



# TRAIL LIFE USA®

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## ANNUAL TROOP AND MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM COSTS

*As you evaluate chartering a Trail Life Troop, we want complete transparency in regards to the fees associated with maintaining a Troop as it pertains to payments due to the Trail Life USA Home Office. Questions about these fees should be directed to Martha Schmidt, Troop Engagement Coordinator at [MSchmidt@TrailLifeUSA.com](mailto:MSchmidt@TrailLifeUSA.com).*

Here is a complete summary of first year and subsequent years' Troop and membership fees:

### Troop Fees Year #1:

**Pre-charter Fee (\$39):** The \$39 Pre-charter fee is a one-time fee collected for initial processing and evaluation. It is not refundable nor is it applied to the Charter fee.

**Original Charter Fee (\$325):** The first year charter fee is assessed to each church/Charter Organization (all age-level Unit Programs are included in one charter).

### Troop Fees Subsequent Years:

**Subsequent Year Re-charter Fee (\$195):** The charter fee for subsequent years is assessed to each church/Charter Organization annually on the anniversary of their charter date during the re-charter process (all age-level Unit Programs are included in one charter).

**Annual Troop Program Fee (\$20/youth registered):** The Annual Troop Program Fee is assessed automatically to the Troop Treasurer at the time of re-charter and is charged at \$20 for each Registered Youth Member, with payment due by the Troop within six months. Some Troops may have many registered youth, so this six-month period allows each Troop the opportunity to determine its own plan for covering this program expense, whether that is through assessing their Troop members or conducting a Troop fundraiser. The Program Fee is not tagged to individual boys, but to the total number of boys registered at that time. So, **whether a boy is active or not is not the issue, as all Troops are experiencing growth and new boys are replacing old.** If your Troop is not experiencing growth please contact your Point Man, as he can assist you to grow your Troop and reach more families. See the email link below for further information.

### Annual Youth and Adult Membership Fee:

#### **Annual Membership Fee (\$26):**

This fee is paid directly to Trail Life USA by each individual youth and adult member when they submit their initial membership application to Trail Life USA, and annually thereafter on the anniversary of their membership.

**Further explanation from the Trail Life USA Board of Directors about the Annual Troop Program Fee can be found on [this email](#) from August 2014.**