



The Role of the Troopmaster

The Troopmaster oversees and coordinates all of the program volunteers (who, in turn, work directly with the Trailmen). He is a member of the Troop Committee, where he represents all of these “direct contact” leaders.

1. Be selected by, and remain accountable to, the Troop Ministry Liaison.
2. Implement the decisions and policies of the Troop Committee that pertain to program delivery during weekly meetings, community outings, camping trips, and other Troop events.
3. Monitor program activities, ensuring that the expectations of the Charter Organization, as well as the standards required as a Charter Organization of Trail Life USA, are met.
4. Report (at Troop Committee meetings) successes and systemic challenges faced by direct contact leaders and youth members.
5. Ensure that the Trail Life USA Troop is an active and vital ministry of the church (as opposed to being considered an “outside group that uses the Church building every Tuesday night”).
6. Recommend volunteers to fill vacant direct contact leader roles (Ranger, Trailmaster, Advisor, and Trail Guides) as needed. [Any leadership recommendation is dependent upon the TML’s decision whether to approve.]
7. Develop (with consensus of all Troop leaders) and deliver (through direct contact leaders) the "program," which includes the training of youth leadership in how to plan and run a Troop's activities.
8. Oversee the common opening of the Troop meetings in which all the boys and leaders participate together. [The Troopmaster does not have to actually lead the opening himself, but can delegate portions of the opening to other adult leaders and youth members.]
9. Work with the Troop Committee and the direct contact leaders of the program levels (Woodlands Trail, Navigators, Adventurers, and where applicable, Guidon) to coordinate matters relating to shared facility use, Troop equipment, and other Troop resources, as well as coordinating any common Calendar events in which various Units of the Troop will participate together.
10. Hold meetings as needed with direct-contact Troop leaders to identify program delivery successes and failures; plan and coordinate any joint events and camping trips; promote the use of older Trailmen to mentor and guide younger Trailmen; and coordinate other programmatic matters. The Troopmaster must keep direct contact leaders of all the age-levels functioning well together and on the same page.
11. Represent the direct contact leaders of the Woodlands Trail, Navigators, and Adventurers units at the monthly Troop Committee meeting. Those leaders do not attend the Committee Meeting, but can be invited as needed by the Committee Chair.