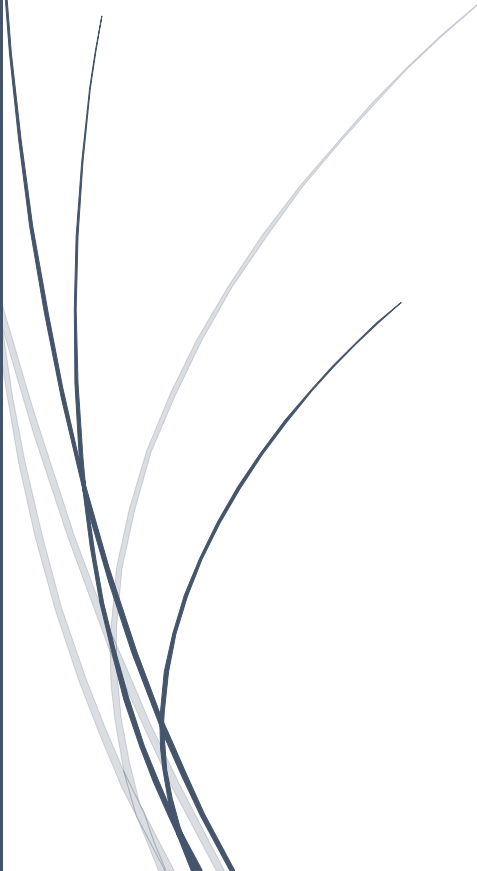




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Trail Badges

All current Trail Life USA Trail Badges,
described and sorted by frontier



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Navigator Required Trail Badges

The following trail badges lay the foundation of a Trailman's skills in the outdoors and as a leader in the Troop. Four of these badges must be completed for the Able Trailman rank; the remaining five must be completed for Ready Trailman (for a total of nine required trail badges).

Aquatics

The Aquatics Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to water rescue and survival techniques, swimming, and various water activities.

Camping

The Camping Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to tent and fly placement and erection, gear required for camping trips, and wilderness sanitation.

Fire Ranger

The Fire Ranger Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to safety around fire, the proper and improper materials to use for a fire, and how to build a fire.

First Aid

The First Aid Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use, choking emergencies, basic first aid skills and wilderness first aid skills.

Our Flag

The Our Flag Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to flag ceremonies, the US Flag Code, parts of the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the Star Spangled Banner, and the National Anthem.

Outdoor Cooking

The Outdoor Cooking Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to outdoor cooking safety, meal planning, nutrition and shopping as well as how to cook over various heat sources.

Ropework

The Ropework Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to rope, knots, lashing, and trestles.

Trail Skills

The Trail Skills Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to trail ethics, trail safety, hiking equipment, navigation, measurements as well as map and compass use.

Woods Tools

The Woods Tools Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to various edged tools primarily used in the felling of trees and/or preparation of firewood.

Adventurer Required Trail Badges

The following trail badges prepare the Trailman as they mature into the privileges and duties of Biblical manhood. As such, these badges may only be earned by Adventurer-level Trailmen. A total of six trail badges from the list below are required for the Horizon Award, plus five additional electives.

Citizenship

The Citizenship Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to different political and economic systems on local, county, state, national and international levels as well as a look into how local governments operate.

Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to various types of emergencies (natural, technological, terrorist, person/property) and how to prepare for them.

Family Man

The Family Man Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the biblical foundations of family; marriage; husbands and fathers; family, society and the church; and servant leadership. Trailmen will also learn about nutrition, household tasks, family projects, and family communication.

Outdoor Life

The Outdoor Life Trail Badge increases the Trailman's ability to spend time outdoors while either backpacking, camping, cycling, using paddle craft, or sailing. Each Trailman chooses his preferred track for completing this badge.

Personal Resources

The Personal Resources Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to practical Biblical principles for managing both money and time.

Earning the Horizon Award requires the Adventurer Trailman to progressively improve his physical fitness through one of the following Sports & Fitness Trail Badges:

Choose one of these four fitness badges

Cycling

The Cycling Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to ways of improving his fitness by using road biking, off-road biking, or track cycling.

Fitness

The Fitness Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to ways of improving his fitness by using strength training and cardiovascular training.

Hiking

The Hiking Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to ways of improving his fitness by using the sport of hiking.

Swimming

The Swimming Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to ways of improving his fitness by using the sport of swimming.

Elective Trail Badges

Heritage Frontier

Blacksmithing

The Blacksmithing Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the history of metalworking, as well as an appreciation of hand-made tools and metal art.

Followers of Freedom

The Followers of Freedom Trail Badge introduces Trailman to key people responsible for abolishing slavery in the United States during the 1800's.

Founders and Framers

The Founders and Framers Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to people who were instrumental to founding the United States as well as those who helped write the rules of governance.

Genealogy

The Genealogy Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to his family's past, including his ancestors, what countries they came from and some of the culture of those countries.

Military Heritage

The Military Heritage Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the five branches of the US Armed Forces, the three military academies, the meaning of conscription, the Posse Comitatus Act, US military holidays, and the life of a service member.

