We present the following visual aid to assist prospective members of Trail Life USA in better understanding the correlation of learned skills and the advancement track parallels between Trail Life USA® and the Boy Scouts of America®. Skills previously learned that have resulted in the attainment of certain BSA ranks will be given credit towards achievement towards Trail Life USA ranks, as set forth below.

Navigators Trail Badges
6-8th Grade

- Recruit Trailman
  - Joining Rank

- Able Trailman
  - Earn the Recruit Rank
  - Complete 4 Navigators required Trail Badges (see below) plus 3 elective badges
  - Complete 15 hours of service for each year since joining Navigators
  - Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements
  - Leader Conference and Board of Review

- Ready Trailman
  - Earn the Able Trailman Rank
  - Complete all 9 Navigators required Trail Badges plus total of 5 elective badges
  - Complete 15 hours of service for each year since joining Navigators
  - Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements
  - Hold a leadership position or fulfill a leadership requirement
  - Complete a Faith-building activity option
  - Leader Conference and Board of Review

Navigators Trail Badges
6-8th Grade

- Camping
- Outdoor Cooking
- Rope Work
- Woods Tools
- Aquatics
- Fire Ranger
- Our Flag
- Trail Skills
- First Aid

TOTAL 15

Adventurers Trail Badges
9-12th Grade

- Journey Award
  - Joining Award
  - Earn the Journey Award
  - Earn all 15 required Trail Badges (see below) plus a total of 10 electives
  - Complete 20 hours of service for each year since joining Adventurers
  - Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements
  - Leader Conference and Board of Review

- Horizon Award
  - Earn the Journey Award
  - Earn the Horizon Award
  - Complete the Freedom experiences for your major and 2 minors
  - Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements
  - Servant Leadership Project
  - Complete a Faith-building activity option
  - Leader Conference and Freedom Board of Review

- Freedom Award
  - Earn the Horizon Award
  - Complete the Freedom experiences for your major and 2 minors
  - Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements
  - Servant Leadership Project
  - Complete a Faith-building activity option
  - Leader Conference and Freedom Board of Review

A Note About Transferring an Eagle Award

Historically, attaining the BSA's Eagle Award has been a significant accomplishment in a young man's life. The Trail Life USA Horizon Award requirements closely parallel the merit badge requirements of the Eagle Scout Award.

The Trail Life USA Freedom Award offers an additional challenge to all Trailmen who attain their Horizon Award by adding unique opportunities by focusing on a particular “Major” similar to how one might earn a degree in a specialized area of study. It also requires participation in unique “Freedom Experiences” as part of our “Majors and Minors” program. These Majors and Minors add value to the Freedom Award by encouraging hands-on real-life experiences that build a habit of active participation and citizenry and prepare our young men for college and life after high school.