



Troop Fast Start Training

FAMILY NAME _____

At the Open House Info Session:

- ☐ Review Trail Life's [Core Values](#)
- ☐ Discuss Trail Life's [Oath, Motto, Mission, and Vision](#)
- ☐ Share the Trailmen Sign and Salute (parents should practice these with Trailman at home)
- ☐ Discuss uniform and dress code requirements and where to obtain them [Trail Life USA Shop](#)
- ☐ Discuss TLUSA membership fee and annual renewal process (good for one year from joining date)
- ☐ Discuss Troop dues (if any)—amount, frequency and what they cover
- ☐ Discuss fundraising, and how we defray costs; “Team” fundraising concept (no individual Trailman fundraising accounts)
- ☐ Describe the registration process (Trail Life Connect e-mail and link); how to register multiple boys
- ☐ Secure new family's contact info (especially email address, cell #'s)
- ☐ Invite parent(s) to join as a Registered Adult (if appropriate); Signing Statement of Faith and Values, Background Check and Child Safety Youth Protection Training required
- ☐ Make sure they know when the next Troop activity/meeting and the next Campout are planned

As soon as they join:

- ☐ Discuss two-deep leadership (including phone/internet communications) and “buddy system” rules
- ☐ Discuss drop-off and sign-out/pick-up procedures
- ☐ Discuss bathroom designations for adults and Trailmen/other children
- ☐ Discuss participation of siblings at Troop Events
- ☐ Cover additional Chartered Org rules/restrictions
- ☐ Provide contact information for Troop leaders & Trailman's Patrol Leader

- ☐ Advise of regular email updates & Trail Life Connect newsletters
- ☐ Provide instructions to link Trail Life Connect Calendar to phone/Google/Outlook Calendars
- ☐ Review highlights of TLUSA Health & Safety Guide found under TLC: Documents>Resources “Health”
- ☐ Provide [Youth Weekend Health and Safety Form](#); copy of parents’ insurance card needed
- ☐ Provide [High Adventure Medical Form](#) to parents of Navigators & Adventurers (note need for medical professional’s signature) with deadline (Fall Adventure Campout or Summer Adventure)
- ☐ Provide copy of, and review key points in Troop bylaws (if any)

Within one week of joining:

- ☐ Clarify that Woodlands Trail program is participation-based, not requirements-based, so participate regularly
- ☐ Discuss Woodlands Trail Step Tracking Cards and Lanyard system
- ☐ Discuss Forest Award
- ☐ Discuss Timberline requirements for 5th grade Mountain Lions
- ☐ Provide Navigators/Adventurers overviews (emphasizing participation vs advancement)
- ☐ Provide Handbook and show advancement section
- ☐ Instruct how to access Elective Trail Badge site
- ☐ Discuss Ranks for Navigators and Awards for Adventurers

Next Troop meeting:

- ☐ Invite family to attend!
- ☐ Announce dates of next Parent-Leader Meeting and New Parent/New Leader Trail Life Connect class
- ☐ Introduce them to Core Leaders and Troop (Program-level) Leadership
- ☐ Announce any volunteer needs in Troop (after parent joins as member)