My State

The My State Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the history, geology, and ecosystems of their state.

Native Americans

The Native American Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to local and national Native American tribes and how colonists interacted with them. Trailmen will also research famous Native Americans.

World Heritage

The World Heritage Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the history, traditions, and lifestyles of different countries.

Elective Trail Badges

Hobbies Frontier

Art History

The Art History Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the history of art through the research of terminology, the paintings themselves, and important eras of painting.

Cinematography

The Cinematography Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the parts and functions of a video camera, basic video camera techniques, storyboard creation, short film creation, the history of motion pictures, and careers in the motion picture industry.

Photography

The Photography Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to photograph composition, the different settings on a camera and what they do, taking photographs, displaying photographs, the equipment involved in photography, and careers in photography.

Puppetry

The Puppetry Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to various forms of puppetry, puppet making, and puppet showmanship.

Reading

The Reading Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the joy of reading (or listening to) a book.

Stamp Collecting

The Stamp Collecting Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the hobby of stamp collecting. Trailmen will learn how to collect, care for, and research stamps.

Elective Trail Badges

Life Skills Frontier

Camp Counselor (Adventurers Only)

The Camp Counselor Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the life of a camp counselor. It includes topics such as health & safety, facility layout, leadership, fitness, and developmental disorders.

Prerequisites: All nine Ready Trailman required Trail Badges and Emergency Preparedness

Driving Safety

The Driving Safety Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the Rules of the Road, common factors that contribute to collisions, special concerns for inexperienced drivers, and onboard safety equipment.

Electricity

The Electricity Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the hazards of working with electricity, safety requirements when working with electricity, and electrical transmission as well as household lighting and circuitry.

Lifesaving

The Lifesaving Trail Badge is earned by obtaining the Junior Lifeguarding certification through the American Red Cross (ARC), or similar equivalent program. Junior Lifeguarding has a strong focus on developing swimming skills to help participants meet the ARC Lifeguarding course prerequisites. The course also introduces participants to lifesaving skills, such as in-water rescues, use of a rescue tube, and first aid, CPR and AED. Participants also have the opportunity to shadow lifeguards in rotation to get a real sense of being on the job.

Pet Care

The Pet Care Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to caring for a pet by learning about pet laws, diseases, safety, and expenses as well as providing pet care.

Sewing for Adventure

The Sewing for Adventure Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to basic sewing knowledge and skills so they can attach their own Trail Life USA patches and repair their gear in the backcountry and at home.

Small Engine Mechanics

The Small Engine Mechanics Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic operation and theory of a four-stroke engine, as well as how to disassemble and reassemble a one-cylinder four-stroke engine.

Special Needs

The Special Needs Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to various types of disabilities, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and ways of raising awareness of disabilities.

Vehicle Care

The Vehicle Care Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the different systems of an automobile, how to care for a vehicle, and understanding motor vehicle laws.

Elective Trail Badges

Outdoor Skills Frontier

Backpacking

The Backpacking Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to various hazards and safety precautions based on the area and climate they will be backpacking in as well as backpacking time metrics (BTM).

Prerequisites: Camping, Outdoor Cooking, and Trail Skills

Climb On!

The Climb On! Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to participate safely in the sport of indoor and/or outdoor rock climbing.

Fishing

The Fishing Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to different bodies of water and the fish they contain, the types and use of fishing tackle and other fishing equipment, as well as how to clean and cook a fish.

Horsemanship

The Horsemanship Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to proper horse care, horse health, and horse riding skills.

Nature and Wildlife

The Nature and Wildlife Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the plants and animals that exist in the habitat(s) near where they live as well as introducing conservation topics and activities to protect these habitats.

Survival Skills

The Survival Skills Trail Badge strengthens the Trailman's skills in the following areas: shelter building, fire building, water purification, and emergency signaling.

Prerequisites: Camping, Fire Ranger, First Aid, Ropework, Trail Skills, and Woods Tools.

Survivalist (Adventurers Only)

The Survivalist Trail Badge strengthens the Trailman's ability to come out of a survival situation successfully. This badge culminates in a survival weekender – two nights in the wild with little more than the clothes on your back.

Prerequisite: Survival Skills

Elective Trail Badges

Outdoor Skills Frontier – Watercraft

To earn any of the following Outdoor Skills trail badges relating to watercraft, the Trailman must have successfully completed the Aquatics trail badge or have passed the Swimmer Competency Test at the Swimmer level.

Boating Safety

The Boating Safety Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to properly operate a boat as well as different types of boating emergencies and how to respond to them.

Canoeing

The Canoeing Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to properly paddle a canoe as well as how to handle emergencies that may arise during canoe activities.

Kayaking

The Kayaking Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to properly paddle a kayak as well as how to handle emergencies that may arise during kayaking activities.

Elective Trail Badges

Outdoor Skills Frontier – Shooting Sports

Airsoft

The Airsoft Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use airsoft guns and accessories.

