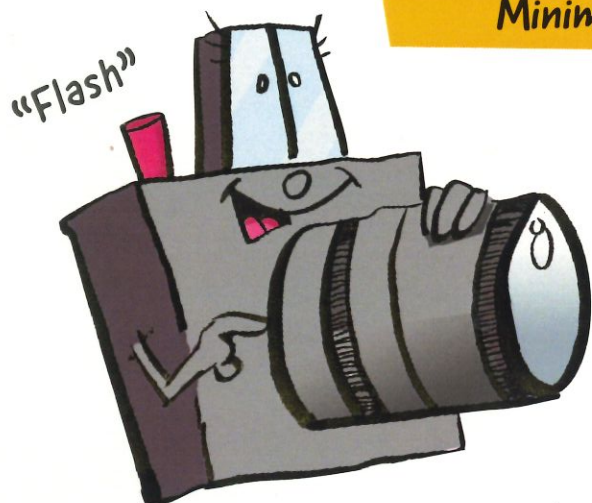


Minimum Impact Match



- Group Size:** Any; even numbers work best
- Age Group:** Ages 8 and up.
- Time:** 30 minutes
- Objective:** Participants will learn about items that help you Leave No Trace.
- Materials:** Gear card decks (included) and tape.

Introduction (2 to 5 minutes)

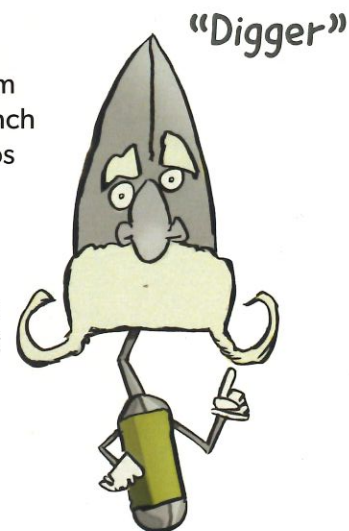
Introduce yourself and welcome your participants. **Ask** how many participants have been hiking, camping, fishing, rafting or climbing? **Ask** if they have any favorite places to visit and why? **Ask** who has heard of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics? Explain that Leave No Trace is information and skills that help us reduce our impacts on the natural places that we visit (e.g. parks, trail systems and campgrounds).

The Activity (20 to 30 minutes)

There are two decks of gear cards. One set contains an item that is matched with an item in the second deck. For example, map and compass go together. First brainstorm a bunch of different pieces of gear with the group. Then, split the group up into two even groups and tape a gear card to each of their backs. Use the two different decks to ensure that each person has a match for their card in the other group.

Tell the group that they will have to ask YES or No questions of each other to figure out what piece of gear they are. Once they have decided what they are, they must stand to the side in their groups until everyone knows what they are. If someone can't figure out what piece of gear they are, give them a helpful hint.

Have the kids mingle with each other to find the person that represents the piece of gear that is their match. Explain to the group that when they find their match they should brainstorm how the two of them together could help *Leave No Trace*.



Wrap Up (3 to 5 minutes)

Bring the group together and have every pair share what they are and how the partnership can help minimize their impacts. Fill in any points that the kids might not come up with. Explain how the Leave No Trace Principles can teach people to lessen their impacts on the environment while partaking in the outdoor activities that they enjoy. Ask for any last questions and thank them for their time and attention.



compass

socks

headphones

stove

cat hole

leash

lantern

binoculars

batteries



trail



water bottle



trash bag



gloves



sunscreen



rope



rain jacket



sleeping bag



bandages

memory
card

colored
pencils

map

boots

music

sketchbook

matches

frowel

fuel

pet

camera

wildlife

hat

sunglasses

flashlight

backpack

tent

sign

snacks

litter



first aid kit



bag to
hang food