



Branch Patch Requirements (Joining Award)

When a boy qualifies to enter one of the Woodlands Trail program levels or upon seeking the Recruit rank, a Trailman may earn the joining patch for that group. This patch recognizes that the boy knows the basics of Trail Life USA.

Woodlands Trail

- Memorize the Trailman Oath and Motto
- Learn the Trailman Sign and when to use it
- Learn the Trailman Salute and when to use it
- Learn the Trailman Handshake
- Memorize the Pledge of Allegiance (Foxes recite only)
- Demonstrate how to properly fold the American flag (Mountain Lions and above)

Recruit Rank (Navigator or Adventurer)

- Give your Patrol Leader's name, patrol name, and patrol yell, if applicable
- Discuss Troop safety
- Discuss advancement program

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.

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 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



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.

The Trailman Salute is used by members in uniform*, when:

- They recite the Pledge of Allegiance (stand at attention and face the flag)
- The flag passes in a parade, or ceremony
- While in a parade or procession, you pass a flag posted on a stage/podium erected for the event
- The flag is hoisted and lowered (the salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of the national anthem, whichever is longer)
- The national anthem is played or sung (stand at attention and hold the salute through the last note)
- The flag is retired at flag retirement ceremonies.

Men will remove hats when saluting, except for a uniform hat. Women do not have to remove head covering.

*uniform - whatever official Trail Life USA uniform deemed appropriate for that activity by the Activity Coordinator.



Trailman Handshake

The Trailman Handshake is a wrist to wrist handshake to greet fellow Trailmen.