Trail Life™

Adventure › Character › Leadership

THE ROLE OF THE TROOP CHAPLAIN

A Troop Chaplain will:

I. Be selected by, and remain accountable to, the Senior Ministry Leader's (SML) designee, the Troop Ministry Liaison (TML).

2. Ensure that the Troop keeps the spiritual development of youth in the forefront. Developing followers of Christ is at the heart of Trail Life. Faith is one of six Program Emphases. Youth are encouraged to complete Faith Building Activities.

3. *Serve as "Christian Worldview Champion" for your Troop. Help other Troop leaders and families integrate Christian Worldview concepts into meetings and activities.* Emphasize spiritual awareness and development (such as planning devotions for campfires or Sunday morning worship services). Delegate and empower others to take the lead in those activities. Click to read Trail Life USA's Six Essential Concepts of a Christian Worldview.

4. Mentor youth (chaplain aides, those pursuing religious awards, etc.), and approve those achievements once earned.

5. Encourage Trailmen to enter the Worthy Life program levels.

6. Keep Leaders and youth informed of opportunities to connect with other ministries within the host church, and in community outreach in general.

7. Seek connections and mentoring opportunities with dads who stay for meetings, but do not serve in leadership roles.

Additional resources:

The National Training Committee and Spiritual Emphasis Committee are creating a Chaplain Training module to include how Troops can specifically integrate Trail Life's Six Essential Concepts of a Christian Worldview, and how they fit into the Worthy Life Award.