

Welcome to Trail Life Troop IL-13:20

Proverbs 13:20, “ He who walks with wise men will be wise...”

Walk Worthy!

Statement of Faith -

We believe there is One Triune God – God the Father; Jesus Christ, His one and only Son; and the Holy Spirit – Creator of the universe and eternally existent. We believe the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. We believe each person is created in His image for the purpose of communing with and worshiping God. We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Who enables us to live godly lives. 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. We believe God calls us to lives of purity, service, stewardship, and integrity.

The Statement of Faith and Values is designed to affirm the need for those in leadership to follow biblical standards. Leaders are held to a higher standard than those who are not in leadership and must agree to the tenets contained in the Statement. All adults in leadership roles—whether staff or volunteer at any level—must agree to sign and adhere to the Statement of Faith. Youth members are not required to sign this statement.

Statement of Values -

Purity // God calls us to lives of holiness, being pure of heart, mind, word, and deed. We are to reserve sexual activity for the sanctity of marriage, a lifelong commitment before God between a man and a woman.

Service // God calls us to become responsible members of our community and the world through selfless acts that contribute to the welfare of others.

Stewardship // God calls us to use our God-given time, talents, and money wisely.

Integrity // God calls us to live moral lives that demonstrate an inward motivation to do what is biblically right regardless of the cost.

Membership Standards -

Membership in the program has both youth and adult elements. Youth membership in the program is open to all who meet the membership requirements and is currently designed for biologically male children under the age of 18. The adult applicant must be at least 18 years of age and subscribe to and abide by the Trail Life USA Statement of Christian Faith and Values as well as the Oath and Motto of the program. While the program is undergirded by Biblical values and unapologetically reflects a Christian worldview, there is also a clearly defined inclusion policy for youth. Accordingly, all boys are welcome irrespective of religion, race, national origin or socio-economic status. Our goal is for parents and families of every faith to be able to place their boys in a youth program that endeavors to provide moral consistency and ethical integrity in its adult leaders. Charter partners own and operate local groups, selecting

leaders and admitting members as they deem beneficial to their group and within the parameters of the national policy. The basis for the program's ethical and moral standards is found in the Bible. In terms of sexual identification and behavior, we affirm that any sexual activity outside the context of the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman is sinful before God and therefore inconsistent with the values and principles of the program. Within these limits, we grant membership to adults and youth who do not engage in or promote sexual immorality of any kind or engage in behavior that would become a distraction to the mission of the program. We welcome boys whose parents are seeking a faith-based outdoor adventure program that places an emphasis on character development, leadership, and moral purity, and who aspire to live in accordance with the values expressed in the program's Oath.

Vision -

Our vision is to be the premier national character development organization for young men which produces Godly and responsible husbands, fathers, and citizens.

Mission -

Our mission is simple and clear: to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

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;..."

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

Schedule -

We meet on Mondays from 6:30PM-8:00PM, except for federal holidays. Since our program is boy-led, we will be asking the boys about additional events/activities for the year. Boys will be reminded in advance at meetings, via email, and in our Facebook group with additional information. We are a participation-based program so regular attendance is highly encouraged.

Meeting Nights -

We begin our program at 6:30PM with our flag ceremony, prayer, and announcements. Please arrive a couple minutes early to sign trailmen in and allow them time to prepare for the opening

ceremony. Boys should be in uniform (see UNIFORM info below). Parents are expected to stay during this portion of the meeting to remain informed. Afterward, we will break into Patrols (see PATROLS below) to work on a group game/activity. Boys should be prepared to go outside (be sure to bring rainwear, gloves/hats, etc) for most of the fall/spring. We want to be able to teach our skills in an outdoor setting. Before our night ends we will come back together for closing prayer. Our meetings end at 8:00PM and we ask that boys be picked up promptly. Please note and inform the leaders if someone else will be picking up your boy. Woodland Trails need to be signed out. Navigators and Adventures do not need a parent to sign them out and will be dismissed on their own.

Patrols -

Ages 5-10 (K-5th Grade) - Woodland Trails, which is divided into 3 sub-patrols:

Ages 5-6 (K and 1st Grade) – Foxes: Our troop mandates that all boys in the Fox Patrol have an adult with them at all meetings as well as other events. The adult needs to become a registered adult which entails a registration fee (background check), online safety training, and interview with Troopmaster and one other registered adult. It is possible for a parent of a Fox to work in American Heritage Girls.

