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## Welcome to Trail Life Troop MI-50 and our next great adventure!

Thank you for your interest in our Troop!

As Trail Life USA Troop members, we share a common vision, striving together to *"guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure"*. Our program is a Christ-centered leadership, character, and adventure program for young men. Our Troop operates as a ministry of our charter organization New Chapel, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Our mission to **"Walk Worthy"** comes from 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..."

### Our meetings are held weekly September through May on Wednesdays at 6:30p.

Young men, grades K-8, are encouraged to join our Troop to participate in scheduled events and activities. Additionally, there are weekend campouts, canoe trips, ice fishing, field trips, service opportunities, and other events and activities to participate in together.

Our Troop philosophy is that all members meet together, breaking into age-specific program groups at various times during Troop meetings. This provides a well-rounded program that integrates leadership opportunities for the older boys, who also serve as role models to help teach the younger boys. Program activities are designed to grow life skills and provide faith-building activities.

### The Woodlands program for elementary age boys consists of three groups:

- **Foxes:** Kindergarten and First Grade
- **Hawks:** Second and Third Grade
- **Mountain Lions:** Fourth and Fifth Grade

Junior High (Navigators) work through a series of Trail Badges, campouts, and service projects to earn ranks all with the goal of becoming men of integrity who honor God.



# Trail Life

**TROOP  
MI-50**



**Fulfilling a Trail Life USA core value, our Troop is entirely led by volunteers.**

Parents are very involved and are encouraged to participate in meetings and events.

There are many opportunities for service; in fact, parents are encouraged to join as Trail Life USA members, so that they can help further the mission of Trail Life USA, and assure the protection of the boys as part of the required two-deep leadership.

Just ask our Troopmaster or any leader for an invitation to join—a link to complete that process will be emailed to you\*

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### **Fee Structure**

\$75 Fee to Trail Life USA Troop MI-50

*Covers Regular Programming, Uniform, Registration Fees, etc.*

*Card, Cash, Checks to "New Chapel" Memo: "Trail Life"*

\$42 directly to Trail Life USA (Paid online)

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Information about our core values and program details is enclosed for your review.

Also, you're welcome to attend one of our regular meetings to see our program in operation and get to know our unit leaders.

**Should you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask.**

We look forward to your family becoming more involved in this wonderful faith-building adventure!

**With Youth at Heart,**

**Mike DeYoung**

*Troopmaster, Troop MI-0050*

Trail Life USA

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**Trail Life Troop MI-50 is a ministry of our charter organization, New Chapel.**

**The church is located at 1029 4 Mile Road NW - Grand Rapids, MI 49544**



# Trail Life®

Adventure › Character › Leadership

## The Path to becoming a Trailman

1. Memorize the Trailman Oath and Motto
2. Learn the Trailman Sign and when to use it
3. Learn the Trailman Salute and when to use it
4. Learn the Trailman Handshake
5. Memorize the Pledge of Allegiance (Foxes recite only)

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### The Trailman 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.

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### Trailman Motto

#### “Walk Worthy”

“... that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...” Colossians 1:10

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### Trailman Sign

The Trailman sign is made with the right hand held open, palm forward, raising your right arm with your elbow at a right angle. The sign is used during reciting of the Trailman Oath. It is also used by the Troopmaster, Ranger, Trail Guides, or other Adult Leader to gain the attention of and silence the Trailmen as needed to focus on the business at hand.





## Trailman Salute

The Trailman salute is made by raising your right hand. The tip of your fingers should almost touch your right temple. If you wear glasses, the tip of your fingers should almost touch the frames of your glasses. If you are wearing a uniform hat, the tip of your fingers should touch the brim.

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## Trailman Handshake

The Trailman Handshake is a wrist-to-wrist handshake.











