



# Trail Gathering Planning Support Tool

*After gathering for announcements, presentations are made by Area Team Expert and/or successful Troop(s) each month on the following topics, break out into smaller groups by program: Woodlands Trail, Navigators, and Adventurers.*

## SEPTEMBER

Hold a Joining Event (Open House); Teach onboarding ([Troop Fast Start Training](#)); Share an example of an [Effective Troop Meeting Plan](#); Encourage participation in a See You at the Pole event; Arrange November's [Operation Christmas Child](#) participation; Promote details of your Area campout event that was planned during your Spring Area planning meeting.

## OCTOBER

Fundraising (best methods); Brainstorm Summer Adventure possibilities.

## NOVEMBER

Plan Christmas parties; Share winter camping ideas.

## DECEMBER

Share the importance and reasoning of the [ALL IN Ribbon Award](#); Plan for next month's [Respect Life](#) and [Attitude of Gratitude](#) (January service project) ideas for your Charter Organizations.

## JANUARY

"Everyone back together after holidays" (Troop- or Area-hosted) event; 2nd chance recruiting or fundraising efforts (to be held next month); Resources Your Area Team Provides; promote [Respect Life](#) activities this month and into February

## FEBRUARY

Plan Summer Adventures; discuss Safety and Risk Management for Troop Activities

## MARCH

Spring campout details; Promote participation in [National Day of Prayer](#) (1st Thursday in May); Advancement and Courts of Honor

## APRIL

How to assess current Troop status (utilize [Trail Tracks](#)); Planning your upcoming program year including Area campouts ([Understanding How the Program Year Works](#), [Annual Program Planning and Budgeting](#)); Integrating Faith and Spiritual Development, Religious Awards

## MAY

Fall Joining Event (Open House) Planning; Utilize resources at [Join the Adventure](#); Promote (Order Booth in a Box; Print signs and banners, customize [Welcome letter](#), etc.); Promote participation in [Serve in Love](#) ribbon opportunity, and [Trail Life Sunday](#) in September. Utilize the four-part [Planning Guides](#) to plan your year.

## **JUNE**

Carry out Summer Adventures; Serve in Love to provide service to the Community; Trail Life Sunday (No Trail Gathering).

## **JULY**

Troops experience Summer Adventures (No Trail Gathering); Check Health & Safety Guide when planning these adventures.

## **AUGUST**

Prepare for Joining Event (Open House); [Overview of the Chartering Process](#); [Levels of Support](#).