

# Trail Life USA Troop 317

## Johns Creek, Georgia

### Frequently Asked Questions

## “Hit The Trail” Events (HTT)

### 1. What is a HTT Event?

One of the founding principles of Trail Life USA was to emphasize **experience** over pure academic learning. Especially with young men, hands-on learning is far more effective than simply reading about, or hearing about, activities.

HTT Events are offsite activities, events, field trips, or community projects designed to provide a hands-on experience, typically related to one of the Advancement Branches. Our Trailmen earn steps towards the Branches as they participate in weekly meeting activities, and they will typically earn MULTIPLE steps towards these Branches for HTT Events.

### 2. How often are HTT Events planned?

Our desire is to execute a HTT event on a monthly basis. In order to avoid conflicts for parents with young men in multiple programs (Navs, Advs), we try to target the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month for these events, but circumstances may sometimes dictate flexibility.

### 3. How much do the HTT Events cost?

HTT Events are usually FREE. There are special occasions where parking fees, or venue fees may apply, but these are typically minimized.

### 4. Can parents or other siblings attend these events?

Parents, especially dads, are strongly encouraged to utilize this time to build relationships with their sons, other dads, and even the other youth.

These are official Trail Life Troop events, so we prefer a pre-registration (accomplished via our [troop317.net](http://troop317.net) event website).

Siblings are generally welcome, as long as they are not a distraction or hindrance to the group.

### 5. How can parents be further involved?

WE NEED HELP. While these events are generally easy and painless to plan and execute, the existing Troop Leadership is already stretched very thin.

This is a GREAT way for dads and moms to be engaged, and to fulfill your parental involvement requirement. The steps are really to (1) envision, (2) coordinate, and (3) execute the event. Your imagination is the limit. Of course, practical considerations should apply (locale, cost, timing, etc.). But these are a great place for creativity and innovation.

If you have an idea, a specific skill, a special contact, etc – PLEASE REACH OUT and let us know. You'll be surprised at how quickly we can get you plugged in.