not from Northwest Arkansas and need a place to stay on May 11th and 12th there are several hotels within two miles of the HPER building. Please access the World Wide Web for information. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Hazelrigs at 479.575.6834. For camping the two recommended parks are Lake Wedington and Devil's Den State Park. Access their websites at arkansas.com. For entertainment in Fayetteville please visit <http://www.accessfayetteville.org/>

Identified Risks:

Severe weather, River travel, canoeing, swimming, hiking on rough terrain, wild animals, sun exposure, and others unnamed.

Climate and Weather Conditions:

The climate on the Buffalo can range tremendously. The daytime highs are expected to be from 60-65 degrees Fahrenheit, while the night time temperatures drop as low as 30-35 degrees Fahrenheit. Although the weather should be quite nice, there is always a chance of severe storms and/or strong winds. We have taken every precaution possible to prepare for such weather but we cannot control Mother Nature.

Health and Travel Insurance:

- The University of Arkansas OCC and Landmark Learning are not providing transportation to and from various course locations. Participants are responsible for providing their own transportation. The University of Arkansas and Landmark Learning is not providing personal health insurance. Please bring a copy of your driver's license and health insurance card in case of an emergency.

Medical Information:

It is mandatory that participants complete a Health Form and provide a copy of personal health insurance card. These documents will be kept confidential and only used as a resource if a situation arises. It is important to note that the course will be held in a remote location and definitive care is not in close proximity. There will be at least two certified Wilderness First Responders as well as first aid kit. The first aid kit does not contain prescribed medications or epinephrine. If you are subject to headaches or muscle aches it is in your best interest to bring your own over the counter drugs. Please bring any personal medications that you might need and note what kind on the medical form.

Codes of Conduct:

-Expedition Behavior- This means we will strive to cooperate with each other and resolve conflict. We will work as a team and enjoy the great learning adventure. We will respect each other's differences and respect the locals and their culture.

-Community living is emphasized on this course. Students will be expected to take an active part in cooking, cleaning, camp set up/break down, water purification, etc.

- Conduct such as drug use, gross safety violations, may require IMMEDIATE dismissal from the trip at the PARTICIPANT'S expense.
- Alcohol and tobacco products are not permitted in the backcountry nor are they permitted on University of Arkansas property.
- Swearing and other offensive comments are discouraged.

Forms to be completed and reviewed after registration AND prior to course:

- Complete a trip/activity registration form
- Read and sign a Waiver of Release for Landmark Learning
- Read and sign a Waiver of Release for the University of Arkansas
- Complete a Health Form
- Bring a copy of your driver's license and health insurance card
- Review personal gear list
- Review group gear list
- Review sample meal plan



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Participation in all activities in the HPER Building, on the Intramural Fields, or any program sponsored by the HKRD Department or IMRS Program, regardless of location, is voluntary on behalf of all participants. All participants acknowledge and agree that the University of Arkansas does not provide insurance for any of its activities and shall not be liable for any injuries that occur at any of these locations or any of its programs.