

# Trail Life USA Troop 317

## Johns Creek, Georgia

### Frequently Asked Questions

## Getting Started

### 1. What are the most important things to focus on after completing the initial paperwork?

- Attending Troop events and meetings.
- Observe and ASK how you can help the Troop
- Get involved

### 2. Where do I obtain a uniform? What is required? What is recommended?

Travel/Troop meeting uniforms, activity T-shirts, and formal uniforms can all be ordered online via the TLUSA web store: <http://traillifeusastore.com>.

### 3. What are the different types of uniforms?

#### Program Colors

Woodlands Trail (Grades K-5) = Green

Navigators (Grades 6-8) = Gray

Adventurers (Grades 9-12) = Blue

#### Travel / Troop meeting

1. Polo-style, collared shirt in the appropriate program color
2. Clean jeans, or shorts (as weather permits)
3. Close-toed shoes or hiking boots

#### Activity Uniform

1. Trail Life T-Shirt in the appropriate program color

#### Formal Uniform

1. Shirt
2. Pants
3. Belt
4. Socks

The Troop provides shoulder loops and the Troop numeral patch for the formal uniform.

### 4. What camping/hiking gear does a youth need to have? What is needed to get started/essential? What is nice to have? Where should I buy the gear?

A Personal Campout Equipment List is posted on our main website: [troop317.com](http://troop317.com) and is a good basic list to get started. Appropriate camping gear is a necessity, but it is generally not required immediately. A youth should consult their Trail Guide concerning requirements and to answer questions about the appropriateness of any existing gear. A good-quality (rated to below freezing) sleeping bag is typically among the first overnight camping items a youth will need.

In general, your best approach is to buy things a little at a time, and only when you need them (based on upcoming activities) or when you decide it's time to upgrade your existing equipment, based on your Trailman's participation, specific needs, desired comfort level, and budget.

There are many places or sources to purchase your gear, depending on your specific needs, desired comfort level, budget, etc.

**5. Are there resources, presentations, or training that would be helpful in getting youth or their parents better informed?**

- [www.traillifeconnect.com](http://www.traillifeconnect.com) is our Troop management website. Please get familiar with it, as we'll be referring you to it several times over the course of your son's involvement.
- [www.troop317.com](http://www.troop317.com) is our general Troop information website. We'll post forms, the Troop calendar, etc. on this website.
- [www.troop317.net](http://www.troop317.net) is our activities registration/payment website. You'll use this password-protected website to access registration for campouts and other Troop activities.
- [www.traillifeusa.com](http://www.traillifeusa.com) is the national website, and contains information about the national organization.

**6. Who should I contact regarding questions or concerns?**

You should have the contact information for the Program Director or Trail Guide for your son's patrol. He will serve as the first point of contact for any question that you have about the Troop, your son's advancement, upcoming outings/campouts, etc.

Also, any member of the Troop leadership is available to answer your questions, either via e-mail or phone call.