

# Scouting Times

Troop 400

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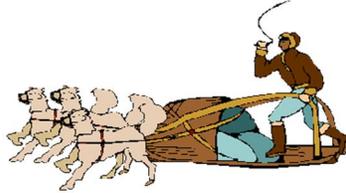


## Your Troop in Action

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 five stations set up (archery, cooking, fire starting, knots, and team building) 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.

### Silver Rapids Water Park

The Scouts wanted a change of pace for February and went to the Silver Rapids theme park for a day of fun and to try and hurry summer along!

### Cheney Wetlands

The Scouts spent the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> camping on 500+ acres near Turnbull Wildlife Refuge. The Scouts participated in an in-depth 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Scenario (one they won't soon forget) as well as exploring the area and a great campfire. This is sure to be a campout they won't soon forget.

## Upcoming Events

Spring Break begins (no meeting)	Apr 2
Committee Meeting	Apr 16, 6:30 pm
	May 14, 6:30 pm
Campout	Apr 20 – 23
	May 18 – 20

## Troop Leadership

Troop 400 is led by a group of young men who have been elected by their fellow Scouts to serve in a leadership capacity for a six month term. Beginning in March, the following Scouts assumed the leadership for the Troop:

Senior Patrol Leader	Tyler Durall
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Garrett Major
Scribe	Josh Patchett
Quartermaster	Tyler Haase
Chaplain's Aid	Matthew Nelson
Librarian	Bradley Barclay
Troop Guide	Noah Lobdell
Troop Instructor	Seth Wolkey

### Patrol Leaders:

Geckos	Dylan Verran
Jackalopes	Craig Robertson
Narwhals	Garrett Ferguson
Phoenix	Aaron Nelson
Wolverines	Ryan Hammond

## 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 either the Olympic National Park or the Eagle Cap Wilderness. This trip will surely be the highlight of the Scouting year. The trip is slated for the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Summer Camp Update

This year the Scouts are attending Camp Easton as their week long summer camp. This camp is a favorite of the troop and the Scouts are really looking forward to a great week. Camp is scheduled the week of July 29<sup>th</sup>. Costs are \$275 per Scout and \$100 per adult.

## 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>



## A Note from the SPL

Hello everyone,

My name is Tyler Durall. I am the new Senior Patrol Leader. A little about me: I started Scouting in the 3rd grade when my step father ask me if I wanted to be in Scouts. Not really knowing much about Scouts but interested in trying new things, I said "yes"! I joined Pack 455 as a Bear. I was a bit skeptical at first but then got to really liking Scouts. I've been in Scouts ever since (I'm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and I will keep going until I reach Eagle.

Some of my goals are to help the troop with skills and to be more ENERGIZED with the campouts and at the meetings. I will make sure the scouts feel welcomed and have fun but I will also make sure that the things that need to be done get done before we have fun. I am always open to ideas so if you have any please let me know.

*Tyler*



## Scoutmaster's Minute

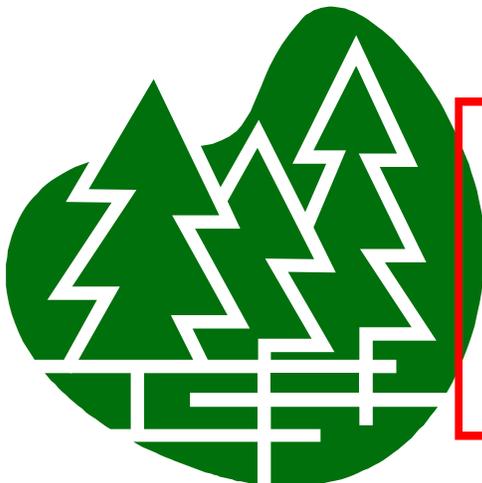
Last weekend I was camping with the Scouts at the Cheney wetlands. We were exploring the area when we came across a large boulder that had been deposited there from the great Missoula ice-age floods. A few of the boys decided to climb up on it, but it appeared that not everyone in the troop could fit. Try as they might, the last few scouts just couldn't climb up onto the rock. They were convinced it was just too small a rock to fit everyone. Not wanting to let this learning opportunity pass us by, the Scoutmasters challenged the Scouts to work as a team, rather than individuals and solve the problem of how to get everyone up. It took a few attempts and many, "It can't be done!" but eventually, working as a team, they managed to get everyone up on the rock.

This may seem like a small accomplishment, but this is a great example of Scouts pushing beyond the boundaries of what they thought possible. They were convinced the problem was too big to overcome. As individuals trying to tackle the problem, it probably was. Working as a team, though, they were able to sort it out.

At the end of every campout I ask the Scouts what the highlight of the trip was. Most of the Scouts I asked pointed to the great campfire we had Saturday night. This was indeed a great and memorable event. From my standpoint, though, the highlight of the trip was seeing the pride in the Scouts faces as they all sat on top of that boulder, having accomplished a task that they absolutely knew, without a shred of doubt, that it couldn't be done.

Isn't that what Scouting is all about?

*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*