



TRAIL LIFE USA®

Adventure › Character › Leadership

DIRECT SERVICE ADVISOR

A member of the Area Committee's Power Team 3

SKILLS NEEDED

- Enjoys providing help and guidance
- Involves others—teamwork mentality
- Coach/mentor
- Troop Leadership experience
- Friend / listener

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Proactively (and regularly) contact Troop leaders in your Area (especially CORs, but also the CC and TM)—don't wait for a problem to come up before you visit!
2. Connect Troop Leaders with resources. You are the first Area contact in the "Levels of Support" structure! If you don't know the answer, ask your Area Team experts.
3. Keep in regular contact with your Area's New Troop Organizer(s). Know where they are in the organizational steps. You will take over the nurturing of Troops as soon as they charter—even before recruiting and meetings begin.
5. Maintain a list of existing Trail Life Troops in the Area and keep a "status" report—notes of what they need to thrive. Report any needs you can't meet at your Area Team meeting, allowing others to help.
6. Uphold the standards and policies of Trail Life USA, and encourage your Troops to do the same. Walk Worthy!
7. Read and understand the *Basics of Direct Service*. This guide will help you understand the "9 Methods", what to look for in assessing Troop health, and when to intervene to save a Troop that's in "critical condition".

Our objective is to develop thriving Troops. Don't settle for "surviving" or "striving" Troops—coach them up!