



Great Outdoors Palm Springs Organizational Objectives and Code of Conduct

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Great Outdoors is an organization dedicated to supporting and empowering the gay community through various social activities with an emphasis on the advancement of knowledge of our outdoor environment and the enhancement and enjoyment of camping, hiking and wilderness training. Great Outdoors is not affiliated with any nude hiking groups or organizations. The Palm Springs Chapter Core Group endorses the Code of Conduct as stated in appendix A of the Bylaws and adopts the following regarding official sponsored events:

- Nude hiking, biking, rafting, walking, driving or being present on any public trail or public area (except as defined below) is not considered to be accepted appropriate behavior and will not be allowed.
- Our pool parties and functions at private residences are not to be clothing optional or nude events. Event hosts may allow clothing optional or nude events after the conclusion of the GOPS event if they are so inclined.
- Nudity in places where clothing optional or being nude is the norm and generally accepted such as hot springs would be considered acceptable as long as it is confined to that specific location. Hiking to or access to one of these areas will not be considered clothing optional or nude. Trip notes will specify that nudity may be encountered at one of these locations so that all participants will be fully informed in advance.

Hike, Trip and Event Leaders and any Core Group members present will be expected to take a proactive position and ensure compliance with this policy. A Hike, Trip or Event Leader may at any time terminate a hike, trip or other event to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct or for any other legal or safety issues.