



**Boy Scouts of America**  
**Troop 79**  
**Pikes Peak Council**  
***American Legion Post 209***



Dear Scout and Scouting Family,

I am delighted you have discovered our USAF Academy-based Troop 79 and hope you will find a meaningful Scouting experience with us.

For 108 years, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. BSA believes that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society. The Leadership of Troop 79, our Committee members, and our boys know you have many opportunities in Colorado Springs to choose a Troop. We believe our Troop and 50 years of traditions offer a unique experience—one that will meet all of your expectations as a member of the Boy Scouts.

To give you some idea of how our Troop exercises its mission to create responsible and productive young adults, we offer the following for your consideration:

- **Leadership Development:** We develop leaders through leadership experiences. Troop 79 is a Scout-led Troop in the model that Sir Baden-Powell devised more than a century ago. Anyone who desires it will get the opportunity to lead. We offer local and council-level leadership training and continuous mentorship to prepare scouts for any leadership role.
- **Basic Scouting Principles:** True to the Scout Law and the Scout Oath, we live by the principles and values of the BSA. We practice these with each other and while on camping adventures. A healthy respect and admiration for nature, for society, for America and for our own independence is what we gain from these principles.
- **High Adventure:** We take adventure trips. Some highlights of past outings include: a week at sea aboard a 75-foot Schooner at Florida Sea Base, a remote river canoe trip down the mighty Missouri retracing the Lewis and Clark Expedition, rim-to-rim hike through the Grand Canyon, white water rafting, snow skiing, ice climbing, hikes up 14'ers, and motor boating and sailing on Lake Pueblo. Each of these experiences is tied to enacting leadership principles, earning merit badges, or exposure to new skills.
- **Rank Advancement:** We ensure our Scouts work hard to earn their awards; instilling a sense of pride. At the same time, we encourage and closely track the merit badges and rank requirements of all our Scouts. Troop 79 has had great success in helping those who wish to become an Eagle Scout attain that lofty goal.
- **Adult Oversight and Management:** We expect and need a commitment from parents. As a small Troop, the involvement and mentoring from parents is integral to our experience. Whether as a BSA trained and certified leader, a committee member, or involved support parent, the Troop cannot run without your valued contributions.

Please join us in our historic hunting lodge on the USAF Academy and experience a lifetime of learning and adventure. We meet on **Monday evenings at 6:30 PM** at the Scout Huts directly across from the car wash. You can contact me at 931-220-7515 or [Rick.Cayemberg@gmail.com](mailto:Rick.Cayemberg@gmail.com) or visit us at <http://usafatrop79.wix.com/bsa-troop-79>.

Yours in Scouting,  
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