

Trail Life Awards Ceremony

Troop 1613

May 13th, 2025



Troop Website: www.traillife1613.com

Live Streaming:
<https://www.youtube.com/@newhopepca5202/streams>




Welcome & Opening Prayer – Jim Baxter and Ian Rothell

Opening Ceremony & Troop 1613 Overview – Matt Syverson (Troopmaster)

- **Mission...our guiding statement:** To guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.
- **Vision...what does Trail Life want to be?** To be the premier national character development organization for young men which produces godly and responsible husbands, fathers, and citizens.
- **Oath...to what do our Trailmen bind themselves?** On my honor, I will do my best to serve God and my country. To respect authority, to be a good steward of creation, and to treat others as I want to be treated.
- **Troop Motto: Walk Worthy Colossians 1:10...** that you may live a life worthy of the Lord, pleasing him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God!
- **Troop Verse: 1 Corinthians 16:13** - Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong!
- **Host Church and Committee Members:**
 - **New Hope Presbyterian Church (PCA)**
 - **Pastor Jim Baxter** – Senior Ministry Liaison
 - **Todd Patterson** – Troop Ministry Liaison & Advisor
 - **Sam Fleenor** – Committee Chair
 - **Matt Syverson** – Troopmaster
 - **Aaron Weaver** – Trailmaster
 - **Brian Arnold** – Ranger
 - **Ian Rothell** – Chaplain
 - **Russ Harju** - Treasurer

Woodlands Trail Program Overview – Brian Arnold (Ranger)

1. Organized by grade and age

Patrol	Grades	Ages
 Fox	1st	6 yrs
 Hawk	2nd–3rd	7–8 yrs
 Mountain Lion	4th–5th	9–10 yrs

2. Core Program Branches

Each branch represents a key area of development. Trailmen earn Branch Pins by completing activities in these areas:

1. **Heritage (Brown)**

Exploration of American, Christian, and family heritage.

2. **Hobbies (Black)**

Engagement in various indoor and outdoor hobbies requiring different skills.

3. **Life Skills (Burgundy)**

Lessons ranging from practical tasks to interpersonal skills.

4. **Outdoor Activities (Green)**

Participation in outdoor fun, sports, and activities.

5. **Pioneering Skills (Blue)**

Understanding of woodcraft, hiking, exploration, and camping skills.

6. **Science & Technology (Yellow)**

Exploration of physical and natural sciences concerning our created world.

7. **Values (Red)**

Instilling Biblical-based values and teachings of the Christian faith.

3. Advancement & Awards

- **Branch Patch:** Earned by completing specific activities in each of the seven branches.
 - **Forest Award:** Awarded upon completing all seven branches and 18 additional leaves from any branch or combination of branches.
 - **Timberline Award:** The highest honor in Woodlands Trail, earned during the Mountain Lion phase, marking readiness to transition into the Navigators program.
 - **Worthy Life Award:** Integrates faith development across all age levels. To earn it, Trailmen complete activities in four categories: Devotional, Discipleship, Disciplines, and Demonstration.
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4. Leadership & Structure

- **Ranger:** Oversees the entire Woodlands Trail unit.
- **Trail Guides:** Registered adult leaders for each patrol.
 - ([Program Overview | Trail Life USA](#))

All leaders undergo background checks and training to ensure a safe and enriching environment.

MOUNTAIN LION Awards

Trail Guides: CJ Tharp, Brant Challacombe, Brice Crow

Joel Arnold
Declan Conard
JC Holtman
Hayden Myers
Ryan Tharp

Jack Bishop
Sean Crow
Jack James
Asher Rothell
Luke Weaver

Evan Challacombe
Gideon Gabler
Grady LePorte
Max Stoltz

HAWK Awards

Trail Guides: Mike Ellebrecht, Jonathan Gabler, Joshua Vaughn

Luke Bishop
Evan Downam
Charles Greene
Hugo James
Emiliano Rodriguez
Hezekiah Vaughn

Maxwell Blankenship
Flint Ellebrecht
Ellis Harju
Reese Ledford
Matteo Rodriguez
Sam Walden

London Dickson
Matthias Gabler
Isaiah Higerd
Nathan Lopez
Levi Ryff

FOX Awards

Trail Guides: Hayden Hager, Brian Arnold

Jonathan Arnold
Garrett Higerd
Everett Seidler

William Campaign
Micah Little
Magnus Smedvig

Patrick Hager
Avett Rothell

Timberline Award

Presented by: Brian Arnold

Sean Crow

Freedom Award Requirements



- 9 Core Skills Trail Badges
- 1 True Freedom Trail Badge
- 5 Electives
- Freedom Experience Plans



