

Trail Life USA Historical Timeline

>> 2013

JAN - APR Several national organizations began planning alternatives should the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) vote to change their membership standards.

MAY BSA voted to change membership standards.

JUN Initial organizational meeting in Louisville, KY gathered denominations, national organizations, and former scouting leaders to discuss next steps.

JUL - AUG Initial Board of Directors builds the Trail Life USA organization and program infrastructure.

SEP Trail Life USA holds first convention in Nashville, TN.

>> 2014 Nationwide program rollout.

Trail Life USA Motto

《 WALK WORTHY 》

From Colossians 1:10, an encouragement to Christian believers to “walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him.” Trail Life works to develop young men who will strive to walk through their lives in a manner worthy of their faith.

Trail Life USA Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to serve God and my country, to respect authority, to be a good steward of creation, and to treat others as I want to be treated.

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READY FOR ADVENTURE?

A message to all Trailmen

Most guys want **exciting outdoor adventure** with their friends. *We've got that!* **Trips and travel?** *That, too.* **Camping. Check. Physical and mental challenge?** *Yep.* **And awards?** *Of course!*

For Trailmen at all age levels, activities are designed for adventure, learning, and leadership, all with the Christian emphasis that's important to you.



Our younger guys learn new life skills through community outings and camping. Middle school aged Trailmen grow in their knowledge of outdoor and mountaineering skills and go on monthly excursions together to build character and teamwork.

Older high school aged Trailmen will encounter ambitious and challenging outdoor adventures, travel options, and our exclusive “Freedom Experience.”

Trail Life USA also replaced the common summer camp with our new uncommon “**Summer Adventure**” program, a high-octane experience combining fun with all the new skills you learn!

So if high adventure with friends, camping and camaraderie float your boat, then join us today!



TRAIL LIFE USA™

Adventure › Character › Leadership



Our Mission:

“To guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.”



What makes Trail Life USA unique among youth programs?

Living the Trail Life is a journey for boys and young men established on timeless values derived from the Bible. Set in the context of outdoor adventure each young Trailman will be challenged to build character and a lifetime of practical leadership skills.

All boys are welcome irrespective of religion, race, national origin or socio-economic status. However, all adult leaders must sign a Christian statement of faith. All program elements are taught from a Christian worldview, with God’s truth woven into the very fabric of the program.



Trail Life USA Statement of Faith & Values

This statement of faith and values will be signed by all adult leaders in the Trail Life USA program:

“We believe there is One Triune God – God the Father; Jesus Christ, His one and only Son; and the Holy Spirit – Creator of the universe and eternally existent. We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We believe each person is created in His image for the purpose of communing with and worshiping God. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who enables us to live godly lives. We believe each of us is called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship and integrity.”

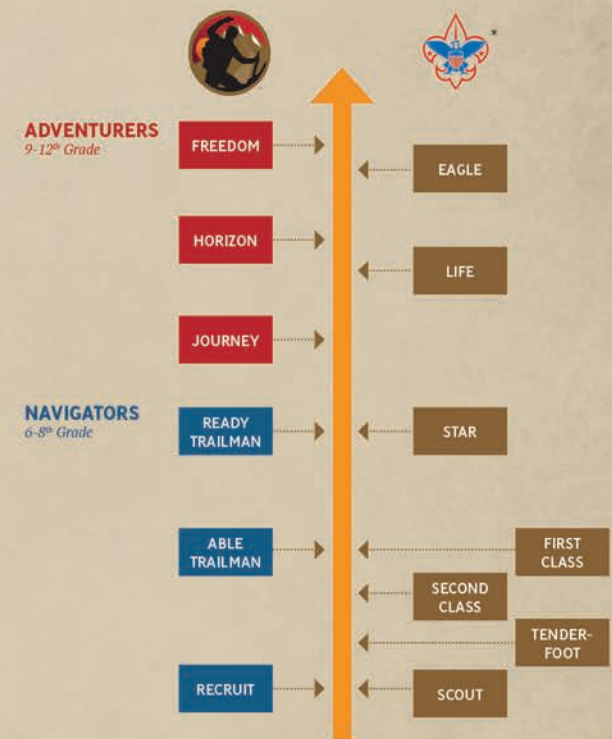
PURITY » *God calls us to lives of holiness, being pure of heart, mind, word and deed. We are to reserve sexual activity for the sanctity of marriage, a lifelong commitment before God between a man and a woman.*

SERVICE » *God calls us to become responsible members of our community and the world through selfless acts that contribute to the welfare of others.*

STEWARDSHIP » *God calls us to use our God-given time, talents, and money wisely.*

INTEGRITY » *God calls us to live moral lives that demonstrate an inward motivation to do what is biblically right regardless of the cost.*

How BSA Ranks Transfer to Trail Life USA



A Note About Transferring an Eagle Award

Attaining the BSA’s Eagle Award is a significant achievement. Trail Life USA developed our Horizon Award requirements to closely parallel the merit badge requirements of the Eagle Award and honor its historic legacy. As an additional challenge we’ve added a unique Freedom Award—earned in a particular “Major,” similar to “Majors and Minors” one might find in a specialized area of academic study. It requires participation in unique “Freedom Experiences” by encouraging hands-on real-life experiences that build a habit of active participation and citizenry and prepare our young men for college and life after high school.

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