

**Troop 79 - Crozet, VA**  
**Virginia Headwater's Council – Scouting America**



Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: When and where does Crozet Troop 79 Meet?**

A: We meet almost every Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8:3pm at Crozet United Methodist Church. The space in their basement, accessed by outside steps located around the back of the church.

**Q: Are you part of Crozet United Methodist Church, and if not, who is your Charter Organization?**

A: No, not exactly. We are grateful to CUMC for allowing us to hold our regular weekly troop meetings, Court of Honors, and special events at their facility. However, our Charter Organization is White Hall Ruritan Club.

**Q: Does the troop have a website?**

A: Yes...you can find us online at [www.CrozetTroop79.org](http://www.CrozetTroop79.org) (New site going live Aug 2025)

**Q: Is there a published calendar of events, meetings, and outings?**

A: Yes. We email this out periodically as updates are made and the latest can be found on our website.

**Q: Does my Scout have to come every week?**

A: No, not at all. The youth of our Troop decided years ago to do our best to offer weekly meetings to ensure Scouts have more opportunities to participate, work on rank advancement, and simply get things done while having fun. Weekly offerings allow each Scout to prioritize and take responsibility for their family, school and sports obligations the way they see fit. We found that EOW meetings, when you miss one, you end up missing a month of Scouting activity.

**Q: How often does the Troop go camping?**

A: The Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) plans an adventure for pretty much every month of the year. These include camping, hiking, backpacking, camporees, climbing, caving, whitewater, scoutcraft weekends, leadership trainings and more.

**Q: Is Troop 79 only boys?**

A: Yes. We are a Boy Troop. (If you have a daughter interested in Scouting too, please connect with our Scoutmaster to learn about local female troops)

**Q: What does it cost to be a Scout?**

A: The most inexpensive activity per year they will probably do. As of 2024, it is \$167, which includes our Troop Dues and National/Council Dues that pay for all awards/ranks/some uniform parts/scout book and contribute to the insurance and other admin fees of running a large organization.

However – While our Troop has some “hand me down” uniforms and we have loaner gear (so don’t go out and buy a bunch of gear right away), there are expenses for uniforms/t-shirts and various trips will cost various amounts. For camping and other adventures/activities it is a “pay to play”. For example, if you go on a backpacking trip, there may be a cost of food, whereas on a climbing trip we may have food costs and gear rental.

Camperships/Scholarships – Our Troop subscribes to the philosophy that “any boy who wants to go to camp can go to camp” even if there is a financial need. As a troop we help each other by conducting fundraisers together that contribute to the greater cause.

**Q: How do I sign my son up for Troop 79?**

A: There is an online application which is the best way to go. It can be found at: <https://my.scouting.org/online-registration/c97bfa6e-831d-455a-9a71-83ccc70a8e8a/applicant-type> and simply choose the Youth option.

**Q: As a parent, the camping sounds fun, may I go on the overnight adventures too?**

A: Yes, but you must become a registered Adult Leader. This is a new requirement as of Sept 1, 2023 whereas all adults that join us on overnights have completed Youth Protection Training (YPT), a completed application, dues paid, and a complete background check. Same link as above, but simply choose adult. We have many roles for Adult Leadership positions, but not all adults that register must hold a position. Before signing up, please connect with Scoutmaster Schnell to answer any and all questions.

**Q: My son wants to join, but unsure if he wants to pursue becoming an Eagle Scout. Does he have to work toward that?**

A: No he does not have to work on ranks if he doesn’t want too, but it is highly encouraged that when you join, that he works toward at least First Class Rank which embodies what it means to be a Scout. From there, once First Class, boys usually determine if they want to pursue Eagle Rank or not. If not, be assured we have several boys that are here for the adventure, fun and learning opportunities without going after Eagle Rank.

## **Other Facts about Boy Scout Troop 79**

- We are a youth led organization. At any given time, we have a bout 45 to 50 active scouts and about 2 dozen active adult leaders in our Troop that come from all over including Crozet, Free Union, Ivy, Batesville, Afton, Charlottesville, Augusta County.
- Most boys attend WAHS, HMS, AHS, Field School, Covenant, Cville Catholic, and many more.
- We attend a regional Scout Summer Camp (Merit Badge Camp) for one week each summer.
- In 2024, we sent four Crews worth of boys and adults to two of Scoutings Premiere High Adventure camps, 2 crews to Philmont High Adventure (Backpacking and so much more) and 2 crews to Florida Sea Base (Diving and so much more).
- In 2025 we are sending crews back to Sea Base and to Northern Tier.
- We conduct an annual US Flag retirement ceremony every Tuesday after Memorial Day.
- We will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025.

## **Questions?**

### **Contact information**

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