



Troop Fast Start Training

FAMILY NAME _____

At the Open House Info Session:

- Review Trail Life USA ([TLUSA Core Values](#))
- Discuss Trail Life [Oath, Motto](#), Sign, Salute (parents should practice these with Trailman at home)
- Discuss uniform and dress code requirements and how to obtain
- 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 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) <http://www.trailifeusa.com/howeare/>
- 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 (if applicable, emphasize two-deep leadership communication rule)
- Provide Troop website and Facebook page addresses
- Advise of regular email updates & Trail Life Connect generated 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)