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Troop NC-962 Information and Welcome Package 2023-2024 Program Year

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Walk Worthy!

NC 962 CHECKLIST

- Trail Life USA Membership / Trail Life Connect
- New Join Checklist
- Troop Calendar
- Troop Annual Dues / Troop Order Form
- Health & Medical Form (Separate Document)
- Activity Permission Form
- Trailman's Handbook
- Uniform (Class A, Polo, or Program/Troop T Shirt)
- Adult / Family member Campout Fees

RESOURCES

- Trail Life USA <https://www.trailifeusa.com/>
- Trail Life USA Store <https://shop.trailifeusa.com>
- Trinity Methodist Church <https://trinityjaxnc.church/ministries/trail-life>
 - QR code to our website with welcome resource packet



- Facebook Page <facebook.com/trinityjaxnc/>
- NC962 Registration (Trail Life Connect)
 - <https://www.trailifeconnect.com/register/tkfdogwscp72>
 - Registration QR Code (below)





Our Vision

Our vision is to be the premier national character development organization for young men which produces godly and responsible husbands, fathers, and citizens.

Our Mission

Our Mission is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

Membership Standards

Membership in Trail Life USA has youth, young adult, and adult classifications. Each classification requires that the qualifications relevant to the particular classification and prescribed in these Standards are met.

- Youth membership is open to all boys at least 5 years old and less than 18 years of age.
- Young adult membership is open to men and women who are at least 18 years old yet have not reached their 21st birthday.
- Adult membership is open to men and women 21 years of age or older.

We welcome youth members who aspire to live in accordance with the values expressed in the program's Oath and Motto and whose parents or guardians seek a faith-based outdoor adventure program that places an emphasis on character development, leadership, and moral purity. The program is undergirded by biblical values and unapologetically reflects a Christian worldview. Our goal is to enable families to place their boys in a program that endeavors to instruct and instill moral integrity and consistency in its members. All members must honor their God-given identity revealed in their biological sex by presenting as and living consistent with that sex. We affirm that sexual immorality—any sexual activity outside the context of the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman—is sinful before God and therefore inconsistent with the values and principles of the program. All members, therefore, should refrain from engaging in or promoting sexual immorality or any other behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the program. Young adult and adult members must subscribe to and abide by the Trail Life USA Statement of Christian Faith and Values as well as the Oath and Motto.

Oath

On my honor,
I will do my best
To serve God and my country;
To respect authority;
To be a good steward of creation;
And to treat others as I want to be treated

Motto

“Walk Worthy”

Colossians 1:10 *“... that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;...”*

Statement of Faith

We believe there is One Triune God – God the Father; Jesus Christ, His one and only Son; and the Holy Spirit – Creator of the universe and eternally existent. We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We believe each person is created in His image for the purpose of communing with and worshiping God. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who enables us to live godly lives. We believe each of us is called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship and integrity.

Statement of Values

Purity

God calls us to lives of holiness, being pure of heart, mind, word and deed. We are to reserve sexual activity for the sanctity of marriage, a lifelong commitment before God between a man and a woman.

Service

God calls us to become responsible members of our community and the world through selfless acts that contribute to the welfare of others.

Stewardship

God calls us to use our God-given time, talents, and money wisely.

Integrity

God calls us to live moral lives that demonstrate an inward motivation to do what is biblically right regardless of the cost.

Youth Protection Essentials

It's as Simple as 1-2-3



No **1**-on-One

The no one-on-one rule is in place for youth protection so no boy is ever alone with an adult. This is for both the protection of the boy and the adult.



2-Deep Leadership

The two-deep rule is in place for safety so there is always a minimum of two Registered Adults in proximity to provide backup and oversight.



Buddy System of **3**

The buddy system of three is suggested to keep youth safe from other abusive youth when out of sight of adult leadership. Buddies must be of the same program level.



There should always be a minimum of two Registered Adults on premises and either within eyesight or earshot or both at all Trail Life gatherings and activities (including transport), with the recommendation being that, whenever possible, a minimum of 2 adults should be with every group of boys. Within that context, for gathering in individual rooms, single building locations at a larger facility, or vehicles transporting boys in the conduct of a Trail Life activity, there should never be an adult alone with a boy who is not his or her own son. The proper ratios as provided in the Health and Safety Guide should always apply.

