

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (ESV)*

Church-Based • Christ-Centered • Boy-Focused.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- Trail Life USA is a faith-based outdoor adventure (scouting) program that places an emphasis on character development, leadership, and moral purity. The program is undergirded by biblical values and unapologetically reflects a Christian worldview.
- While boys in Trail Life can experience a robust and challenging awards program, the program is more concerned with building character.
- Trail Life USA is volunteer driven with male-centered adult leadership focused on turning boys into godly men. Our firm conviction is that this can only be accomplished through mentorship of Christian men.
- Trail Life promotes the Patrol Method, which puts leadership squarely in the hands of Trailmen. Adults advise, counsel, make suggestions, and provide oversight to youth leaders beginning at the Navigator level. At the Adventurer level, youth plan, organize, decide, and lead the Troop.

PATROL LEVELS:

Foxes:	<i>Ages 5–6.</i> Foxes gain exposure to the skills, values and knowledge offered by the seven branches of the Woodlands Trail program. They are awarded level-specific patches and pins through passive participation, showing their commitment to Trail Life.
Hawks:	<i>Ages 7–8.</i> Building on their exposure to the seven branches: The Hawk patrol continues to grow in their knowledge of outdoor skills, citizenship, character, friendship, and faith. With active participation, they are awarded level-specific patches and pins.
Mountain Lions:	<i>Ages 9–10.</i> Continuing to learn and grow in the seven branches and the concepts they bring, the Mountain Lions are called upon to start demonstrating their understanding to earn the level-specific patches and pins, and start to earn higher achievements.
Navigators:	<i>Ages 11–13.</i> Navigators gain understanding of their values and beliefs under the guidance of godly male role models through being responsible in outdoor adventures. Through skill development, they demonstrate understanding with practical application.
Adventurers:	<i>Ages 14–17.</i> The pinnacle of the Trail Life program, the Adventurers are expected to lead themselves and the troop. The patrol determines the activities and badgework to achieve first. Supported by male mentors, they excel to reach the highest and most prestigious rank that Trail Life has to offer, Freedom Ranger.

TROOP TN-5667 INFORMATION:

- Charter Organization: Launchpoint Church → www.launchpoint.church
- Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8pm @ The Journey Church (1240 Leeville Pike, Lebanon TN 37090)
- Activities: Our patrols engage in regular outdoor, adventure and service activities at least monthly.
- Camping: Our younger patrols camp at least four times per year while our older patrols exceed this.

TROOP LEADERSHIP:

Dave Cook **Troop Ministry Liaison (TML)**
Jeremy Malais **Troopmaster (TM)**
Kenny Silva **Chaplain (CHAP)**
Matt Murphy **Treasurer (TREAS)**
Nick Kelley **Committee Chair (CC)**
Jeff Landis **Trailmaster**
Sam Falk **Ranger**

Other leaders include the Trail Guides and the Registered Adults needed to operate our troop. We are always looking for help from fathers and other male volunteers who seek to help boys to enjoy outdoor adventure and grow in Christ.

TRAILMAN MOTTO:

"Walk Worthy"

Colossians 1:10 *"... that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;..."*

TRAILMAN 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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**Is this a drop-off program?**

For our Navigator & Adventurer program level, we do allow drop-off. Camping and activities drop-off must adhere to the youth safety parameters outlined by Trail Life USA. For our Woodlands Trail program level, drop-off is not allowed, but rare exceptions can be made. We strongly encourage fathers to actively participate with their sons.

How do I receive troop communications?

Our troop leadership will send out emails for important communications and events. We also have a Slack channel that is used for parents, guardians, and volunteers to ask questions, share ideas and more.

Does the troop participate in fundraisers?

Currently we do not fundraise. We have looked at fundraising options but are unable to participate at this time.

How do I register and manage my son's membership?

You will be provided or sent a link to register on Trail Life Connect (TLC), the portal system that allows us to track activities, advancement, events, and communications. Once registered, a household will be established and you must add each son that is joining the troop. You can view information about your child and troop events on TLC.

As a parent or guardian do I need to volunteer?