Paintball

The Paintball Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use paint ball guns.

Archery

The Archery Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use archery equipment including bows and arrows. Does not include crossbows.

Pistol

The Pistol Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use pistols.

Rifle

The Rifle Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use rifles.

Shotgun

The Shotgun Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use shotguns.

Muzzle Loading

The Muzzle Loading Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the history of muzzle loading firearms as well as the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to safely handle and use muzzle loaders.

Prerequisite: Completion of the Pistol, Rifle, or Shotgun Trail Badge for the type of firearm you will be using for this Trail Badge

Hunting

The Hunting Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the ethics of hunting, planning for a hunt, harvesting an animal, field dressing the carcass, processing the carcass, and cooking the meat.

Prerequisites: Any three of Archery, Muzzle Loading, Pistol, Rifle, or Shotgun.

Elective Trail Badges

Science and Technology Frontier

Aviation

The Aviation Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to both the sport and career of aviation. Trailmen will learn the mechanics of flight, career options in aviation, and the history of aviation.

Communications Technology

The Communications technology Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the different types of communication technology as well as how those technologies work.

Computing

The Computing Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to how personal computers are made and used as well as proper use of the internet.

Electrical Engineering

The Electrical Engineering Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the study and application of electricity, electronics, and electromagnetism.

Engineering Mechanics

The Engineering Mechanics Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to engineering mechanics, fluid mechanics, and thermodynamics as well as the history of mechanical engineering.

Engineering Structures

The Engineering Structures Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the knowledge, skill and ability needed to design and build various structures.

Engineering Systems

The Engineering Systems Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to industrial engineering, which is the development and optimization of processes and systems.

Environmental Stewardship

The Environmental Stewardship Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the activities of environmental stewardship including recycling, reuse, clean up, and choosing wise practices.

Inventing

The Inventing Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the process of inventing a new product or process, from idea to finished product.

Model Rocketry

The Model Rocketry Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the principles of rocket flight and the various parts of a model rocket as well as model rocketry history and safety.

Robotics

The Robotics Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to specification, design, implementation, and use of robots as well as career fields in robotics.

Elective Trail Badges

Sports and Fitness Frontier

These trail badges introduce the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to participate in various sports.

Team Sports

Baseball (Softball)

Basketball

Soccer

Volleyball

Individual Sports

Bowling

Competitive Rock Climbing

Competitive Swimming

Golf

Gymnastics

Martial Arts

Orienteering

The Orienteering Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to participate in the sport of orienteering, a sport that combines racing and land navigation.

Prerequisite: Trail Skills

Running Sports

The Running Sports Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to participate in a track and field meet or a running event of at least 5 kilometers (3.1 miles).

Skating Sports

The Skating Sports Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities required to participate in roller skating and/or ice skating.

Tennis

Elective Trail Badges

Values Frontier

Apologetics I

The Apologetics I Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the defense of the Christian Faith while focusing on the existence of God, truth, and the problem of evil.

Apologetics II

The Apologetics II Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the defense of the Christian Faith while focusing on the accuracy of the Bible and the historicity, divinity and resurrection of Jesus.

Bible Basics

The Bible Basics Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to Bible exploration in order to strengthen their knowledge of its purpose, structure, and content, as well as deepening their understanding of who God is, who he is, and who God wants them to become.

Christian Faith Activities

The Christian Faith Activities Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to the practices and disciplines of the Christian life. The Trailman will develop an understanding of personal faith, living and serving in Christian community, and the history of the Church.

Respect Life

The Respect Life Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to a Christian worldview of human life as well as discussing infanticide, abortion, and euthanasia.

The Creeds

The Creeds Trail Badge introduces the Trailman to Christian statements of truth, known as Creeds, as well as various opinions contrary to those statements and how they are not supported by Biblical fact.

Trailmen may also design their own Trail Badge using one of three methods:

Certification

The completion of a significant certification program may qualify for credit as an elective Trail Badge (see the example of Lifesaving Trail Badge in the Life Skills Frontier). Refer to the *Trailman's Handbook* for additional information on designing a Trail Badge by way of Certification.

Analogy

A Trailman may choose to design an elective Trail Badge that is similar in nature to an existing badge. For example, a Sailing Trail Badge could be developed using the format of the Canoeing or Kayaking Trail Badges in the Outdoor Skills frontier. See the *Trailman's Handbook* for additional information on designing a Trail Badge by way of Analogy.

The CLEAR Method

For a topic not covered by one of the above methods, a Trailman can create an entirely new elective Trail Badge using the specific C.L.E.A.R. criteria provided by Trail Life. These criteria include choosing a badge topic and mentor, learning basic facts and history about the topic, exploring the topic through specific and practical experience, applying the knowledge gained to a project regarding the topic, and reporting on the experience to the Trail Life Home Office for consideration as a Trail Badge.

Your leaders and the *Trailman's Handbook* can provide more information on designing a Trail Badge via the CLEAR method. Your new Trail Badge may even be made eligible for other Trailmen across the country to earn!