REAL MEN WANTED



- ✓ MUST BE MANLY MEN
- ✓ MUST BELIEVE BOYS SHOULD GROW UP TO BE REAL MEN
- ✓ MUST LOVE FISHING, CAMPING, HIKING, & OUTDOOR COOKING
- ✓ WHO LOVE JESUS CHRIST MORE THAN ALL THAT
- ✓ WHO WANT TO SERVE CHRIST BUT MAYBE NEVER KNEW HOW
- ✓ OR WHO WANT TO SERVE CHRIST IN A NEW WAY
- ✓ BEAR WRESTLING PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

- ✓ NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- ✓ MUST BE ABLE TO PUT BAIT ON A HOOK WITHOUT CRYING
- ✓ MUST KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD
- ✓ MUST KNOW JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK AND SHOW BOYS HOW TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL TO BECOME GODLY MEN



**TRAIL LIFE USA LEADER ROUNDUP!
5 October 2023 @ 6:45pm
TAR LANDING BAPTIST CHURCH
BOYS NEED YOU!**

www.trailifeusa.com or call/text (910)455-4814 for information

- **Without Leaders, Troop NC-4316 cannot survive.**
- Trail Life USA is a National Christian Organization endorsed by Dr. James Dobson and many others.
- Troop NC-962 (named for Galatians 6:2) is a ministry of Trinity Methodist Church.
- Meetings are Thursdays with some weekend outings.
- Leaders come from different denominations or Christian faith traditions, but must adhere to the Statement of Faith and Statement of Values.

Troop NC-962 Troop Level Campout Information



The Approx - **4 Troop Campouts** are intended for all Trailmen.

- **Woodlands** (Fox, Hawk, and Mountain Lion) Trailmen are required to bring an adult with them for overnight events. The adult can be one or both parents. Siblings that are not Trailmen are authorized if necessary for the Trailman to attend. Nav/Adv are typically separate from the Woodlands.
- **Navigator and Adventurer** Trailmen can camp without an adult with permission from the parents and authorization from the troop leadership.
- Trailmen will not share tents unless they are in the same family.
- Campouts are typically Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. An advance party will leave with the church bus and troop trailer (typically noon on Friday) plus any Navigators or Adventurers that *need* a ride. Space on the bus is limited. Advance party will establish the campground, parking and camp kitchen. The bus will return to Tar Landing Baptist Church typically Sunday afternoon.
- The troop has a very extensive camp kitchen. Meals provided for troop campouts include dinner Friday through breakfast Sunday. Adults should expect to help out with preparing and serving meals.
- Sunday morning is a campfire devotion and worship right after breakfast followed by camp cleanup and packing to leave.
- We will offer to provide a service project wherever we go!

Troop Campouts

- SCNC Fall Junction - Buies Creek, NC (Campbell University) 20-22 Oct 2023
 - An event including multiple troops from ENC. Games, trail skills competition, Camp Iron Chef competition, and campfire skits. This will be in a large area with port-a-johns.
- SENC Spring Junction – Location TBD 14-16 Apr 2024 24-
 - 2 night campout with access to the creek for canoeing or fishing. Excellent hiking trails.
- Other campouts TBD as we launch our new troop

Navigator/Adventurer Campouts

TBD as we launch our new Troop

Troop NC-962 Camping Checklist

List is for reference only. Specific instructions provided by Trail Guides for individual trips.

For Woodland's Trail

Essentials

- Headlamp
- Whistle

Sleep and Shelter

- Tent, Stakes, Poles, Footprint, Rain Fly
- Sleeping Bag (Appropriate to current season.)
- Sleeping Pad

Around the Campsite

- Camping chair/Tripod
- Insect Repellent

Toiletries

- Toilet Paper
- Dude Wipes/Baby Wipes
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Shower gear
- Hand Sanitizer
- AD ointment/Cortisone Cream/First Aid Kit
- Medications and Prescriptions

Clothing

- Rain Jacket
- Base Layer (Appropriate to current season.)
- Sweater/Jacket (Appropriate to current season.)
- Hat/Visor/Beanie (Appropriate to current season.)
- Neck Gaiter
- Bathing Suit (Appropriate to current season.)
- Sandals/Water Shoes
- Beach Towel/Blanket
- Sunglasses
- Extra Socks!

