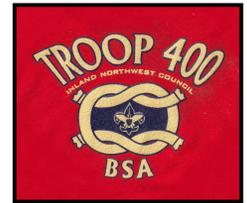


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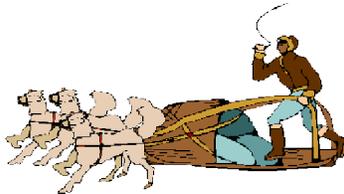


Your Troop in Action

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. We had plenty of snow this year so the race was a great success!



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 six stations set up (archery, cooking, fire starting, stove safety, gear essentials, 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.

Camp Cowles

Below zero temperatures are not enough to stop Troop 400! Our February campout was up at Camp Cowles. As a nod to safety, we did camp in nice heated cabins, but the day's events were spent outside. Who knew that propane tanks can freeze at 5 below?!



Upcoming Events

Court of Honor	Mar 28, 6:00 pm
PLC	Mar 30, 6:30 pm
Spring Break begins (no meeting)	Apr 4
Committee Meeting	Apr 18, 6:30 pm
Campout	Apr 29 – May 1

High Adventure Update

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

- Trip 1: Sea Kayaking through the San Juan's. Scouts age 13 and 1st class are eligible to go on this event.
- Trip 2: 50 mile backpacking trip in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Due to the physical nature of this trip, the BSA national height and weight guidelines will be enforced.

More information as to dates and costs will be coming out in the near future.

Summer Camp Update

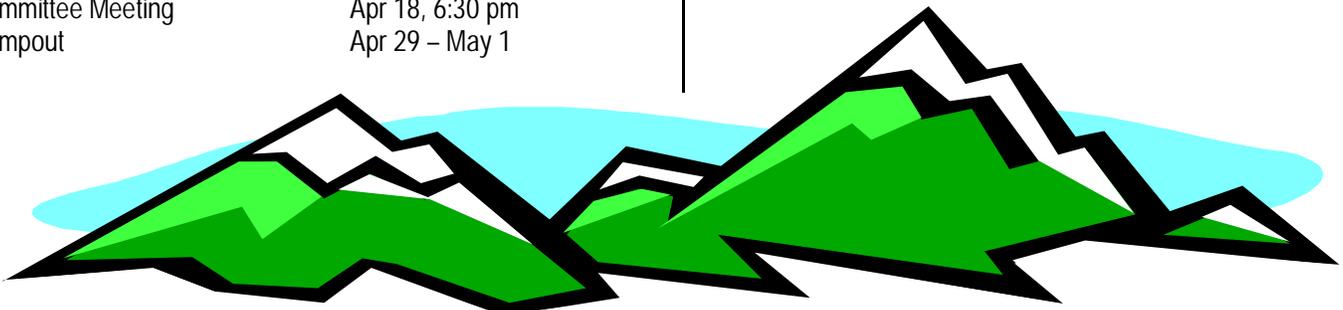
This year the Scouts are attending Camp Pigott as their week long summer camp. This camp is new to the troop and the Scouts are really looking forward to a great week. Camp is scheduled the week of July 24th. Costs are \$275 per Scout and \$135 per adult. Below are key dates to ensure your space at camp:

1 st Pmt of \$150	Now
Final installment of \$125	May 1 st

Court of Honor

Our Court of Honor will be held on March 28th. 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:

Phoenix	Dessert
Eagles	Main Dish
Jackalopes	Plates, Cups, Drinks
Geckos	Main Dish
Wolverines	Set Up/Clean Up
Falcons	Side Dishes



A Note from the SPL

Dear Troop 400,

First off, I would like to welcome all new scouts and their families to our troop. Our troop strives to teach scout skills and have fun.

The meetings are running smoothly and the campouts have been great. In January we went to Klondike. February we went to Cowles and a great time sledding. Look forward to our next campout on the 25th. The service patrols have been doing an excellent job providing to the troop great hands-on scout skills. Keep up the good work. Next month the Jackalopes will be teaching fire starting.

Here are a few upcoming events; we have a Court of Honor March 28th. We will have awards, recognition and a feast (the theme is All-American). Also, spring break is coming up so we will have no meeting that week. PLC (patrol leaders only) is Wednesday the 30th.

Nick



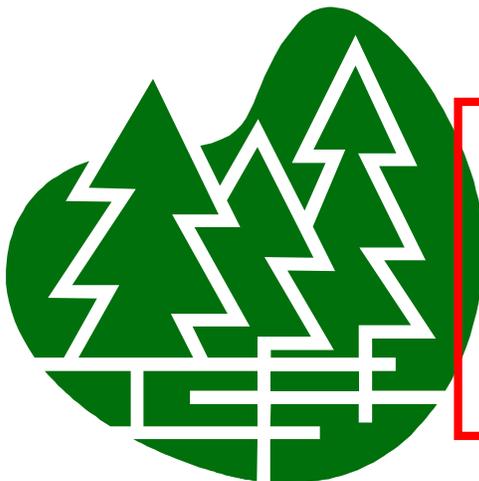
Scoutmaster's Minute

In January we participated in the Thunderbird District Klondike. These district wide events are a great opportunity for our Scouts to test their skills in competition against other Troops. Sometimes we do well, sometimes not so well. It is really interesting to watch these young men strategize on how to win these events. A few years ago the Troop decided it really wanted to win the overall Camporee championship. They figured the best way to do this was to take the most experienced Scouts from each patrol and combine them into a provisional patrol for the events. Their reasoning was sound – take the strongest members you have, put them together in a team and watch them clean up (the Troop 400 "dream team")!

Our dream team did terrible. They didn't take home a single 1st place ribbon in any of the events. It wasn't because they didn't know their knots or 1st Aid – in reality they probably knew more than most of the Scouts they were competing against. They didn't win because they all tried to take charge and lead. They spent most of their allotted time at the events jockeying for leadership. They were too busy talking at each other that they forgot to listen to each other. In short, they failed to work as a team.

Sometimes being a good leader means being a good follower. Understanding the diversity of the team and what each member brings to it is vital to the achievement of any goal – whether it be in Scouting or in life.

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*