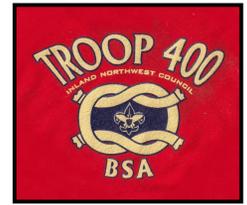


# Scouting Times

Troop 400  
www.troop400.net  
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## 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 July, the following Scouts assumed the leadership for the Troop:

Senior Patrol Leader	Jon Helm
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Nick Cantrell
Scribe	Josh Patchett
Historian	Brian Choate
Librarian	Taylor Smith
Chaplain's Aid	Mitch Burcham
Quartermaster	Ryan Hammond
Den Chief	Tyler Durall
Troop Guide	Ben Hutchens
Patrol Leaders:	
Falcons	Scott McKinley
Eagles	Chris Tveit
Jackalopes	Andrew Miranne
Geckos	Wes Helm
Wolverines	Davis Hill

These Scouts will be in these positions through December. Please thank these Scouts for their service to the troop!

## Your Troop in Action

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

### Camp Sunrise

The troop spent the weekend of June 19<sup>th</sup> camping at the Camp Sunrise located within the Cowles Scout Reservation. The weather was great and the Scouts worked on their pioneering skills – lashing together catapults and competing on the best design.

### Bicycle High Adventure

Our 1<sup>st</sup> high adventure trip of the season kicked off with a group of scouts bicycling over 150 miles on a 5 day trip through eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Our Scouts trained for months in preparation of the trip and were rewarded by a great adventure and memories that are sure to last a lifetime. Special recognition goes out to Scott McKinley who was the driving force behind making this trip happen. Congratulations to all participants!

## Upcoming Events

Committee Meeting	July 19, 6:30 pm
Resident Camp – Easton	Aug 1 – 7
Committee Meeting	Aug 2
Calendar Planning Mtg	Aug 10
Bitterroot High Adventure Trip	Aug 13 – 19
Committee Meeting	Aug 23
Campout	TBA

## Merit Badge Counselors Needed

Do you have a particular interest or ability? Chances are there is a merit badge for it! The purpose of the merit badge



program is to let Scouts examine a wide range of subjects to see if they would like to pursue them as a career or a vocation.

Troop 400 is continually looking for adults who can share their knowledge with our Scouts. Who knows, the badge you teach may spark a lifetime interest with a Scout!

While there is a particular need for counselors to teach eagle required badges, any badge is welcomed. There are over 100 merit badges to choose from, so you're sure to find one that interests you! Contact Gary (570-3721) with questions.

## Summer Camp Countdown

Summer Camp at Camp Easton is quickly approaching. Thirty four Scouts are attending camp the week of August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is one of the best turn out we've ever had and is a great opportunity to showcase how special Troop 400 is.

Scouts must have a current physical in order to go to camp. Forms can be downloaded from the troop web site, so get those physicals up to date.



## High Adventure Update

Our next high adventure trip is in final preparations! The Scouts are doing a 50 mile backpacking trip in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Updated physicals are required for everyone going. Time is short, so get those physicals completed!



## A Note from the Senior Patrol Leader

Troop 400 Scouts and Adults,

I am Jonathan Helm. I am currently going into my junior year in Running Start. My Scouting journey began in 2002 when I became a Bear Scout in Pack 123 located in Anchorage, Alaska. After I earned my Arrow of Light, I joined troop 214 and served as the Patrol Leader for the new scout patrol. I later joined the Panther patrol and was immediately elected Patrol Leader. As a member of Troop 214 I served as Patrol Leader 3 times and Scribe once. I also reached the rank of Star.

I took a year sabbatical from Scouting while my family moved down to Washington. In mid 2008 after having lived in Spokane for about 6 months I joined troop 400. In troop 400 I earned the rank of Life and have served as librarian and ASPL.

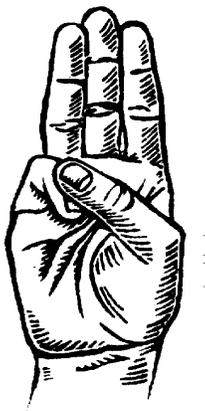
During my term I hope to finish my Eagle project and make Eagle.

I thank you all very much for electing me into this position and I hope to serve you well.

*Jon*



*Above  
And  
Beyond*



## Scoutmaster's Minute

One of the highlights of the Scouting year is our annual trip to a week long resident camp. This year the Scouts have chosen to go to Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d'Alene. It will be a great time and the Scouts will no doubt bring home many merit badges and rank advancement. This time of year is also very special in that this is the time where our new Scout Patrol, the Sasquatch, will disband and merge into our regular scout patrols. This is sure to be an exciting and nervous time for these Scouts. Since their introduction into Boy Scouting, the Sasquatch have been grouped together in a new Scout Patrol with a Troop Guide to help them with the transition to Boy Scouting. They have made significant progress and now it is time for them to fully assume the responsibilities of being a regular member of the Troop.

You may wonder why we choose to structure our patrols as mixed aged patrols. I can tell you it wasn't an easy decision to make. There are many arguments to be made on the merits of the mixed age patrol structure versus the age based patrol structure. We wrestled with this decision several years ago to switch to mixed aged patrol but ultimately switched for the following reasons:

- There are better opportunities for interaction and mentoring between our more experienced Scouts and our less experienced Scouts if they are in the same patrol.
- The mixed aged structure was the one used by Robert Bayden-Powell, the founder of Scouting. It is a time tested structure and one that helps foster the boy led model of scouting.

As parents and mentors of our newest Scouts, you may have questions or concerns about this upcoming transition. Rest assured my primary goal is to provide an encouraging and supportive environment where your son can experience the promise of Scouting. In the upcoming weeks, I will be visiting with each Scout in the Cobra patrol to get a sense of what his desire is for his patrol home.

The patrol structure is the primary structure in Scouting. I look forward to working with you to help make this transition a success.

*Gary*