Activity Gear

- Daypack
- Hiking Boots or Shoes (Appropriate to current season.)
- Trekking Poles (optional)
- Water Bottle/Camelback
- Sunscreen, Lip Balm
- Mess Kit

Camping Checklist Extras

- Extra Batteries
- Fan, Tent Light, etc.

For Navigators & Adventurers

Essentials

- Watch
- Whistle
- Multi-tool
- Headlamp
- Tarp
- Waterproof Matches
- Area Map, Compass

Sleep and Shelter

- Tent, Stakes, Poles, Footprint, Rain Fly
- Sleeping Bag (Appropriate to current season.)
- Sleeping Pad

Around the Campsite

- Folding Chair/Tripod
- Wood/Kindling and Fire Kit
- Insect Repellent

Toiletries

- Toilet Paper
- Dude Wipes/Baby Wipes
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner, Shower Gear
- Biodegradable Soap, Deodorant
- Medications, Prescriptions, Hand Sanitizer
- AD Ointment/Cortisone Cream/First Aid Kit

Clothing

- Rain Jacket (Recommend Frog Toggs)
- Base Layer (Appropriate to current season.)
- Sweatshirt or Light Jacket, Synthetic or Wool Clothes (Appropriate to current season.)
- Brimmed Hat/Visor or Beanie
- Bathing Suit, Beach Towel/Blanket
- Sunglasses, Neck Gaiter
- Hiking boots
- Shower Shoes
- Mid-weight wool hiking socks (bring extra!)

Activity Gear

- Hiking Backpack/Daypack
- Trekking Poles (optional)
- Water Bottle/Camelback
- Mess Kit
- Stove/Fuel/Cookpot
- Sunscreen, Lip Balm

Camping Checklist Extras

- Fire Starter
- Extra Batteries
- Fan, Tent Light, etc.
- Hammock

DO NOT BRING ELECTRONICS!



Dear Parents,

Please start your son on his Trail Life Journey by helping him learn the requirements for his joining badge. Please initial each requirement as he learns it. When all requirements have been met, have your son bring this page back to his meeting so it can be reviewed and entered into his advancement record.

_____ **Trailman Sign:** The Trailman Sign is made with the right hand held open, palm forward, raising your right arm with your elbow at a right angle. The Trailman Sign is raised when reciting the Trailman Oath and also a sign to bring Trailmen to silence to focus on business at hand.



_____ **Trailman Oath:** "On my honor I will do my best
to serve God and my country
to respect authority;
to be a good steward of creation
and to treat others as I want to be treated"

_____ **Trailman Salute:** Bring the right hand up, palm down, until your forefinger touches the brim of your hat or the tip of your right eyebrow



_____ **Pledge of Allegiance:** "I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the Republic for which it stands
one Nation under God, indivisible
with liberty and justice for all"

_____ **Trailman Handshake:** The handshake is like a regular right-handed handshake except that you reach further forward and grasp each other's wrist



_____ **Trailman Motto:** "Walk Worthy"
From Colossians 1:10 " *...that you may walk worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God;...*"

Trailman's Name _____ Date _____



WHO WE ARE

Trail Life Troop NC-962: Derived from Galatians 6:2 "Carry one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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Boys ages 5 through 17 are served by Troop NC-962. Troop meetings are held on Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 8:00pm at Trinity Methodist Church. In addition to regular meetings, our Trailmen participate in the HIT THE TRAIL! Adventures including hiking trips, fishing, camping, and other great experiences such as service projects. Generally, the troop tries to schedule one HIT THE TRAIL! per month on a Saturday, or Friday through Sunday camping excursions.

