

Trail Life USA and its Proven Process for Growing Boys into Godly Men

To learn more about this Proven Process, visit www.TrailLifeUSA.com/godly-boys

 <p>The Problem</p>	<p>Boys are Unguided</p> <p>Shortage of male role models.</p> <p>1 in 4 boys are raised by a single mom.¹ Seventy-six percent of teachers are female.²</p> 	<p>Boys are Ungrounded</p> <p>Eroding generational values and norms.</p> <p>Fifty-eight percent of Americans no longer believe that God and the Bible are the means for determining morality and truth.³ This leaves boys without a moral compass.</p>	<p>Boys are Unappreciated</p> <p>Gender-blurring fails to allow for differences between boys and girls.</p> <p>Developmental differences: IQ⁴ and EQ⁵ develop more slowly in boys, so they are always “behind” and assumed deficient.</p> 	<p>Boys are Uninspired</p> <p>Boys lose interest when there isn’t anything at stake. “Participation trophies” and “no score” games deprive boys of opportunities to be competitive and develop empathy by identifying with the “loser.”</p>
 <p>The Question</p>	<p>What does it mean to be a man?</p>	<p>Where are the boundaries?</p> 	<p>Where do I belong?</p>	<p>Why try?</p> 
 <p>The Solution</p>	<p>Provide models, mentors, and examples of godly men.</p> 	<p>Provide an unmovable foundation for character to be built upon.</p>	<p>Provide environments geared to the strengths of boys.</p> 	<p>Provide challenging opportunities that let boys both fail/recover and succeed.</p>
 <p>Trail Life USA's Proven Process</p>	<p>Trail Life USA provides trained, background-checked and equipped Christian men who lead boys in a male-centric environment.</p>	<p>Trail Life USA provides an unapologetically Christian stance, with the Bible as the foundation for truth and stated Christian Worldview Essentials that permeate the program.</p> 	<p>Trail Life USA provides a boy-focused program, and activities designed to let boys be boys, accentuating their strengths.</p>	<p>Trail Life USA provides a robust awards program and challenging physical, mental, and spiritual objectives that let boys experience victory.</p> 



Our Core Values:



Christ-Centered

We teach biblical truth, integrating a biblical Christian worldview in all our outdoor adventures and character-building programs.

Church-Owned & Operated

Local churches own and direct Troops, ensuring alignment with biblical Christian principles and allowing for dedicated stakeholders and church-endorsed mentors.

Outdoor-Focused

Adventure outdoors builds godly character. Our activities cultivate leadership, resilience, and awe for God's creation.

Safety

Trail Life USA is unwavering in our commitment to youth protection and safety in the outdoors. We implement the 1-2-3 Youth Protection Essentials and provide informed and common sense health and safety guidelines in an effort to ensure the safety of every Trailman.

Courage

We boldly stand firm in biblical truth, equipping boys and leaders with the courage to uphold Christ-centered values in a shifting culture.

Male-Centered Adult Leadership

Godly men mentor boys into godly men. Male leadership is essential, irreplaceable, and central to our mission.

Family-Oriented

We champion father-son engagement and family collaboration, partnering with like-minded ministries for holistic family growth.

Volunteer-Driven

Our organization thrives on passionate volunteers. This minimizes paid staff and maximizes member involvement.

Program Flexibility

Core principles are firm, but local Troops have flexibility to adapt the program to their unique culture and faith traditions.

Shared Leadership

We practice collaborative leadership, empowering individuals and multiplying influence by intentionally equipping others.

Patrol Method Leadership

We empower boys to lead boys, giving them increasing responsibility and decision-making authority as they mature.

Servant Leadership

Leaders serve with humility, leading by example, sacrifice, and genuine care—not authority alone.

Character Over Awards

Achievements matter, especially to boys, but Christ-like character is our primary goal.

Decentralized Decision-Making

Key organizational decisions require overwhelming support from our local Charter Organizations, ensuring fidelity to our mission and beliefs.

Debt-Averse and Member-Dependent

We are committed to a debt-averse and member-supported organization. While we appreciate the generosity of our donors, our financial independence is primarily sustained through member dues and store sales, allowing a large percentage of our donations to directly support ministry growth and enhancement objectives, not operational expenses.

Christian Worldview

Our mission and vision are firmly rooted in a comprehensive biblical Christian worldview, uncompromising in its application.

<https://www.trailifeusa.com/christian-worldview>



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Our 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 salvation is by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ alone, and that our eternal hope is rooted in His sacrificial death and resurrection. We believe each person is created in God's image for the purpose of communing with and worshipping Him. 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.

Our 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.

Our Motto:



"Walk Worthy"

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