

Trail Blazers/ Trail Master's Program FAQ's

**How old does my son have to be to join?**

The program is for boys ages 9-13 but we welcome younger or older boys, whether they are a sibling looking to join or a 14 year old that is just not finished camping. You may need to call me directly for exceptions outside of this age range. You are welcome to participate in both Trailblazers and your current Guides Nation if you choose.

**Do I need to join a tribe?**

No, the Trailblazers come together each campout as one small group, generally the size of a large tribe. You are welcome to join with friends from your former tribe and select campouts that you would like to do together. You will definitely make new friends in this great new group. Generally one, two or sometimes ALL meals are included in the camping fees. The host selects a delicious menu for each campout and as a group the Trailblazers help with preparation.

**How many events do I have to go to?**

You can attend as many or as few campouts as you would like! There is no strict commitment for attendance, just select the events that work within your busy schedule and join us in the fun. During the weekend you will have a few planned activities as a group but mostly lots of free time to explore and enjoy these new exciting camping locations.

**Do I get a discount if I am in guides/princesses AND a trail program?**

Yes, see me if you are one of these busy dads!

**How do I become involved in hosting a Trailblazers event?**

There are a great team of hosts who meet twice a year to plan for this season and next. Join us for a pizza dinner in September and January to give your ideas and help with planning. See me to be placed on the email list regarding the date/time of these meetings.

**Who can answer my questions about the program?**

Bill Thompson, is a wealth of knowledge for the Trailblazers program. He can be reached at [yoshiker@adelphia.net](mailto:yoshiker@adelphia.net), 760.479.1447. I, Stephanie Parker, am the Trail Blazer coordinator for the YMCA and I am available Mon-Fri, 9-6 to assist you. 760-942-9622 x1005 or [sparker@ymca.org](mailto:sparker@ymca.org)