If you have questions, please feel free to call or email your son's leader

Leader's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____



Awards and Advancement



ADVANCEMENT TRAIL

KNOWLEDGE

UNDERSTANDING

WISDOM

PROGRAM EMPHASIS

- Woodlands

- Heritage, Life Skills, Science & Tech, Hobbies,

- Values, Sports/Fitness, Outdoor Skills



- Branch Patch/Pins – 1st Year
- Forrest Award – Sylvan Stars – 2nd
- Mountain Lions - Fire, Knife and Timberline



- Navigators (3 Ranks)

- Achievement Based
- 9 Trail Badges
- 7 Elective Badges



- Adventurers (3 Ranks)

- Achievement Based
- 6 Trail Badges
- 7 Elective Badges



Troop NC-962

Costs for 2023-2024 Program Year



Troop NC-962 is pleased to coordinate activities such as backpacking, campouts, service projects, and special field trips. To the extent possible, the troop tries to keep costs down for families. In addition, the troop intentionally limits fundraisers. We depend on tax-deductible donations, gifts of equipment, and reasonable annual troop dues. For the 2023-2024 Program Year, the following dues and costs apply.

REQUIRED INVESTMENTS

- **National Membership Dues** paid directly to Trail Life's Home Office by each individual youth or adult member when they submit their initial membership application to Trail Life, and annually thereafter. Trailmen must be registered and up to date at all outings for insurance purposes.
 - **Youth fee (\$33.25)** which includes:
 - \$27.51 that pays for operations of the Trail Life Home Office in Belton, South Carolina.
 - \$5.74 insurance costs. This is a pass-through fee to cover the costs of accident and sickness coverage, general liability, and umbrella coverage.
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 - **Adult fee (\$38.00)** covers the following:
 - \$19.04 pays for operations of the Trail Life Home Office in Belton, South Carolina.
 - \$5.74 insurance costs. This is a pass-through fee to cover the costs of accident and sickness coverage, general liability, and umbrella coverage.
 - Annual Youth Protection Assessment of \$13.22. This pays for criminal background checks and youth protection training for adult members. It is basically a "pass-through" fee.
- **Troop Annual Dues** covers the costs for approximately 4 Troop-Level campouts, Awards, Pine Cars and Derby, Hit The Trail Activities, and operational expenses of the troop.
 - **Youth Fee** (*In a single family* \$100 for the first Trailman, \$75 for the second Trailman, \$50 for the third Trailman, no charge for any additional Trailmen).
 - *Note:* Each of the Troop-Level campouts include 2 nights camping and 4-5 meals
 - *Note:* The Official Trail Life Standard (Navigator/Adventurer Award Hiking Staff) must be purchased by the family.
 - **Registered Adults** will not be assessed Troop Annual Dues in 2023-2024.
 - **Troop Annual Dues are due October 27, 2023 online at trinityjaxnc.church/ministries/trail-life or check payable to Trinity Methodist with Trail Life in the memo line.**
 - **Troop Dues for families that join after the beginning of the year will be prorated and due within 30 days of joining.**
- **Trail Life T-Shirt.** We will be providing at least one shirt for our inaugural year. Trail Life T-Shirts should be worn anytime we gather as a troop unless otherwise specified. We want everyone to see who we are! An official Trail Life T-Shirt available for \$12-\$22 (depending on size) from the Trail Life online store *OR* a NC-962 Troop T-Shirt. T-shirt color must match the Trailman's level (Woodlands - Green, Navigator - Grey, and Adventurer - Blue). Adult Leaders can choose the color of the patrol they lead or black. For Navigators/Adventurers, this is the minimum requirement for attendance per 2024 guidelines.
- **Trailman Handbook.** We will be providing the handbook for our inaugural year. (\$17) This item is pre-ordered from the Trail Life Store by the Troop and must be paid for by the family. Available from the Troop or from Trail Life USA Store. The actual cost to the Troop is charged with no markup. Note: The Navigator/Adventurer Handbook has been updated for 2024.
- **Bible.** Trail Life is a Christ-centered organization. A Trailman's Bible is available at the Trail Life USA Store, or Trailmen that cannot afford a Bible will be provided.
- **Troop-Level Camping Costs.** Registered youth costs for most of the Troop-Level Campouts are included in the Troop Annual Dues. Troop NC-962 requires a responsible adult/guardian/family member to attend campouts with all *Woodlands* Trailmen. All adults or family members who attend Troop-Level campouts.

with Trailmen are charged \$25 per person for the weekend, which includes all group meals, campground rental and necessary equipment. This must be paid in advance to the Troop online or via check to "Trinity Methodist" with Trail Life and campout in the memo 2 weeks prior to the trip/event. Please note the camping dates on the check.

