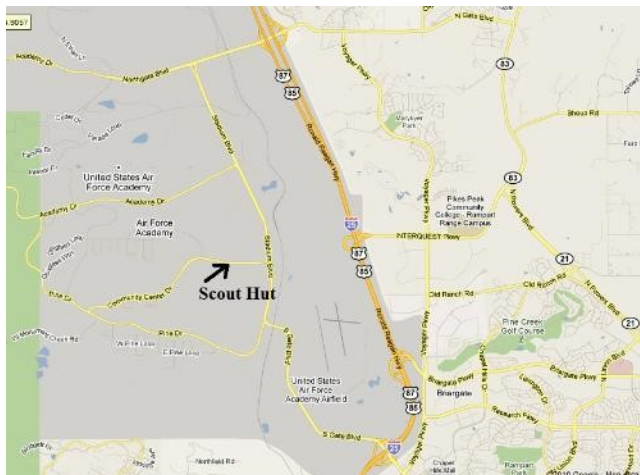


## Troop 78's Mission:

Boy Scout Troop 78 is chartered by the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates and maintains a membership of about 50 youth, focusing on:

- Adventure
- Advancement
- STEM-based Activities

111 Eagle Scouts have made Troop 78 their Scouting home. Will you?



**Meetings: Tuesdays, 7pm-8:30pm**  
**at the Historic Scout Huts,**  
**Community Center Drive, USAFA**  
**(except third Tuesdays, which are reserved for Patrol Time)**

*(We will sponsor your family for a DBIDS card if you do not have a military ID card)*

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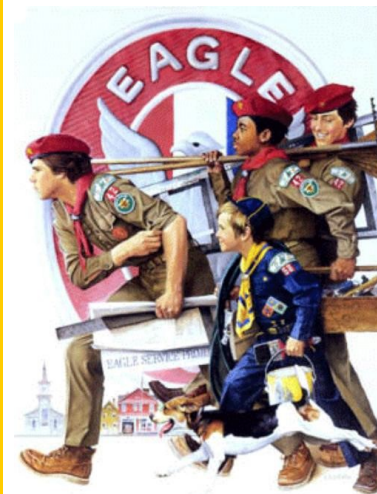
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## Boy Scout Troop 78



*A Journey to  
Excellence GOLD  
Award Winner  
since 2011*



**Adventure-based,  
STEM-focused,  
Fun with a  
Purpose!**

## *Modern Adventure in an Historic Location*

Troop 78 was founded more than 50 years ago on the grounds of the U.S.A.F. Academy. Chartered by the Academy's Association of Graduates, we enjoy a close relationship with the Academy and the Cadets' Eagles Club.

Since our founding in 1964, over one hundred youth members of Troop 78 have achieved the rank of Eagle. Our program is the same as Lord Baden-Powell's over a century ago: "A Game with a Purpose".

Our youth leaders plan outings and activities that are fun, and that teach the Scout skills necessary for advancement. Scouts can hone their skills and earn Merit Badges just by participating in our regular outings.



### **Adventure-Based**

Troop 78 is an active Troop. An overnight event is planned for almost every month of the year (even in the winter, when we participate in the Academy "Freeze-o-Ree" sponsored by the USAFA Cadets'



Eagles Club). We have Troop equipment for both car-camping as well as back-country adventure, and participate in Philmont Winter Adventure and summer treks. We do a high-adventure trek each

year, with a Philmont summer trek once every two or three years for Scouts ages 14 years and older. Some past treks have been a Green River (Canyon-lands) 52-mile canoe trip, and we are planning a Sea Base adventure in the Florida Keys for Summer 2018.



### **STEM-Focused**

The Boy Scouts of America recently created the NOVA program to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) awareness among its youth members.

Troop 78 fully embraces this program, and more than half of our Scouts have completed at least one NOVA Award. One has even earned the Dr. Bernard Harris SuperNOVA Bronze Medal!

In January, we host a "Camp-In" where we work on one of the four BSA NOVA awards. In 2017 the Scouts completed both the Chess Merit Badge and the "Designed to Crunch" NOVA Award, and in 2018 the Nuclear Science Merit Badge and "Start Your Engines!" NOVA Award.