Frequently asked questions about T.T.T.

What is T.T.T.?

T.T.T. is a national organization of women who send girls to camp — and more! It is a nonprofit, philanthropic organization dedicated to providing an educational camping experience for girls who might not otherwise have the chance. We believe camping creates an atmosphere that provides each girl with the opportunity to learn her



own worth, develop initiative, learn self expression, and live in harmony with others.

When and where did T.T.T. start?

T.T.T. started in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in January 1911, when two friends, Bess Cook Budde and Gladys Stewart Walters, noticed that boys had plenty to do in the summer, but girls did not. Along with a few friends they established the first T.T.T. chapter in June of that year to raise money to send girls to camp. The first national convention was held in January 1931.

How many girls does T.T.T. send to camp each year?

The number of girls differs from chapter to chapter, some sending as few as one and some as many as 20. Nationwide hundreds of girls experience this adventure every summer at camps in their local areas.

Does T.T.T. have its own camp?

No, T.T.T. does not have its own summer camps. The society contracts with accredited, T.T.T. approved camps that are owned and operated by qualified organizations, such as the YMCA, Girls Scouts, 4-H and church groups. Every camp must meet the standards set by the American Camp Association for quality in leadership, programming, health and safety. Using these camps allows T.T.T. to send more girls to camp.

What does T.T.T. stand for?

T.T.T stands for the Time, Talent and Treasures of all our members, which is incorporated into our friendships for each other and in providing camping experiences for young girls.

How is T.T.T. organized?

T.T.T. has local chapters in 10 states and the District of Columbia. Local chapters meet at least nine times a year, offering women the chance to serve and to socialize with other women dedicated to the same cause. Each chapter

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chapters are grouped into state chapters and councils. State chapters and councils report to the National Executive and Project Boards, comprised of elected volunteers. The National Office is located in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Do T.T.T. members pay dues?

Yes, full active members pay dues, usually between \$40 and \$50 each year. Dues support the Project and pay camp admission fees for each camper. The remainder of the dues, which varies according to the chapter, goes to the local chapter and to the state chapter or council. T.T.T. offers an Associate Member category at a lower dues rate. The Associate Member category is intended for women who want to support the Project but have other obligations that prevent them from full active participation.

Can anyone join T.T.T.?

Any woman can become a T.T.T. member. Our members range in age from 18 to 95 and older, and all find it very rewarding. Each new member participates in an impressive intitiation or welcoming ceremony, during which she pledges to support the T.T.T. project and her fellow members.

What kind of commitment is expected of members?

Some members can only attend local meetings and participate in their chapter's camp project and fundraising efforts. Other members enjoy attending state conventions and the biennial national convention. Some offer their skills through leadership roles at the local, state or national level. Members can select the time commitment that fits their lives with one goal of working for the camp project.

Where can I find more information about T.T.T.?

We'd love to have you join us as a T.T.T. member. Find out more by calling our National Office at 319-385-7246 or visit nationaltttsociety.org.