- **Special Outings or Activity Costs** are charged when necessary. In the past the troop has organized trips to sporting events, bowling, skating, the NC Zoo and Aquarium, and various museums. Specific costs to cover admission will be given to Trailmen and their families in advance of the event. The Troop attempts to use discounted rates to keep costs low, and must be paid in-advance to the Troop.
- **Gear** is required for Trailmen to participate in some activities. For example, hiking and camping require specific items. Some items are available to be borrowed from the Troop. Other gear, such as Navigator & Adventurer hiking/backpacking gear must be acquired by the family. Families are encouraged to share gear and "pass it on" if gently used and no longer needed. A basic gear lists is provided or may be found online from many sources.
- **Navigator & Adventurer Campouts** on backpacking and camping trips, food will be provided by. Choices may be singly or by Patrol, based on the decision of the Navigators and Adventurers. The cost for all attendees (Navigator, Adventurer, or Registered Adult) is \$20 per campout and includes food and facilities.

ENCOURAGED

- **Class A Uniform**, also called the "Troop Uniform" is encouraged for all Trailmen. Go online to <https://shop/traillifeusa.com> to order the official Trail Life dress uniform. The Class A Uniforms consists of the Class A Shirt and uniform Hat, and should be worn in all parades, worship services, in some special troop meetings, and at other times as requested. Navigators/Adventurers should wear this uniform to Advancement Conferences and Board of Review. There are multiple options for purchasing uniforms.
 - The Basic Uniform Package – Class A Shirt, Shoulder Loops and Lanyard (\$55) and Hat (\$18)
 - Families are asked to pass along outgrown uniforms to others in the troop.
- **Navigator and Adventurer Trail Life Standard** is the special keepsake hiking staff that Navigators and Adventurers place their earned badges upon. Eligibility: Navigators when they reach Able Trailman Rank, Adventurers when they receive their Journey Award. This item is pre-ordered by the Troop and must be paid for by the family. The actual pass-through cost is \$50.

OPTIONAL

- **Trail Life Apparel** of many types is available from the Trail Life USA online store.
- **Advanced Equipment and Gear** may be appropriate if a Trailman advances through the program for years.
- **Donations to the Troop** in the form of funding or gear is always greatly appreciated. 100% of the money goes into the program for the boys and is tax-deductible.
- If you would like to purchase gear to donate, please see any of our Leaders for specific items the troop needs.

PAYMENT METHODS

- The payment methods below are acceptable for Troop Dues, Campouts, equipment, and for donations
- **Online** payments can be made through the website at trinityjaxnc.church/ministries/trail-life. Scroll down and click the "PAY NOW" button. On the popup screen, be sure to select trail life in the "To:" section.
- **Checks** Should be made out to Trinity Methodist with Trail Life and the reason in the memo section
- **Cash** is also acceptable, however, for security purposes one of the 2 previous methods are preferred

Any family with financial need is encouraged to read the information provided about the Troop NC-962 Scholarship



Troop Level Positions

In keeping with our emphasis on the value of male mentorship, the following positions are restricted to males: Troop Chaplain, Troopmaster, Ranger, Trailmaster, Advisor, and all Navigator and Adventurer Trail Guides. The Troop Ministry Liaison is not restricted to males unless dual-registering as the Chaplain. Trail Guides in the Mountain Lion patrols are recommended to be males, but not restricted. All other positions may be held by females including all other Committee Members, and Trail Guides in the Woodlands Trail Units.

Before selecting leaders and appointing positions, please review Trail Life USA's position on [How a Troop is Chartered and Operates](#).

The Senior Ministry Leader (SML) is the highest authority in his organization (for example, the Senior Pastor of a church). He approves the existence of a Trail Life Troop and ensures it is an active ministry of the organization (church). He understands the mission and policies of Trail Life USA. He appoints, or serves as, the Troop Ministry Liaison (TML), and delegates the responsibility of selecting all other volunteer leaders to the TML.