## Trail Life USA Troop MI-50

### Sample Programming for a Trailmen Meeting

September 10		The Adventure Begins!	
<b>Order of Service</b>			
>Opening:		Full Troop	
-Welcome		Bumpa DeYoung, Troopmaster	
-Greeting & Trailmen Handshake			
>Flag Ceremony:		Trailmen Led by Troopmaster	
>Prayer:		Pastor Joe, Chaplain	
>Game:		Bumpa DeYoung, Troopmaster	
>Bible Lesson:		Pastor Joe, Chaplain	
Weekly Bible Verse: Genesis 1:26-27 "God created human beings in His own image..."			
✓ Every Trailman reflects God's image. (Imago Dei)			
>Wisdom from the Wild:		Bumpa DeYoung, Troopmaster	
"The Mirror Lake Moose" – a young moose thinks he's an ugly deer until he sees his reflection;			
Moral: identity comes from the Maker, not comparisons. Remember: Every Trailman reflects God's image!			
<i>Charge &amp; Release to Patrol Designations:</i>			
<i>"Tonight we start a journey—let's reflect Christ's image in our games and goals."</i>			
>Patrol Designations Meet ( <i>Fox, Hawk, Mountain Lion, Navigators</i> )			
<b>Woodlands Trails:</b>		<b>Navigators</b>	
Oath, Patrol, Games, Safety & Values I		Handbook Check & Set Advancement Goals	
Fox: Learn TL Oath & Handshake · "God Made Me" mirror craft.		Set Able Trailman goals; Plan to lead next week's prayer.	
Hawk: Personal shield-crest craft (family, hobby, faith).			
Mountain Lion: Identity scavenger hunt: find Bible verses about who we are in Christ.			
>Troop Regroup & Weekly Charge: Bumpa DeYoung, Troopmaster			
<i>"Walk worthy!"</i>			

### Some important dates to remember:

*Trail Life runs September through May on Wednesday Nights at 6:30p*

- October 3-4                      CAMPOUT: Pine Ridge Bible Camp (Meet us there at 6:30p)
- November 26                    No Trail Life (Thanksgiving Break)
- December 17                    Glow Golf Experience
- December 24                    No Trail Life (Christmas Break)
- December 31                    No Trail Life (Christmas Break; New Years Eve)
- January 28                        Pinewood Derby Event
- February 14                      Ice Fishing Adventure
- April 8                             No Trail Life (Spring Break)
- May 15-16                        CAMPOUT: Details TBD



TROOP MI-50

# Let's get to know each other.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Trailmen Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, MI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you receive text messages?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Parent(s)/ Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend? (or "none"): \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you own a Bible?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

*If no, is it okay if we get you one?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Snack: \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else that would be helpful, or that you would like us to know about?

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## "Yes! I want to join the Trailmen!"

X. \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
TRAILMEN REGISTRANT Date

X. \_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/ GUARDIAN Date

# TLUSA Activities Participation Agreement

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## Trail Life Troop MI-50 Charter & Sponsor Organization is New Chapel.

The church is located at 1029 4 Mile Road NW – Grand Rapids, MI 49544

**Sponsor's Coordinator: Mike DeYoung** – Phone: (616) 443-2201

**Description of Activities:** Activities normally associated with an adventure-based scouting program including, but not limited to: Overnight Campouts, Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Kayaking, Backpacking, Hiking, Etc.

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**Participant Information:** *To be completed by participant, parent, or authorized guardian*

**Trailman Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Parent(s)/ Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, MI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening/Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*Do you receive text messages?* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Allergies/ Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications and prescribed usage: \_\_\_\_\_

Is sponsor authorized to approve medical treatment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is participant covered by personal/family medical insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, name of insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy or group number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please sign participation agreement on the next page***



## Participant Agreement

I acknowledge that participation in the TRAIL LIFE USA PROGRAM involves risk to participant (and to participant's parents/ guardians, if participant is a minor), and may result in various types of injury including, but not limited to, the following: sickness, bodily injury, death, emotional injury, personal injury, property damage, and financial damage.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in these activities, the participant (or parents/guardians, if participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of injury associated with participation in and transportation to and from these activities.

The participant (or parents/guardians, if participant is a minor) accepts personal financial responsibility for any injury or other loss sustained during the activities or during transportation to and from the activities, as well as for any medical treatment rendered to the participant that is authorized by the sponsor or its agents, employees, volunteers, or any other representatives (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Activity Sponsor").

Further, the participant (or parents/guardians, if participant is a minor) releases and promises to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Activity Sponsor for any injury arising directly or indirectly out of described activity or transportation to and from the activity, whether such injury arises out of the negligence of the Activity Sponsor, the participant, or otherwise. If dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the participant (or parents/guardians, if participant is a minor) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable alternative dispute resolution process. If the participant (or parents/guardians, if participant is a minor) and the Activity Sponsor cannot agree upon such a process, the dispute will be submitted to a three-member arbitration panel for resolution pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

**Signature required of both participant and/or ALL parents if participant is minor.**

X. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
PARTICIPANT Date

X. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
PARENT/ GUARDIAN Date

X. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
PARENT/ GUARDIAN Date

