Able Trailman

Earn the recruit rank

Complete 4 navigators required trail badges (see below) plus 3 elective badges
Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements and/or 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
Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements plus total of 8 elective badges
Hold a leadership position or fulfill a leadership requirements
Leader conference and board of review

Trail Life USA

Navigators
6-8th Grade

Become a Scout Trailman

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 requirements
Faith building activity option
Leader Conference and Board of Review

Adventurers
9-12th Grade

Become a Star Trailman

Journey Award

Joining Award

Honor Award

Earn the Journey Award

Complete 15 hours of service for each year since joining Adventurers
Hold a leadership position or fulfill a leadership requirements
Troop meeting attendance & participation requirements
Leader Conference and 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
Faith building activity option
Leader Conference and Freedom Board of Review

A Note About Transferring an Eagle Award

Attaining the BSA’s Eagle Award is a significant accomplishment in a young man’s life. Trail Life USA developed our Horizon Award requirements to closely parallel the merit badge requirements of the Eagle Scout Award and to honor the historic legacy of this important achievement.

As an additional challenge to all Trailmen who attain their Horizon Award, we have added a unique Freedom Award that is earned in a particular

“Major,” similar to how one might earn a degree in a specialized area of study. It 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 citizenship and prepare our young men for college and life after high school.


Navagators Trail Badges
6-8th Grade

Camping
Outdoor Cooking
Ropework
Woods Tools
Aquatics
Fire Ranger
Our Flag
Trail Skills
First Aid

Total 15

Adventurers Trail Badges
9–12th Grade

Emergency Prep.
Family Man
Personal Resources
Citizenship
Outdoor Life
Fitness Badge