The SML can actually serve as both TML and Chaplain, however, this may be too large of a commitment for the organization's top leader, as the time required to serve as TML is substantial. It is usually better for the SML to select a TML. The TML may also serve as Chaplain. Other core leaders cannot serve in duplicate positions.

TROOP COMMITTEE: CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM (these are required positions)

Troop Ministry Liaison (TML) | The Troop Ministry Liaison is the most important Troop leader and is appointed by the Senior Ministry Leader. The TML is the Charter Organization's appointed official, their Troop liaison, an Area Team resource, and a National voter.

The TML is responsible for selecting and recruiting the rest of the core leadership team. For direction on how to do this, see [Selecting and Recruiting Volunteer Leaders](#), [10 Steps to Successful Selecting and Recruiting](#), and [Top Tips to Increase Troop Leadership](#). Click on these links for core leader position-specific details: [Troop Ministry Liaison](#), [Chaplain](#), [Committee Chair](#), [Treasurer](#), [Troopmaster](#). It is the duty of the TML to review and approve (or reject) each adult Troop member applicant. The TML approves Troop leaders, providing the spiritual authority, pastoral recommendation, and final oversight of their Charter Organization's membership on behalf of the Senior Ministry Leader (SML).

NOTE: The TML may dual-register as Troop Chaplain. [This is the only position that may dual-register.]

Troop Chaplain (CHAP) | The Troop Chaplain ensures that the Troop emphasizes and stays true to its Christian mission (organizing prayer for meetings, services at campouts, etc.). He leads by example, is qualified to give biblical advice, has a passion for discipleship, and involves and empowers other members (youth and adult alike) in providing opportunities for spiritual growth. Position description: [Chaplain](#)

Committee Chair (CC) | The Committee Chair presides over Troop Committee Meetings, and follows up with Committee members as they complete their work; and may appoint, with approval of the TML, as many Committee members as needed to maintain an effective Troop. See typical positions listed below in “Other Leadership Roles”. Utilizes resources available to grow a thriving Troop (see www.JoinTheTrail.com/THRIVE). Position description: [Committee Chair](#)

Treasurer (TREAS) | The Treasurer is a record-keeper, maintaining accounts for all financial transactions. He/she regularly reports the financial status of the Troop; coordinates and communicates to parents the process of Troop Budgeting; understands, coordinates, communicates, and supervises approved TRAIL LIFE USA fundraising guidelines; handles funds and pays bills. Some of these duties can be delegated to other volunteers, but will still fall under the Treasurer’s supervision. Position description: [Treasurer](#)

Troopmaster (TM) | Oversees all “direct contact” leaders (those volunteers who work directly with the boys each week), understands all programmatic operations of the Troop, reports successes and challenges faced by leaders and youth. The Troopmaster is the coach of, and Troop Committee representative for, the Ranger, Trailmaster, Advisor, and their Trail Guides. Full position description: [Troopmaster](#)

DIRECT CONTACT LEADERS

Ranger (RAN), Trailmaster (TRL), and Advisor (ADV) | Adults (age 21 or over) who oversee the operation of specific age-levels within the Troop by providing direction, coaching, and support. These positions are NOT voting members of the Committee, but they may be asked to attend Troop Committee meetings.

Trail Guides (TG) | Adults (age 18 or over for Woodlands Trail, Navigators, and Adventurers) who assist the Ranger, Trailmaster, or Advisor in delivering the Troop program. Trail Guides are NOT formal members of the committee and they do NOT attend Troop Committee meetings.

NOTE: 18-20 year olds can count as one of the required 2-deep leadership positions. The second leader must be age 21 or above except for overnight activities where the second leader must be age 25 or above.

OTHER LEADERSHIP ROLES (appointed as needed; may be added to Troop Committee)

Troop Advancement Chair (CM-ADV) | Ensures that the Troop has regular boards of review (at least monthly), regular courts of honor, and is providing opportunity for timely advancement within the Trail Life USA model. Also responsible for record keeping and submitting advancement reports.

