

5. Key Differences from Other Scouting Programs

Exclusively Male: Participation is limited to males.

Church-Owned: Troops are chartered by churches, reinforcing specific Christian beliefs.

Focus on Gender: The program is intentionally designed to support the specific needs of boys in a culture that sometimes struggles with traditional masculinity.

In essence, being in Trail Life is a structured, faith-based, and rugged adventure experience designed to build confidence in the outdoors while teaching boys to be men of character.

Calvary Ellensburg Trail Life Troop WA-3106 Basic Information

Kick-Off Date: August 27, 2026

First meeting date: September 17, 2026

Troop Meeting Nights: 1st & 3rd Thursday

Approximate Start-Up Costs:

Per Trailman - \$150.00

Per Adult - \$135.00

Trail Life Family

Interest Form



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Troop WA – 3106
Deuteronomy 31:6



Trail Life USA has 3 main programs for boys:

Woodlands Trail

- Foxes (Ages 5-6)
- Hawks (Ages 7-8)
- Mountain Lions (Ages 9-10)

Navigators (Ages 11-13)

Adventures (Ages 14-17)

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Core values and Distinctives of Trail Life.

Christ-Centered: Biblical truths are integrated into all aspects of the program, fostering a Christian worldview.

Purity: Emphasizes living a life of holiness in heart, mind, word, and deed.

Service: Focuses on developing servant leadership and contributing to the community.

Stewardship: Encourages the wise use of God-given time, talents, and resources.

Integrity: Promotes living morally and doing what is biblically right, regardless of cost.

Outdoor-Focused: Utilizes outdoor adventures to build character and challenge boys.

Male-Centered Adult Leadership: Focuses on providing positive male role models and mentors for boys.

Church-Owned & Operated: Troops are typically chartered by local churches.

Safety: Emphasizes a safe environment for mentorship and adventure.

Courage: Promotes bravery in pursuing God's path.

Family-Oriented: Involves parents and families in the development process.

Here's what it's like to be a "Trailman"

1. Active Outdoor Adventure

"Letting Boys be boys": Meetings and activities are designed to be hands-on, often held outdoors to accommodate the "raucous, rowdy, unruly nature of a boy".

Core Activities: Regular camping, hiking, fishing, riflery, archery, and canoeing.

Adventure Focus: The program moves beyond simple camping, often featuring high-adventure trips like whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and backpacking.

2. Christ-Centered Discipleship

Biblical Foundation: The program integrates a Christian worldview into all activities.

Mentorship: Boys are guided by trained male mentors (often dads or church members) who model "godly manhood".

Devotionals: Campouts and meetings often include Bible studies, scripture memorization, and prayer.

3. Progressive Rank and Skill Structure

Woodlands Trail (Ages 5-10): Focuses on foundational outdoor skills, character, and friendship.

Navigators (Ages 11 - 13): Increases focus on understanding personal values, responsibility, and earning specific Trail Badges.



Adventurers (14 - 17): Focuses on leadership, with older boys planning and leading their own outdoor adventures and large community-focused projects.



Freedom Award: The highest award in Trail Life, comparable to Eagle Scout, requires 25+ badges, 20+ hours of service annually, and a major leadership project.

4. Structure and Brotherhood

Patrol Method: Boys work in small, independent teams (patrols), where they learn to lead, cooperate, and take responsibility, fostering camaraderie.

"Iron Sharpens Iron": Older boys often mentor younger boys, building lasting friendships.

"Walk Worthy": The motto (based on Colossians 1:10) challenges Trailmen to live with high moral character, integrity, and responsibility.

