

*Fostering the
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of Aldo Leopold*

Leopold Event Planning Guide

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Community readings of *A Sand County Almanac*

Aldo Leopold's words take on a new life when read aloud. Public reading events are how Leopold Weekend began and they are a classic way to introduce Leopold's ideas to your community. We encourage you to invite a wide variety of readers, including:

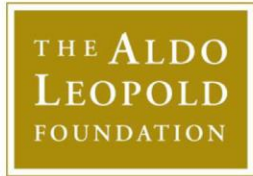
- Students and teachers
- Elected officials
- Foresters and wildlife managers
- Non-profit environmental organization leaders
- Garden or bird club members
- Leaders of service organizations
- Farmers and land managers
- Youth group leaders and participants

Please contact us if you would like the estimated reading times for the essays in *A Sand County Almanac* and other works. We also can provide a PowerPoint presentation that pairs images with text from the most popular essays in *A Sand County Almanac* that can be shown as a backdrop to public readings.

Green Fire film screenings

Bring your community together for a screening of *Green Fire - Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for our Time*, the Aldo Leopold Foundation's full-length, high-definition film about Leopold and the land ethic. The movie explores Leopold's life in the context of American conservation and environmental history, while also illustrating how his legacy lives on today in the work of people and organizations across the nation and around the world. Visit our *Green Fire* webpage (www.aldoleopold.org/teach-learn/green-fire-film) to learn more about hosting a public screening.

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Leopold Bench-building workshops

Hosting a Leopold Bench-building workshop is not only a great way to connect your community with Leopold's legacy, but can add comfortable, durable seating to your local public and private spaces. Using an affordable wood like pine, the materials cost for each bench should be about \$25. You'll also need a square, and enough saws, drills, and socket wrenches to accommodate your group. Since Leopold's designs and materials always varied, there is no "correct" bench blueprint. Creativity is encouraged as you construct and embellish Leopold Benches for your community. Please contact us for our unofficial Leopold Bench plans, or do a Google search – there are many variations available online.

Dutch oven cooking workshops

When at the Shack, the Leopold family cooked all their meals in Dutch ovens over the hot coals of a campfire. Making food together is a fun and easy way to create community connections. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving Dutch oven cooking recipes, along with helpful tips and tricks from our resident expert, Leopold Education Project State Coordinator Luann Sewell Waters of Oklahoma. It's easier than you think!

Other event ideas

There are many other Leopold-themed events that can connect your community with the concept of a land ethic. Some event ideas include:

- Nature hikes and birding excursions
- Cross-cut saw demonstrations
- Community service projects
- Field trips/tours of "Leopold landscapes"
- Leopold Education Project workshops
- Fishing, shooting, or archery tournaments
- School or community-wide essay, art, poster, or poetry contests
- Community forums and educational displays

Aldo Leopold Foundation Resources

The Aldo Leopold Foundation wants to help make your event a success! Please contact Maria Kopecky (maria@aldoleopold.org) with any questions, or to request:

- Case studies of three long-standing Leopold celebrations
- Leopold Week/Weekend logos and signs
- An educational poster about Aldo Leopold
- *About Aldo Leopold* brochures
- Back issues of our *Outlook* member magazine

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