Troop Outdoor/Activities Chair (CM-OUT) | Researches and secures permission to use camping sites or other outdoor locations for planned activities. Serves as transportation coordinator and ensures a monthly robust outdoor program for all levels.

Troop Membership Chair (CM-MEMB) | Coordinates regular recruiting of new members, provides a smooth transition of new Trailmen into the Troop and orientation of new parents.

Troop Training Chair (TRAIN) | Provides (or educates members about available) training opportunities; maintains training records and materials. Assists leaders in obtaining First Aid and CPR training as required.

Troop Onboarding Facilitator (ONBRD) | Orients new families, walking them through the Troop Fast Start Checklist and making sure they understand the customizable “Welcome to Our Troop” letter.

Troop Community Service Chair (CM-SVC) | Coordinates regular community service efforts (should include four Troop service projects per year.)

Troop Secretary (SEC) | Keeps meeting minutes and records, send notices to members, etc.

Troop Equipment Coordinator (CM-EQUIP) | Works with the youth Quartermaster. Responsible for inventory, storage, and maintenance of equipment.

Troop Public Relations Chair (CM-PR) | Provides news and announcements about the Troop to newspapers, websites, etc. May also be the Troop's Webmaster (if desired). Promotes service projects. Promotes new membership and lets people in the town or neighborhood know that TRAIL LIFE USA is available.

Troop Fundraising Chair (CM-FUND) | Organizes and supervises fundraising events and ensures that every youth member has the opportunity and tools necessary to participate. Coordinates exciting kickoffs of your one or two focused fundraisers each year.

Troop Health and Safety Chair (CM-HS) | Keeps everyone up to date on Trail Life USA's policies and procedures. Maintains current and comprehensive knowledge of Health and Safety Guide and related documents. Ensures activity permissions and notifications are filed with the Charter Organization and Trail Life USA Home Office as required.

Troop Committee Member (CM) | A committee member with responsibilities as defined by the Committee Chair.

Registered Adult (RA) | This position is for registering parents or guardians who, while not serving in defined position listed above, may want to have a more active role with their boys in the program. They pay the regular member fee, agree with the Statement of Faith, submit to a background check, complete the Child Safety Youth Protection Training and are approved by the Troop Ministry Liaison. They will receive an ID card from the Home Office that identifies them as registered. This allows the local leadership to confidently request their assistance at Troop activities, but doesn't obligate the Registered Adult to any specific service role. This member is regularly involved and (if over 21) helps to meet the two-deep safety supervision requirement.

***Please note:** All adult Troop members of Trail Life USA complete a registration process that consists of filling out the membership application, signing our Statement of Faith agreement, paying the annual member fee, successfully passing a background check, finalizing online Child Safety Youth Protection Training, and receiving certification from the Troop Ministry Liaison and approval from the Trail Life USA Home Office.*



Adult Connection Guide

Trail Life is for adults as well as boys. Christian adults are needed to participate as member volunteers! You are invited to join as a member and may be selected to serve in a leadership position, or to serve as a Registered Adult (member who is regularly involved and helps to meet the two-deep safety supervision requirement). We want to know your skills and interests so you can get connected!

Are you currently registered with Trail Life USA? Yes ___ No ___

Are you more interested in volunteering at the Troop, or Area, level? Troop _____ Area _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

What special knowledge and/or skills do you have to share? _____

Might you be willing to assist leaders and members occasionally? _____

What interests you? Please check all that apply:

- | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Safety | Swimming | Marketing | Onboarding |
| Camp outs | Supervision | Prayer/Intercession | Community Service |
| Hikes | Accounting | Advancement | Teaching |
| Outdoor Activities | Web Management | Construction | Hospitality |
| Troop Meetings | Drawing/art | Administration | Leadership |
| Food Arrangements | Fundraising | Events/Ceremonies | Evangelism |
| Transportation | Organizing | Training | Encouragement |

Additional helpful information:

Upon completion, please return this to the Troop leader, Point Man, or Regional Team Leader who shared it with you. They can issue a member registration link and help you to connect to the Troop or Area position that suits you best.

