



# TRAIL LIFE USA™

## THE ROLE OF THE TROOPMASTER

*The Troopmaster oversees and coordinates all of the program volunteers (who, in turn, work directly with the Trailmen). He is a member of the Troop Committee, where he represents all of these “direct contact” leaders.*

1. Be selected by, and remain accountable to, the Charter Organization Representative.
2. Be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the decisions and policies of the Troop Committee as part of the program delivery during weekly meetings, community outings, camping trips, and other Troop events.
3. Monitor Troop operations, assuring that Troop decisions and program implementation are aligned with the wishes and plans of the Charter Organization, as well as the standards required as a Charter Organization of Trail Life USA.
4. Report (at Troop Committee meetings) successes and systemic challenges faced by leaders and youth.
5. Assure that the Trail Life USA Troop is an active and vital ministry of the church (as opposed to being considered an “outside group that uses the Church building every Tuesday night”).
6. Recommend volunteers to fill vacant direct contact leader roles (Ranger, Trailmaster, Advisor, and Trail Guides) as needed. [However, once a leader is recommended, it remains the COR’s decision whether to approve.]
7. Develop (with consensus of other leaders) and deliver (through adult leaders) the "program," which includes the training of youth leadership in how to plan and run a Troop's activities.
8. Be responsible for overseeing the common opening of the Troop meetings in which all the boys and leaders participate together. The Troopmaster does not have to actually lead the opening himself, but can delegate portions of the opening to other adult leaders and youth members.

9. Work with the Troop Committee and the program leadership of the Units of the Troop (Woodlands Trail, Navigators, Adventurers, and Guidon) to coordinate matters relating to shared facility use, troop equipment, and other Troop resources, as well as coordinating any common Calendar events in which various Units of the Troop will participate together.
10. Hold program leadership meetings from time to time as needed with direct-contact Troop leaders to identify program delivery successes and failures, plan and coordinate any joint events and camping trips, promote the use of older Trailmen to mentor and guide younger Trailmen, and coordinate other program matters as needed. The Troopmaster must keep the program leaders of all the age-level Units functioning well together and on the same page.
11. Represent the program leaders of the Woodlands Trail, Navigators, Adventurers, and Guidon Units at the monthly Troop Committee meeting. Those leaders are not typically attendees at the Committee Meeting, but can be invited to specific Committee meetings as needed and at the pleasure of the Committee Chair.