



TRAIL LIFE USA®

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TRAIL GATHERING PLANNING SUPPORT TOOL

After gathering for announcements and presentations are made by Area Team Expert and/or successful Troop(s) each month on the following topics, break out in to smaller groups by program: Woodlands Trail, Navigators, and Adventurers.

September—Hold Open House; Teach onboarding ([Fast Start](#)); Share example of [Effective Troop Meeting Plan](#); Encourage participation in See You at the Pole; Arrange November's Operation Christmas Child participation; Promote details of next month's Area Camporee

October—Implement Fundraising (best methods); Brainstorm Summer Adventure possibilities

November—Plan Christmas parties; Share winter camping ideas

December—Share importance and reasoning of ALL IN Ribbon Award; Plan for next month's March for Life and January Service project ideas for your Charter Organizations

January—"Everyone back together after holidays" (Troop- or Area-hosted) event; 2nd chance recruiting or fundraising efforts (to be held next month); [Resources Your Area Team Provides](#)

February—Plan Summer Adventures; discuss Safety and Risk Management for Troop Activities

March—Spring Camporee details; Promote participation in National Day of Prayer (1st Thursday in May); Advancement and Courts of Honor

April—How to assess current Troop status (utilize [Trail Tracks](#)); Planning your upcoming program year ([Understanding the Program Year](#), [Annual Program Planning and Budgeting](#)); Integrating Faith and Spiritual Development, Religious Awards

May—Fall Open House Planning; Utilize resources at [Join The Trail](#): Promote (Order Booth in a Box; Print signs and banners, customize [Welcome letter](#), etc); Promote participation in Service to Community Ribbon opportunity, and Trail Life Founding Sunday in June

June—Carry out Summer Adventures; Service to Community; Trail Life Founding Sunday (No Trail Gathering)

July—Troops experience Summer Adventures (No Trail Gathering)

August—Get ready for Open House; [How a Troop is Chartered and Operates](#); [Levels of Support](#)