- 9 Core Skills Trail Badges
- 3 True Freedom Trail Badges
- 8 Electives
- 1 Freedom Experience



- 9 Core Skills Trail Badges
- 6 True Freedom Trail Badges
- 10 Electives
- 2 Freedom Experiences



- 4 Freedom Experiences
- Adventurer's Worthy Life Award
- Servant Leadership Project
- 4-6 Reference Letters
- Life Ambition Essay
- Advancement Conference
- Freedom Board of Review

REQUIRED FOR EACH RANK:

- 20 Hours of Servant Service
(every program year as an Adventurer)
- Participate in 6 Troop Activities
(every program year as an Adventurer)
- One Leadership Task

Freedom Trail Overview & Awards

**Todd Patterson (Advisor), Aaron Weaver (Trailmaster)
& Rob Tremble (Advancement Chair)**

Navigators

Gideon Banwart

Jesse Bishop

Joe Epperson

William Hager

Theodore Montijo

Eli Schott

Ezekiel Vaughn

Harrison Wentz

Malacai Banwart

Dalton Brown

Ethan Eskov

Noah Hills

Micah Rigdon

Levi Syverson

Lazarus Vaughn

Mitch Wilson

Cooper Barraclough

Sean Carney

Keplin Fleenor

Nathaniel Montijo

Harley Toll

James Weaver

Alexander Winkelmann

Adventurers

William Patterson

Joe Richey

Woodlands Trail to Freedom Trail

Crossover Ceremony – Aaron Weaver

Declan Conard

Max Stoltz

Sean Crow

Asher Rothell

Navigator to Adventurer

Crossover Ceremony – Todd Patterson

Gideon Banwart

Theodore Montijo

Lazarus Vaughn

Dalton Brown

Levi Syverson

James Weaver

Noah Hills

Mitch Wilson

Worthy Life Awards

Ian Rothell, Alan Banwart

Avett Rothell
Will Campaign
Flint Ellebrecht
James Weaver

Jonathan Arnold
Patrick Hager
Reese Ledford

Levi Ryff
Micah Little
Magnus Smedvig

Closing Remarks – Matt Syverson

Happy 4th Anniversary TROOP 1613!

Next Event: Flag Planting Ceremony, Saturday, May 24th at 8:45am

Location: Leavenworth VA Cemetery

150 Muncie Rd

Leavenworth, KS 66048

Summer Adventure Report – NOAHSNARK #3

- **June 1st - June 6th -> Southern Missouri & Northern Arkansas**

SUMMER EVENTS for Recruiting – especially 1st graders!

- Friday, June 20th from 7pm-10pm - Competition & Campfire;
Campout to follow for Troop 1613 members
24505 W. 119th Street, Olathe, KS 66061 (Art Swank's House)
- Saturday, July 26th at 6pm-9pm - Nerf Guns & Nachos @ New Hope
- Tuesday, August 19th at 7pm - New Parent Meeting @ New Hope
 - Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30pm - First Troop Meeting

Thank you to our registered leaders and the dedicated fathers who consistently invest their time and energy into this amazing Troop!

Registered Leaders

Brian	Arnold	Ranger, Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Alan	Banwart	Trail Guide - Navigator
Brant	Challacombe	Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Brice	Crow	Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Mike	Ellebrecht	Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Mark	Epperson	Trail Guide - Navigator
David	Eskov	Trail Guide - Navigator
Samuel	Fleenor	Committee Chairperson
Jonathan	Gabler	Advancement Chair, Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Hayden	Hager	Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Russell	Harju	Treasurer
Todd	Patterson	Troop Ministry Liaison, Advisor
Ian	Rothell	Chaplain
Matt	Schott	Outdoor/Activities Chair, Trail Guide - Navigator
Matt	Syverson	Troopmaster
Charles	Tharp	Equipment Coordinator, Trail Guide - Woodlands Trail
Matt	Toll	Trail Guide - Navigator
Rob	Tremble	Trail Guide - Navigator
Aaron	Weaver	Trailmaster, Advancement Chair
Zachary	Wentz	Advancement Chair
Blake	Wilson	Trail Guide - Navigator

HELP US WALK WORTHY!

Donations are appreciated for Summer Events & Scholarships. They are a tax-deductible way for your family to support this ministry.

How to donate:

- **Venmo:** @troop1613 - or see Russ Harju
- **Checks:** Make payable to "TL 1613"
- **Mail checks to:**

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c/o Trail Life Troop 1613
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