While we do not require parents or guardians to volunteer or become Registered Adults, we do expect parents to be engaged with the troop's needs. From time-to-time we will put out a call for parents to step up and help. Parents who have the capacity to help should, so that your son(s) and the other boys in the troop can thrive.

What Child Safety policies are in place?

Our troop and Trail Life USA take youth safety very seriously. It is everyone's responsibility to maintain proper safety. All adult leaders (anyone who registers and is able to be hands-on with a child) are required to pass a criminal background check and youth protection training. The 1,2,3 Youth Protection Essentials are strictly upheld.



Troop TN-5667 is a ministry of **Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, PCA**. We are a loving family that glorifies God by building people up in Christ. All are welcome to come and worship with us at the church. If you can't be here in person, you can always check out our [live stream](#).

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM
Sunday School

10:15 AM
Morning Worship

5:00 PM
Evening Worship

We Believe...

We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God (**2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:19-21**). We believe the Word to reveal that there is one Triune God – God the Father Almighty; Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life. God is infinite, eternal, unchangeable, and the Creator of heaven and earth (**Gen 1:1-2; 1 Kings 8:27; John 1:1-3; Jas 1:17**). We believe each and every human person has been made in His image for the purpose of glorifying and enjoying God (**Gen 1:26-28**). We believe all mankind has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and that the only way of salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ (**Rom 3:23; 10:5-13**). We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who unites us to Christ, grows us in holiness, and empowers us to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him" (**Col 1:10**). 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 (**Deut 6:5-7; Matt 22:36-40**).

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 in both body and soul. In the body, specifically, sexual activity is to be reserved for marriage, a lifelong commitment before God between one man and one woman (**1 Lev 11:44; 1 Pet 1:15-17; 1 Thess 4:1-8**).

Service

God calls us to become responsible members of our community and the world through selfless acts that contribute to the welfare of others (**Gen 2:15; Jer 29:7; Gal 6:10**).

Stewardship

God calls us to use our God-given time, talents, and money wisely—for His glory and the good of others (**Ps 90:12; Matt 25:14-30; Eph 5:15-16**).

Integrity

God calls us to grow up, by grace, into the image of Christ and to take up our cross as we follow Him, living with the moral courage to bring all our words, thoughts, and deeds all into conformity with Scripture, regardless of the cost (**2 Cor 3:17-18; 1 Tim 6:12-16**).

How much does it cost for a boy to join?

Boys who wish to become Trailmen are required to become registered members of Trail Life USA. Parents and guardians facilitate this by registering themselves and their boys on the Trail Life Connect platform and paying for annual dues. Trailmen must also make annual contributions to the troop by paying their troop dues. Lastly, Trailmen must maintain the uniform standard set forth by Trail Life and the troop leadership which requires them to purchase the appropriate uniform items.

Annual National Dues

The Trail Life youth membership fee is **\$37.97 per year**.

This fee is paid directly to Trail Life upon joining and annually thereafter. Additional charges could include uniform costs, handbook costs, and/or Troop activity fees. Troops are encouraged to fundraise to minimize any additional costs to families. Please note, there is an additional reactivation fee of \$10 if a member does not renew by their expiration date.

Adult members who choose to become registered pay an annual membership fee of **\$43.19**.

The higher amount covers the costs of periodic criminal background checks, supplemental evaluation processes, and youth protection training for adult members.

These dues are to be paid at: www.traillifeconnect.com

*The Annual National Troop Program Fee provides for the budgetary needs of the Trail Life National Organization, thereby making it possible for Troops to retain 100% of the profits from their fundraisers. They also provide liability insurance, Trail Life staffing, program development, and administrative support for leaders and Charter Organizations.

