

Corey Johnson Eagle Scout Troop 200

• What Troop 200 Meant to Me!

I came to Troop 200 late after transferring from another Troop. I was not happy with the experience in my previous Troop and had several friends in Troop 200. I had strong ties with the leaders in Troop 200 as well. It was the best decision I ever made and the reason I am among the ranks of Eagle Scouts to this day.

When I transferred I immediately was fast tracking on advancement which had stalled along with my enthusiasm in my old troop. I cannot remember what rank I was when I transferred, however, I completed my Eagle days before my 18th Birthday. I credit Will Locke and Chuck Evans and many other leaders for standing behind me and encouraging me to complete a lifelong dream. I also was inducted into the Order of the Arrow during that time and completed my ordeal while in Troop 200.

One of the greatest things I accomplished in Troop 200, however, was my first High Adventure Trip. In 1983, under Mr. Locke's leadership, a group embarked on an amazing and grueling adventure. We went to Colorado and in a course of several days biked Vail and Tennessee passes, climbed La Plata peak (14,336ft), Grizzly Peak (13,988 ft) and ran Mt. of the Holy Cross Trail. This trip had an indelible effect on me that carried over into my adult life.

I have carried my Scouting experience and "stood on the shoulders" of leaders before me as an adult. I am a Brotherhood member of the OA and was a Cubmaster and now an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 640 in Littleton, CO. I have led three High Adventure Trips going to Yellowstone two times and Alaska/British Columbia one time. I am planning my next trip with the Troop to Alaska and Denali National wilderness in 2019. I have hiked hundreds and hundreds of miles with a great group of young men all over Colorado, Wyoming, Alaska and British Columbia. I have led numerous hikes on 14,000 foot peaks with scouts as well. Both my sons have been involved in Scouts with my oldest attaining the rank of Eagle Scout this past year.

I genuinely feel I am who I am today because of Scouting and the experiences of Troop 200. I continue to utilize the skills and experiences in my life 35 years after getting my Eagle Scout. I invoke the training and leadership I experienced in Troop 200 in every aspect of my life as a Scouter. I will forever cherish the friendships, and relationships I continue to have to this day that flourished while a member of Troop 200. May she continue for many more years and impact the lives of many more leaders to come.

With fond memories and appreciation,

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