



**TRAIL LIFE USA**

Adventure › Character › Leadership

## **EQUIP Training EXPLAINED**

EQUIP Training events are THE in-person, hands-on way to train Trail Life USA Troop leadership! EQUIP events impart the mission and vision of Trail Life USA, teach needed skills, and instill a comprehensive understanding of the program. EQUIP participants will be inspired as they see a bigger picture of Trail Life USA, and excitement will be generated as each participant discovers even greater purpose in their volunteer service position in Trail Life USA.

Whether an experienced scouter or a newcomer to outdoor leadership and adventure, all leaders will learn and grow from the EQUIP experience. For those who are seasoned scouters: What is greater than knowledge? The proper USE of that knowledge! Come to EQUIP and learn the techniques to share and teach the Trail Life USA program to your local area's Troops.

EQUIP Events include hands-on training for Trail Life USA adult leaders. Training is focused on the specifics of Troop operations, providing valuable and practical information that leaders can use in the day-to-day execution of their local program. Attendees learn together in a patrol setting, camping and eating together during the course of a structured weekend that incorporates classes on Outdoor Skills, Youth Mentorship, Troop Resources, Troop Weekly Meetings, and Troop Volunteer Service. EQUIP teaches the importance of how spiritual components are woven throughout our program. Our reliance on Christ as our Lord and Savior is the foundation of our program. All we learn and teach in TLUSA is built on this truth.

EQUIP training events are specifically for Trail Life USA members involved in already-functioning Troops. EQUIP courses are not geared to be promotional or to "come find out more about our organization", but instead are designed to empower and engage existing members as they serve in their volunteer roles.

Leaders who attend "first generation" EQUIP events (currently held at Camp Aiken, but expanding to all six Regions beginning fall 2017) commit to hosting and leading a course to train leaders in their local Area. These "next generation" EQUIP events take place all around the country and are hosted by Point Men (or their appointed Area Training Chairmen) who have been trained at the national EQUIP events.

Nationally-trained participants (including graduates of the Regional "first generation" courses beginning 2017) are the only ones authorized to conduct next generation events. So, participants of next generation EQUIP events (led by first generation EQUIP trainers) are EQUIP trained, but are not certified to conduct another local Area EQUIP event.

Informal training events that include variations or partial sections of EQUIP training do not provide official EQUIP certification or "Trained" status. EQUIP training will be tracked as a part of Trail Life USA member records.

**Contact your local Point Man about an EQUIP event near you. You can find your Point Man's contact information in TroopTrack under the Communicate badge. Or visit [www.TrailLifeUSA.com](http://www.TrailLifeUSA.com) for a list of scheduled EQUIP events.**