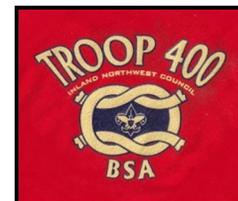


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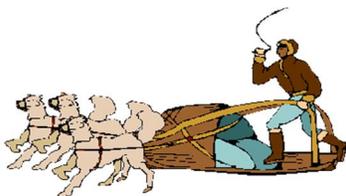


Your Troop in Action

Here's what's been going on in Troop 400 over the past few 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 – including Grand Champion! 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 four stations set up (lashing, cooking, fire starting, and an obstacle course) 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.

Upcoming Events

Spring Break begins (no meeting) Apr 2

Committee Meetings Apr 16, 6:30 pm
May 14, 6:30 pm

Campouts March 22 – 24
Apr 20 – 23
May 18 – 20
June 28 – 30

Service Patrols April Geckos (Knots)
May Jackalopes (Fire Starting)
June Wolverines (1st Aid)

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 February, the following Scouts assumed the leadership for the Troop:

Senior Patrol Leader	Matthew Nelson
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Ben Lobdell
Scribe	Aaron Nelson
Quartermaster	Josh Lobdell
Librarian	Brad Barclay
Troop Guide	Logan Wolkey
	Ryan VanSteenkist

Patrol Leaders:

Geckos	Ben Brickner
Jackalopes	Tyler Haase
Phoenix	Chris Tveit
Wolverines	Tyler Durall

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 white water rafting trip on the Salmon River! This trip will sure to be the highlight of the Scouting year. The trip is slated for the week of July 8th



Summer Camp Update

This year the Scouts are attending Camp Melita Island as their week long summer camp. As the name implies, this camp is located on an island on Flathead Lake in NW Montana. This is a new camp for Troop 400 so it's sure to be a special time. Camp is scheduled the week of July 28th.

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

Hey everyone!

My name is Matthew Nelson and I'm your new SPL. This is my first newsletter article so I wanted to say a few things about the upcoming months.

To be honest, I don't have any goals for the troop yet. This doesn't mean I'm not going to have plans and ideas for the troop (I have plenty of those) but I'm not going to make the Scouts do stuff they don't want to. The goals that we will have will be the goals that you want to do.

I hope to have the PLC be even more involved than it has been in the past, so everyone can get their ideas out there and we can work to accomplish them.

Matthew



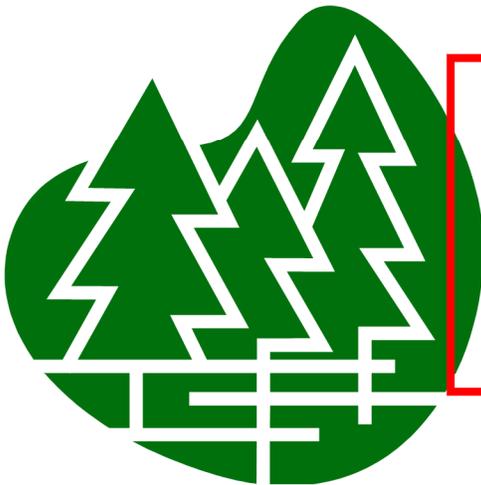
Scoutmaster's Minute

This is the time of year when we welcome the arrival of a new group of Scouts who have crossed over from Cub Scouting into the larger world of Boy Scouting. This is a time of great transition for these new Scouts. They will be experiencing many adventures – many for the first time. It is an exciting time in their lives. From this program they will learn self-reliance, as well as the value of teamwork, to get a job done. They will learn citizenship and the rights and responsibilities of living in a free country. They will learn leadership and what it means (and does not mean) to be a leader. They will form tight bonds of friendship that can last their entire lives. Most importantly, they will come to understand that the Scout Oath and Law is not just something they recite, but something they live.

They will experience frustrations along the way, but also a great deal of pride in accomplishing tasks they felt were out of reach. At times, they will become discouraged - wondering if all this trouble is worth it. That's where you, their parents' and mentors' come in. With your guidance and support, there is nothing that is out of their reach.

So, welcome, new Scouts. We're excited you're with us. Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime!

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*