

What is Trail Life USA?

Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered outdoor adventure leadership and character development program for boys and young men. The program reinforces character and leadership through outdoor adventure-oriented experiences. Boys will love the fun and adventure, and parents will love the commitment to a Christian worldview and moral consistency.

Troop MS-1031 is chartered by Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. All Trail Life USA troops are considered ministries of their charter organization; therefore, Troop MS-1031 is a ministry of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.

To whom is the program open?

The program is open to boys ages 5-17 (kindergarten through 12th grade). Program eligibility is determined based on age and grade level measured as of October 31 of each year.

How is the program structured?

Boys are divided into three units (Woodlands Trail, Navigators, and Adventurers) based on age and grade, with the Woodlands Trail unit being further divided into three patrols. Age and grade divisions (measured on October 31) are as follows:

Woodlands Trail Unit	Navigators Unit
Fox Patrol – Ages 5-6 (K5-1 st Grade)	Ages 11-13 (6 th -8 th Grade)
Hawk Patrol – Ages 7-8 (2 nd -3 rd Grade)	Adventurers Unit
Mountain Lion Patrol – Ages 9-10 (4 th -5 th Grade)	Ages 14-17 (9 th -12 th Grade)

When and where does the troop meet?

Days: 1st, 3rd, 5th **Tuesday** nights (during school year).

Navigators and Adventurers also meet on 4th Tuesday nights.

Time: 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Where: Gymnasium of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church

Are there activities other than regular troop meetings?

Yes. The troop holds several extra-meeting activities, including day trips, and overnight campouts. The troop holds 2-3 troop-wide campouts annually. Some units plan additional activities throughout the year, including summer excursions even though the troop doesn't regularly meet during the summer months.

How much does the program cost?

Annual national registration fee	\$ 26.00	Handbook (Navigators/Adventurers only)	\$ 17.00*
Annual local troop dues	\$ 65.00	Troop standard (Navigators/Adventurers only)	\$ 45.00*
Uniform cost (approximate)	\$ 100.00		

* Represents one-time fees

Activities fees (i.e., campouts, outings, etc.) are assessed as needed in advance of planned events and only to those participating.

Can I visit before registering my son(s)?

Yes! We encourage interested families to come to a troop meeting before joining. This will give you an opportunity to meet our leaders and get a better understanding of what our program is all about.

How do I sign up my son(s)?

Registration for the program must be initiated by a troop leader. To join the program, please visit <http://www.trailifel031.org/join> and complete the form to receive an invitation to join.