Annual Local Troop Dues (TN-5667)

<u>Registered Adult Fees:</u>	<u>\$25</u>
<u>Woodlands Trail (Ages 5-10) Fees:</u>	<u>\$50</u>
<u>Navigators (Ages 11-13) Fees:</u>	<u>\$75</u>
<u>Adventurers (Ages 14-17) Fees:</u>	<u>\$75</u>

These dues are to be paid online to our charter organization Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, PCA by completing the steps below:

1. Go to: <https://hickorygrovepca.org/giving>.
2. Hit the 'GIVE' button at the bottom of the screen.
3. Select 'Trail Life TN-5667' from the fund drop-down menu.
4. Enter your local dues amount and ensure "Recurring Giving" is un-checked.
5. Enter your payment information and hit submit.
6. **IMPORTANT!** Forward your emailed receipt **WITH THE TROOP MEMBER'S NAME** in the subject line to funds@tn5667.org

* Local dues cover one copy of each Trailman's Handbook, a Trail Life lanyard, all earned awards, troop recharter fees, and offsets the cost of local activities. There is a \$5 late fee for dues paid after the requested date.

** Hickory Grove Presbyterian Church, PCA is located at 84 S Greenhill Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN, 37122

NOTE - Membership and Troop fees are non-refundable, and all fees must be paid via credit or with debit card. Feel free to contact Matt Murphy (Treasurer) with any questions at: funds@tn5667.org

Woodlands Trail Uniforms

Our Woodlands Trail (WT) patrols all wear the same uniform shirt, a green polo or t-shirt with the WT emblem on the sleeve (pictured below). For troop meetings, campouts, and activities, boys are required to wear their uniform shirt, closed-toe shoes and lanyard with ID unless otherwise specified. For parades, award ceremonies, or other special events, blue jeans should be worn with the shirt.



Optionally, the Woodlands Trail boys can wear the “Class A” uniform shirt that the older patrols wear for the parades, award ceremony, or other special events. Boys are encouraged to wear a Trail Life branded hat if choosing to wear head attire. Belts and



Uniform items can be purchased individually from the Trail Life USA store (www.shop.traillifeusa.com) or in a troop group order. We will send out communication when a group order is planned (every month or two) for you to join.

Adventurer & Navigator Uniforms

Our Navigator and Adventurer patrols all wear the same uniform shirt, a “Class A” green tri-color button up shirt. For troop meetings, campouts, and activities, boys are required to wear their uniform shirt, closed-toe shoes and lanyard with ID unless otherwise specified. For parades, award ceremonies, or other special events, blue jeans should be worn with the shirt. The tri-color Trail Life branded hat is suggested.



Navigators & Adventurers should wear shoulder loops on their uniform shirt, but the option of what to wear depends on their patrol and if they are a youth leader or not. Additionally, accomplished youth are awarded their standard which holds all their badges and becomes part of their uniform. The Trail Life uniform belt is optional.



Uniform items can be purchased individually from the Trail Life USA store (www.shop.traillifeusa.com) or in a troop group order. We will send out communication when a group order is planned (every month or two) for you to join.

Youth Protection Essentials

It's as Simple as 1-2-3



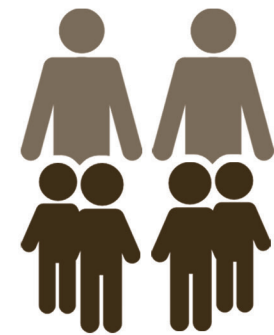
No 1-on-One

The no one-on-one rule is in place for youth protection so no boy is ever alone with an adult. This is for both the protection of the boy and the adult.



2-Deep Leadership

The two-deep rule is in place for safety so there is always a minimum of two Registered Adults in proximity to provide backup and oversight.



Buddy System of 3

The buddy system of three is suggested to keep youth safe from other abusive youth when out of sight of adult leadership. Buddies must be of the same program level.



There should always be a minimum of two Registered Adults on premises and either within eyesight or earshot or both at all Trail Life gatherings and activities (including transport), with the recommendation being that, whenever possible, a minimum of 2 adults should be with every group of boys. Within that context, for gathering in individual rooms, single building locations at a larger facility, or vehicles transporting boys in the conduct of a Trail Life activity, there should never be an adult alone with a boy who is not his or her own son. The proper ratios as provided in the Health and Safety Guide should always apply.

Connect with our troop on social media and share us with friends and family!
Your connections help us grow as a troop and reach more boys to mentor.



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