

Welcome to our Troop, GA-2016!

As Trail Life USA Troop members, we share a common vision, striving together to "guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure". Our program is a Christ-centered leadership, character, and adventure program for young men. Our mission to "Walk Worthy" comes 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..."

Our Troop operates as a ministry of our charter organization, Northside Presbyterian Church. Young men ages 5 to 17 are encouraged to join our Troop to participate in scheduled events and activities. Our weekly meetings are held at the church on Mondays at 6:30pm. Additionally, there are scheduled campouts 2 to 3 times/year, at least two service opportunities, and other events and activities to participate in together. Please find attached a calendar showing our events for the upcoming year.

Our Troop philosophy is that all members meet together, breaking into age-specific program groups at various times during Troop meetings. This provides a well-rounded program that integrates leadership opportunities for the older boys, and also role models to help teach the younger boys. Program activities are designed to grow life skills and provide faith-building activities.

Fulfilling a Trail Life USA core value, our Troop is entirely volunteer-led. Parents are very involved and are welcomed to participate. There are many opportunities for service; in fact, parents are encouraged to join as Trail Life USA members, so that they can help further the mission of Trail Life USA, and assure the protection of the boys as part of the required two-deep leadership. Just ask our Troopmaster or the Committee Chair for an invitation to join—a link to complete that process will be emailed to you*.

Our goal is for most of our Troop activities to be free of charge to families. We can do this with our successful fundraisers (currently one in the fall and one in the spring). We hope to raise enough money each year to cover many costs all the way through our next Summer Adventure!

Please contact our Troop Ministry Liaison, Christian Roberson at 770-294-7339 or tlga2016rep@gmail.com, if you have any questions along the way. We look forward to your family becoming more involved in this wonderful faith-building adventure!

*Trail Life USA welcomes boys of any faith—or no faith at all. But all materials and activities consistently emphasize our Christian worldview and our hope to make faithful disciples. For that reason, all *adult* members must ascribe and adhere to the TLUSA <u>Statement of Faith and Values</u>.

