

# Child Code of Conduct

As Trail Life USA members, we recognize the privilege to participate and enjoy troop meetings and functions. We commit ourselves to following the Trail Life USA oath, and to live by the Trail Life USA motto to "Walk Worthy".

Any Trail Life USA participant who has not submitted a signed Code of Conduct form by a date designated by the Troop Committee will be unable to participate in meetings or other activities. This is done in order to reinforce the importance of each member's commitment to the Code of Conduct.

Consequences of Inappropriate Conduct – Adult leaders will report any youth behavior that violates the Code of Conduct Agreement below, or that is contrary to the Trail Life USA motto or oath, to the Troopmaster and the Chartered Organization Representative. Since it is our mission to guide our sons to honor God, we recognize that youth will make mistakes, and that accountability must be accompanied by a spirit of forgiveness. Therefore, depending on the severity of the infraction, a youth may receive a warning, a request to leave a meeting or activity temporarily, or be required to leave for the remainder of a meeting or activity. At their discretion, the Chartered Organization Representative and the chartering organization reserve the right to dismiss a youth from the Troop if necessary.

## **Trail Life USA Code of Conduct Agreement**

1. I will be respectful to adults at Trail Life USA meetings and events.
2. I will cheerfully obey instructions from Trail Life USA leaders, and designated parents.
3. I will do all I can to be on time, or better, early to meetings.
4. I will be positive and remember "I can do it" or "I will try".
5. I will work with other participants together as a team.
6. I will do my best to support, encourage, and respect my fellow Trail Life USA members.
7. I will wait my turn.
8. I will not use profanity.
9. I will not push, shove, hit, bite, wrestle, or fight others.
10. In order to keep myself and others safe, I will not run or rough-house inside or near hard surfaces, e.g., sidewalks.
11. If I see something that violates the conduct policy, or anything that makes me uncomfortable, I will let a Trail Life USA leader or parent know.
12. I will not use electronic devices, e.g., mp3 players, video game systems, cell phones, or smart phones during Trail Life USA meetings or events, unless specifically asked to do so by a Trail Life USA leader or parent in order to fulfill a duty such as Troop photographer, or in the case of the use of a cell phone or smart phone as a means of emergency contact with a parent/legal guardian.
13. I will listen when others are talking.

14. I will not interrupt.

15. I will use good manners, e.g., "Please" and "Thank You".

16. I will always be honest.

I understand these rules and will do my best to follow them (Up to 4 children can sign this, plus their parent and/or guardian):

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