Ages 7-8 (2nd and 3rd Grade) – Hawks

Ages 9-10 (4th and 5th Grade) – Mountain Lions

Ages 11-13 (6th, 7th and 8th Grade) – Navigators

Ages 14-17 (9th-12th Grade) – Adventurers

Guests -

We love to have boys and their parents come and visit a troop meeting to see what Trail Life USA is all about. A boy is welcome to come and observe for two meetings. If he returns, he will need to be a registered Trail Life member before being allowed to participate. This is due to insurance coverage that is needed by the Charter Organization as well as Trail Life USA.

Registration Forms -

To register, please email TrailLife@EdgemontBibleChurch.org with your name and cell number or email and an invite will be texted or emailed to you to join Trail Life Connect and register your son. The Health and Medical Form that must on file for each boy and leader will also be sent to you and must be brought to the next meeting. This form will include any emergency contact information, medical concerns/needs and basic information. There is a ~\$30 fee paid online, directly to Trail Life to register with the organization. There are also annual dues and supplies that are purchased through the troop (See “Uniforms and Handbooks” below)

Uniforms and Handbooks –

Our troop wears the class A uniform: a Trail Life USA uniform shirt and jeans or khakis. Uniforms should be worn to all meetings, ceremonies and other events as specified. Each boy should have a handbook for tracking their awards and levels. Boys in the Woodlands group use the same book for the entire time in that program. Boys in the Nav/Adv group use the same book for their entire time in the program. All supplies will be ordered together with the troop at the beginning of the year. Our troop as a whole will be placing an order for uniforms, books, and awards in early October so parents can save on the shipping fees. Order forms will be available at meetings or by emailing TrailLife@EdgemontBibleChurch.org. Payment will need to be made on or before October 1. After October 1, items can be purchased individually at <https://www.traillifeusa.com/shop>.

Fundraising –

Our goal is to keep our local dues low so our troop will be participating in up to 3 fundraisers throughout our program year. Since we don't divide up funds into separate accounts, we strongly encourage that each family participates in the fundraising programs. We would love to find a parent who would be willing to be our fundraising chair and help find ideas to get funds for our troop. Fundraising money goes towards camps, hikes, supplies, events and more!

Inclement Weather -

If Fairview Heights Schools have canceled classes or activities due to inclement weather, our troop will not be meeting. This will be posted to our Facebook group as soon as we know that activities will be canceled. Also, the board reserves the right to cancel a meeting by noon if we have too many leaders unable to make the meeting.

IL-13:20 Board Members –

Trail Life USA is a volunteer-driven organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact TrailLife@EdgemontBibleChurch.org

Pastor Doug White – Charter Organization Representative/Chaplain

Tim Burgener – Troop Chairman

Jeffrey Pitts - Troop Ministry Liaison

David Berczek – Treasurer

Dale Morin – Troopmaster

Troop Email - TrailLife@EdgemontBibleChurch.org

Checklist -

- Explore the www.trailifeusa.com website for information about TLUSA: TLUSA Who We Are, Core Values, Program Materials, General FAQs. Feel free to send any questions to TrailLife@EdgemontBibleChurch.org.
- Ready to join? Email TrailLife@EdgemontBibleChurch.org with the parent's First and Last names and email address or cell phone number.
- You will receive an email or text with a registration link. Register as a parent, then register your son on Trail Life Connect.
- Pay National Dues to TLUSA (done online)
- Fill out Health/Medical Form (required) and Immunization Exemption Form if desired. These will be received via email.
- Pay Local Dues/Order Cost. Checks are preferred and payable to "Trail Life Troop IL-13:20"
- Purchase Uniform and Handbook through TLUSA Store with the troop or individually
- Join our Facebook group for regular information (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/753400671734280/>)
- Pray about how you can come alongside TLUSA IL-13:20 and use your talents that God has gifted to you
- Register as a registered adult (required for a parent of children in the Fox patrol)

FAQ:

Wifi Password: ebcguestwifi

Woodland Trail Order (K-5th Grade)			
Funds must be received by Oct. 1st, or additional shipping costs will apply			
There is an addition to online registration fee			
Trailman's Name:			
Annual Program Support Fee	\$40		\$40
Book	\$17	First Year	
New Trailman Uniform Package (shirt/shoulder loop/nametag/troop patch)	\$55	First Year/As Needed Size:	
Uniform Shoulder Loop	\$10	When Leveling Up	
		Total:	

Nav/Adv Order (6th-12th Grade)			
Funds must be received by Oct. 1st, or additional shipping costs will apply			
There is an addition to online registration fee			
Trailman's Name:			
Annual Program Support Fee	\$50		\$50
Book	\$17	First Year	
New Trailman Uniform Package (shirt/shoulder loop/nametag/troop patch)	\$55	First Year/As Needed Size:	
Standard	\$36	Second Year	
Uniform Shoulder Loop	\$10	When Leveling Up	
		Total:	