

2019 Program Updates

Worthy Life Award

The Worthy Life Award has been redone to now be the only offering of a Faith-Building Award that Trail Life will accept for Timberline Award, Ready Rank, and Freedom Award.

- Worthy Life Award requirements have been defined for each Unit/Patrol Level following a general model of a:
 - Devotional Activity
 - Discipleship Activity
 - Disciplines Activities
 - Demonstration Activity
- All other Faith-Building Activities can still be done but will only complete certain requirements of the new Worthy Life Award (defined further in the Actual Worthy Life Document for each Unit/Patrol).
- This change allows for Program flexibility and also allows the Worthy Life Award to be further adapted to your Troop/Charter Org/Faith Tradition.

For frequently asked questions, click here: <http://bit.ly/2XqCouj>

New Field Guides created

Trail Life USA has created three brand new Guidebooks: First Aid Guide, Camping Guide, and Outdoor Skills Guide. These guides were created by the Outdoor Programs NAC Committee to be a companion to the Navigators and Adventurers Handbook. They are NOT exhaustive or teach every skill, but rather they teach the basic skills needed for the completion of the 18 Required Trail Badges. They include skills that the current Handbook does not have.

For frequently asked questions, click here: <http://bit.ly/2Y6Wp66>

New Navigators/Adventurers Handbook

This Handbook has been dramatically updated. The following list briefly explains the major changes to this Handbook.

- The writing style is more philosophical in its form, written to be read through.
- Most resources and policy documents have been moved to an appendix at the end to keep from distracting the reader.
- The skills instruction has been removed from the Handbook (except the First Aid Instruction) and moved to the Field Guides as more complete reference materials.
- A new section at the end has been added called the Patrol Leader's Guidebook.
- The First Aid section has been updated to include a splinting and wrapping section with photographs.

- The Advancement section has been updated to reflect the new Worthy Life updates.
- All Required Trail Badges have been updated to include new requirements pertaining to a Christian Worldview.
- The cover has been updated.

For frequently asked questions, click here: <http://bit.ly/2IEZIkZ>

Navigators/Adventurers Leader Guide Update

This Leader's Guide reprint includes slight textual changes and a new Cover.

For frequently asked questions, click here: <http://bit.ly/3IMKb4Z>

Woodlands Trail Leader's Guide Printed

The Woodlands Trail Leader's Guide is currently being updated in its digital form and will be working through the process of being printed for the first time. We are shooting for having this Leader's Guide ready close to the beginning of the next Program Year.

For frequently asked questions, click here: <http://bit.ly/3IMKb4Z>

Program Grandfather Policy

For the major programmatic changes that are being released in 2019, the Home Office is instituting a Grandfather Policy that will end on May 1, 2020. After this date, the Trail Life USA Home Office will only accept Required Trail Badges using the newly updated requirements as well as the Worthy Life Award as the only Faith-Building Activity for the various Ranks and Awards.

If a Trailman is currently working on any Required Trail Badge or other Faith-Building Activity, he will have until May 1, 2020 to complete his work using the older requirements. However, Trailmen who have not begun work on Required Trail Badges or a Faith Building Activity should begin using the new requirements.