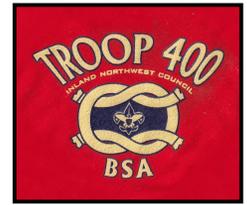


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Welcome New Scouts

This is the time of year when we welcome many new Scouts into Troop 400. This year we're excited by the energy and enthusiasm these new Scouts bring to our troop. Welcome new Scouts, we're happy you joined us. Get ready for a great adventure!

Your Troop in Action

Here's what's been going on in Troop 400 since our last newsletter:

Spring Camporee – Camp Cowles

We had a great turn out for our semi annual competition with the rest of the Troops in the Grizzly district. The weather was amazing and we managed to bring home 7 ribbons! Congratulations to all participants. You were awesome!

Medical Forms

With summer camp and high adventure coming up, it is time once again to update your Scout's medical records. Medical form can be downloaded from our website at:

<http://www.troop400.net/documents/MedicalForm.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Campout	May 18 – 20
Court of Honor	May 20
Memorial Day – No Meeting	May 28
PLC	June 7
Committee Meeting	June 18
Family Campout	June 30- July 1

Summer is Just around the Corner

You can feel it in the air; summer is just around the corner. Summer brings a few changes to our normal Troop routine. Starting June 4th throughout the summer, you can wear a boy scout T-shirt (summer camp T-shirt or my favorite – the Troop 400 T-Shirt) to Troop meetings. If you are still interested in an official Troop 400 T-shirt, contact our Michelle Fossum.

Family Campout

Ever wonder what your son does each month when he heads out on a campout? Ever wish you could go on a Scout campout with your son, but felt a little intimidated to go all out (*I mean, really, who camps in the snow?*) Did you ever want to get to know some of the other parents in the Troop just a little better, but never had enough time at the meetings? Well here is your chance. We're having our inaugural family campout this June. We'll be camping at Farrugut State Park the weekend of July 30th. The whole family is invited! You'll have a great time and doing activities just like the scouts (without all the hassle of passing a Board of Review at the end!)

Summer Camp Update

Summer Camp is scheduled for the week of August 1st at Camp Easton. We have a great turnout this year and everyone is looking forward to an outstanding week!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to go. As a reminder, the final payment for summer camp was due by May 14th. Please contact Dana for information on making your camp payment.



High Adventure Update

One of the highlights of our Scouting year is the high adventure trip held during the summer. This year, the Scouts have chosen a 50 mile backpacking trip in the Olympic Mountains. This trip will sure to be the highlight of the Scouting year. Due to the physical nature of this trip, the BSA national height and weight guidelines will be enforced. The trip is scheduled for the week of August 12th. Below is a schedule for our shakedown hikes. Each participant needs to go on one of the 1st two and the 3rd hike at Mt. Spokane.

Iller Creek Conservation Area	May 25, 5:00
Liberty Lake Loop	June 23, 9:00
Mt. Spokane	July 21, 9:00

For more information, contact Blake McKinley.

A Note from the SPL

Hello everyone,

It's Tyler; I just wanted to talk about cool quotes. One of my favorite quotes is "to give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." I am sorry I don't know the person who said that quote (if you do know, please tell me). To me that quote is what I try to live by.

Another great quote is "if you have a body you are a athlete" I am also sorry I don't know who said that either (these are real quotes - I got them from my coach).

If you have any cool quotes please or just want to chat, e-mail me at cloverseven1@hotmail.com.

See ya'll at the meeting

Tyler



Scoutmaster's Minute

There is a lot of momentum and excitement in our Troop right now. We have a great group of young men that have joined Troop 400 over the last year. We have added 11 Scouts in the last 12 months and that says a lot about the welcoming environment of Troop 400.

I was looking at some old rosters from when my son, Nate, first joined the troop 10 years ago. To my astonishment, I found that we have nearly tripled in size in that time. This is a testament to the great Scouts we have in this Troop and the great adult leaders who volunteer their time to help these Scouts succeed.

I want to take this time to thank each of you for your time and dedication to the Troop. Troop 400 is a special place and it is you and your sons who make it special.

Gary

