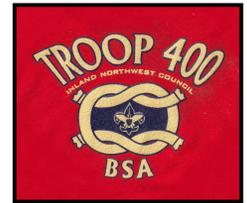


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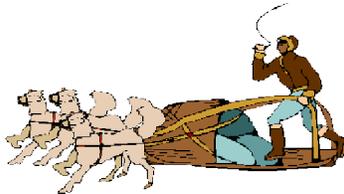


Your Troop in Action

Here's what's been going on in Troop 400 over the past two months.

Klondike at Camp Cowles

The troop went to Camp Cowles in January to participate in Scout competitions with troops from the northern end of the council. This was a great event and the troop brought home numerous awards. The highlight of the Klondike is the sled race between the participation troops, and while there wasn't a lot of snow this year to hold this competition, the troop held its own sled race between the patrols.



Webelos Fun Day

In early February the Scouts hosted a "meet and greet" for Webelos from various area Cub Scout Packs to check out what Boy Scouts has to offer. We had four stations set up (archery, cooking, fire starting, and lashings) where the Webelos could learn some new skills while getting to know our Troop. This event is a great recruiting tool for the troop and helps break the ice for new Scouts joining the Troop.

Day at Silver Rapids

We did something just for fun for our February event. Due to a low snow year, the scouts decided to hurry summer along by heading off to Silver Rapids water park in Kellogg for a day of fun in the surf!



Upcoming Events

PLC	Mar 9, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting	Mar 15 6:30 pm
Campout,	Mar 19 - 21
Court of Honor	Mar 22, 6:00 pm
Spring Break begins (no meeting)	Mar 29
PLC	April 13, 6:30 pm
Committee Meeting	Apr 19, 6:30 pm
Campout	Apr 23-25

High Adventure Update

Did you hear? We are having two high adventure trips this year!

- Trip 1: 150 mile bicycle trip through Eastern Washington/Northern Idaho. This trip is scheduled for June 23rd - June 27th. Scouts age 13 and 1st class are eligible to go on this event. For more information, contact Scott McKinley.
- Trip 2: 50 mile backpacking trip in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. This trip is scheduled for August 13th - 19th. Due to the physical nature of this trip, the BSA national height and weight guidelines will be enforced. For more information, contact Ben Hutchens

Summer Camp Update

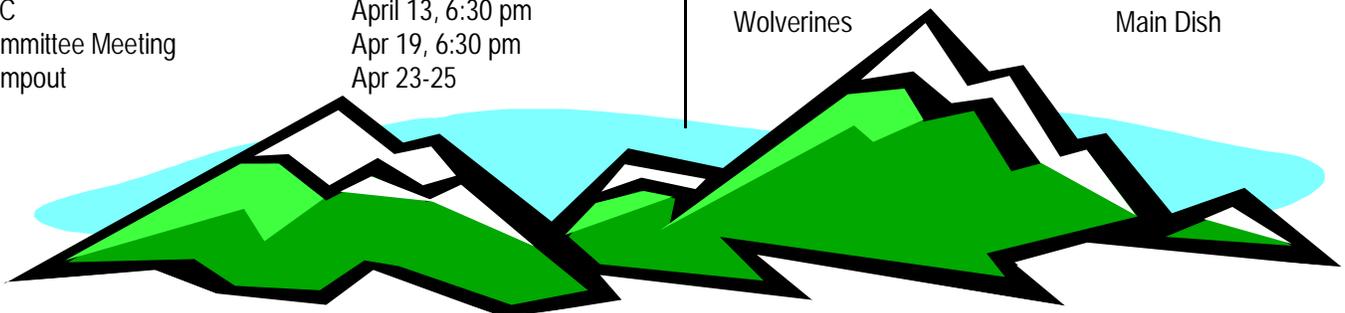
This year the Scouts are attending Camp Easton as their week long summer camp. This camp is new to the troop and the Scouts are really looking forward to a great week. Camp is scheduled the week of August 1st. Costs are \$245 per Scout and \$100 per adult. Below are key dates to ensure your space at camp:

Refundable Deposit of \$25	February 5 th
Nonrefundable Deposit of \$75	March 26 th
Final installment of \$145	May 14 th

Court of Honor

Our Court of Honor will be held on March 22nd. This special event showcases the achievements of our Scouts since our last Court of Honor. We will be conducting the ceremony in the worship center beginning at 6:00 pm. A potluck will be held immediately following the Court of Honor. Below is the list of patrol responsibilities for the potluck:

Mountain Men	Main Dish
Eagles	Main Dish
Jackalopes	Dessert
Geckos	Main Dish
Wolverines	Main Dish



A Note from the SPL

These past couples of months have been awesome; the troop has taken five ribbons at the Camp Cowles Klondike, along with taking the pure gold for best spirit! Our patrols are doing great with hosting their particular month; Eagle Patrol hosted January, Jackalopes with February and our current hosts, the Wolverines. Each patrol will get a chance to host a month and teach scout skills to the troop; all of these skills will be needed for our troop's upcoming events, such as the next Spring Camporee and a special event that will be held this summer for all the patrols to compete in and win some amazingly awesome prizes.

We have our March Court of Honor coming up here quick on the 22nd. Along with Court of Honors; we have had a handful of new Troop 400 Eagle Scouts these past few months, including our most recent Eagles Adam Blyckert. Also, I myself and my brother Jeff are having our Eagle Court of Honor this month on the 27th, you are all invited and we hope all of you are able to come.

So far the troop is running smoothly, slowly as we progress to become better and better; we will remain as the top and best troop in the entire district of Grizzly.

Steven

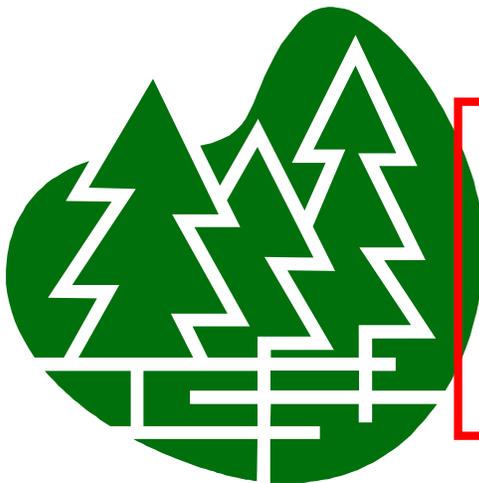


Scoutmaster's Minute

One of the great benefits I have in being involved with Scouting is the association I have with such outstanding young men and their families. Nothing drove this home for me more than a lunch meeting I had recently with a coworker of mine. My coworker volunteers as a case worker dealing with youth who have made some poor decisions and are now facing legal issues. She was complaining that the youth of today have a different set of morals and convictions than "we" had when we were that age. I totally agree, but not the way you might think. You see, I do think that today's youth, at least the youth I have the privilege to work with in Scouting, do have a different outlook than I had at their age – they have a much more positive outlook than I had at their age. That's not to say that I was a rotten kid (at least I like to think so!) I was a good student, stayed out of trouble, worked hard, was active in my church – all those things we teach our kids to value. The biggest difference I see today is that the youth I work with truly think they can impact the world in a positive way; that they can change the world. I didn't have any such lofty goals.

I realize that my coworkers' perspective and mine are so vastly different because of the type of youth we deal with, but that's the point, isn't it. Scouting instills values that lead to positive outcomes. So congratulations and thank you to everyone who devotes their time and energy to this program. Now go out and change the world!

Gary



The Outdoor Code

*As an American, I will do my best to
be clean in my outdoor manners,
be careful with fire,
be considerate in the outdoors,
and
be conservation minded*