Adult members of Trail Life USA complete a registration process that consists of:

- Filling out the online membership application,
- Signing our Statement of Faith agreement,
- Must pay the registration/membership fee,
- Successfully passing a background check,
- Receiving Charter Organization certification (for Troop applicant) or
- Submitting a pastoral recommendation (for Area or Region applicants),
- Finalizing online Child Safety Youth Protection Training, and
- Receiving approval from the Trail Life USA Home Office.

Troop Membership Dues Scholarship Application - Trail Life USA Troop NC-4316

“The Lord bless you and keep you; [25] The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; [26] The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” – Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete this scholarship application in its entirety to be considered for a scholarship to cover some or all of local troop dues for the program year. Please note that this scholarship does *not* apply to national dues or fees, uniforms, or event/food costs that may be separately required during the year. It only covers local annual troop dues. This scholarship is a needs-based scholarship. Scholarship awards will vary from year-to-year based on funding available to the Troop. All applications shall be held in strict confidence by the Troop Leadership. Notice of scholarship award shall be given by October 27th of each program year to the email or mailing address provided. Troop members are responsible for any portion of local dues not paid by the scholarship.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: *Application due No Later Than 5 October 2023 or within 20 days of joining the troop.* To apply, please complete this form, place in an envelope and mail to:

Trail Life Troop NC-962 Scholarship Committee
c/o Trinity Methodist Church
301 Marine Blvd
Jacksonville, NC 28540

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN APPLICANT (PRINT): _____

E Mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

YOUTH TRAILMEN FOR WHICH SCHOLARSHIP IS SOUGHT (PRINT NAMES AND AGES):

1. _____ AGE _____

2. _____ AGE _____

3. _____ AGE _____

4. _____ AGE _____

5. _____ AGE _____

APPLICANT STATEMENT OF NEED: By signing this scholarship application, I am attesting to Troop NC-4316 that my personal financial situation is such that I need help in paying for the troop dues for the young person(s) listed above. I understand that the Troop will hold my application in strict confidence and will not ask me specific information about my financial situation. I understand that the amount of the scholarship may vary based on funding available to the Troop. Upon my word of honor, I currently do need this help.

SIGNED: _____ **Date:** _____

Trail Life Troop NC-962 Order Form – 2023-2024 Program Year

Local Troop Membership Dues for Youth Trailmen Ages 5-17

Due: October 27, 2023 or within 30 days of joining the troop.

Payable online at trinityjaxnc.church/ministries/trail-lifep and select "PAY NOW" or by check to: "Trinity Methodist" with Trail Life and reason for check in memo line.

For: Local troop expenses including awards, events, and 4 two-night troop-level campouts

1 st Trailman Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	\$100.00
2 nd Trailman Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	\$75.00
3 rd Trailman Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	\$50.00
4 th Trailman Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	\$0.00
5 th Trailman Name _____	Age _____	Grade _____	\$0.00

Trail Life Handbook (Old Books are still Valid, Supplemental required for Nav/Adv)

Number of Handbooks Woodlands _____ Nav/Adv _____ Total _____ x \$17= _____

2023-2024 Troop-Level Campouts (Adults or Family members that are **NOT** Youth Trailmen)

Spring Junction - Mar 24-26, 2024 Adults/Family Attending _____ x \$25= _____

Jordan Lake - 24-26 May 2024 Adults/Family _____ x \$25= _____

Attending **2023-2024 Navigator/Adventurer Campouts** _____ x \$25= _____

_____ x \$25= _____

Camp Lejeune - 15-17 Sept Number of Adults/Trailmen _____ x \$20= _____

Night Ops - 17-18 Nov Number of Adults/Trailmen _____ x \$10= _____

Winter Junction - 19-21 Jan Number of Adults/Trailmen _____ x \$20= _____

Cliffs of the Neuse - 9-11 Feb Number of Adults/Trailmen _____ x \$20= _____

Raven Rock - 26-28 April Number of Adults/Trailmen _____ x \$20= _____

Other Description _____

TOTAL OWED TO TROOP: _____

CHARITABLE DONATION: _____

TOTAL PAID: _____

DATE PAID: ____/____/____

TROOP LEADER SIGNATURE: _____