

# Worth Ranch Conservation Weekend

April 7-8, 2017

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Saturday events: Conservation Trail Tool Course  
Conservation/Service Projects



## Registration:



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\$10.00 (training materials)

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- 1 Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
- 2 Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace video. It's on the right side of the page.
- 3 Complete the Leave No Trace online youth course: <https://Int.org/learn/online-awareness-course>. Print the certificate.
- 4 Earn the Tread Lightly! online course: <https://www.treadlightly.org/education/learn/online-awareness-course/> certificate. Print the certificate when you are done.
- 5 Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.

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**Conservation Trail Tool Training Saturday morning.** Short tool demonstration to fulfill requirement number 2 of the National Outdoor Award for Conservation **Conservation.** A Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer may earn the National Outdoor Badge for Conservation upon successfully completing the following requirements:

- 1 Earn the Boy Scout First Class rank, Sea Scout Apprentice rank, or complete Venturing Ranger Award requirements 1-6.
- 2 Demonstrate the safe use of five of the following conservation tools: pick or pickaxe; shovel or spade; ax; bow saw; cross-cut saw; prybar; sledge hammer; loppers or shears; fire rake or McLeod; and/or Pulaski. Discuss the ethical use of the tools you chose.
- 3 Complete the requirements for the following:
  - a Environmental Science merit badge or Sustainability merit badge or both Venturing Ranger Conservation core and Ecology elective
  - b Soil and Water Conservation merit badge
  - c One of the following merit badges: Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, or Mammals
- 4 Complete 25 hours of conservation work under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, including hours worked as part of requirements 1 through 3.



## Workday Conservation Projects Saturday:

- **Davis Campsite - erosion control retaining wall**

Remove soil and build a retaining wall behind the Davis campsite shelter. The soil and rock wash down the hill and build up behind the structure causing stress on the wall of the structure. We would need to dig out the soil and rock and use railroad ties (or like material) and rebar to build a retaining wall.

- **River - Invasive Species eradication**

Cut salt cedar from down near the river. If you are not familiar with salt cedar it is a very invasive plant that uses a great deal of water and sheds sodium, killing other vegetation around it and spreading very rapidly. Here are some links if you aren't familiar with it <https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/saltcedar.shtml>, <http://pecosbasin.tamu.edu/media/1877/9.1.belzer.pdf>, <http://www.terrain.org/article/s/27/lamberton.htm>

Conservation Service hours may be counted toward Boy Scout Rank Advancement and Conservation Award Requirements.