



An Overview of the Chartering Process

for Your Trail Life Troop Ministry

1.

The Charter Organization, through the Senior Ministry Leader (SML)*, confirms alignment in ministry objectives through a phone call arranged by the Home Office of Trail Life USA.

A Trail Life Troop is more than a group that meets in your building. It is an extension of the mission of the Charter Organization and an outreach to the community. Because Trail Life is a ministry at its core, there are critical elements that allow us to work together in raising godly boys. These include Trail Life's Statements of Faith and Values, with which the Charter Organization and Trail Life USA must align to fulfill our shared mission.

** The Senior Ministry Leader (SML) casts the vision for and is the final authority at the Charter Organization. The SML has the authority to sign legal contracts and to approve decisions for church matters. This person is typically in authority over all other staff members.*



2.

The Senior Ministry Leader appoints the Troop Ministry Liaison (TML).

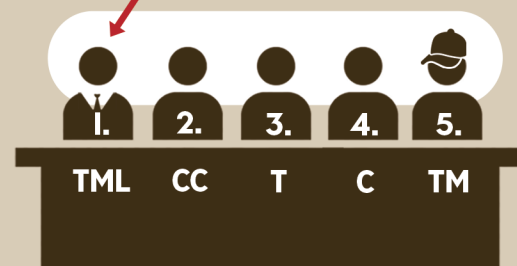
The TML is a respected member of the Charter Organization and is the SML or the SML's designee to approve all decisions made by the Troop Committee. The TML will monitor Troop operations assuring that, as a vital ministry of the Charter Organization, Troop decisions are aligned with the wishes and plans of the Charter Organization. The TML will also approve all potential Troop leaders. As a representative of the Charter Organization the TML votes on matters of national importance to Trail Life USA as they are presented to the field.



3.

The TML serves on and selects members of the Troop Committee.

The Troop Committee is composed of the TML, the Committee Chair, the Treasurer, the Chaplain, and the Troopmaster. Scan the QR code to view roles of each member of the Troop Committee.



4.

The Troop Committee guides, directs, and oversees Direct Contact Leaders.

Direct Contact Leaders are Registered Members and are set in place after the Troop is chartered.

