



# Trail Life®

Adventure › Character › Leadership

## LET'S GET YOUR TROOP UP AND RUNNING!

### PHASE 1: Senior Ministry Leader (SML)

#### Get one foundational “building block” in place.

Your first step is selecting one key person to oversee your Troop - the TML.

**Strategize with your Direct Service Advisor (DSA):** Your DSA is your guide—an experienced coach—who is ready to walk you through the process and mentor your Troop. If you haven't heard from him yet, reach out to your Area's Point Man (contact info provided).

**Appoint a Troop Ministry Liaison (TML):** This key leader ensures that your church's vision and values are carried out through your Troop ministry.



### PHASE 2: Troop Ministry Liaison (TML)

#### Build the Core Team.

**Assemble your Core Leadership Team:** Your DSA will help your TML recruit the rest of these Core Leaders:

- **Troopmaster** - oversees weekly meetings and outdoor adventures
- **Committee Chair** - manages Troop administration
- **Chaplain** - guides the spiritual life of the Troop
- **Treasurer** - handles Troop finances



## PHASE 3: Core Leadership Team

### Prepare for Adventure!

Once your TML has your Core Leadership team in place, your DSA will coach them to:

**Recruit Additional Leaders:** Your Core Leaders will then bring on other volunteers (Direct Contact Leaders) to oversee Troop Meetings.

**Plan Your Troop Calendar:** Core leaders map out a year of adventure, learning, and growth. Trail Life provides Annual Planning Guides to help you schedule key meetings, outings, and fundraisers. Looking for inspiration? Reach out to your DSA and ask for advice in the Campfire, a forum composed of Trail Life members around the country!

**Train Your Leaders:** Volunteers don't need to be expert outdoorsmen—they just need to have a heart for this mission! Trail Life offers online and in-person training to equip your leaders with the skills they need. Your DSA will guide you to the best resources.

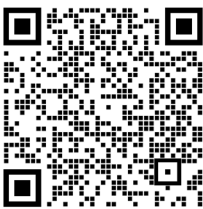


## PHASE 4: All Troop Leaders

### Launch Your Troop!

Now it's time to welcome families and begin the journey!

**Host a Join the Adventure Kickoff Event:** Set a launch date and invite families to learn more. Whether it's a Troop meeting, a fun outdoor activity, or a simple info night, this is the moment to get boys and parents excited about Trail Life.



Find complete how-to details in the **Join the Adventure** section of the Annual Planning Guides.

Go to TLC and select the **Trail Life Resources** tab in the left dashboard and click **Annual Planning Guides** or visit:  
[https://www.traillifeconnect.com/page/annual\\_planning\\_guides](https://www.traillifeconnect.com/page/annual_planning_guides)

**Onboard Families:** A strong Troop starts with engaged parents. Introduce them to the Trail Life program, help them connect with other families, and encourage them to get involved!



For new parent onboarding resources, go to TLC and click on the **Welcome To Trail Life** tile or visit: [www.traillifeconnect.com/page/welcome\\_to\\_trail\\_life](https://www.traillifeconnect.com/page/welcome_to_trail_life)