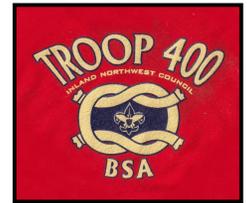


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Your Troop in Action

Here has been what's going on in Troop 400 last month

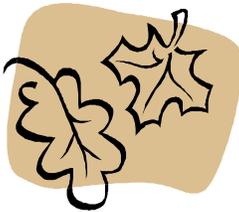
Browns Lake

11 Scouts and 5 Scouters went up to Browns Lake for a weekend of service and fun. The service included picking up trash along a trail that circles the lake. The fun was building a bridge across a narrow section of the lake. Boaters will no doubt appreciate the effort...

Fall Camporee - Camp Cowles

A group of energetic Scouts represented Troop 400 in the annual Fall Camporee at Camp Cowles in October. The Camporee consisted of competitions between the various

Troops in our Grizzly district. We had the pleasure of hosting Webelos from Pack 420. Based on feedback from both scouts and parents, everyone had a great time and are excited about continuing their adventures beyond cub scouting



Congratulations Scouts on your accomplishments at the Fall Camporee!

Food Drive

Once again the Troop participated in the annual Scouting for Food drive by delivering bags in the Upper Ridgemont/Morningside neighborhoods the morning of November 6th and picking up food on the following Saturday.



Special thanks to Jacob Hills and Adrienne Choate for organizing this year's drive.

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And
Beyond*



Summer Camp Update

Mark your calendars for the week of July 24 - 30! This is the date Troop 400 will be going to summer camp at Camp Pigott in the Chief Seattle Council. Our Troop has never attended summer camp at Camp Pigott so this year's experience will sure to be memorable. We're still in need of adults who want to spend a week acting like a kid again! For more information contact Gary (570-3721).



Court of Honor is November 29th

Our next Court of Honor is approaching. This special event showcases the achievements of our Scouts since our last Court of Honor. We will be conducting the ceremony in the church worship center starting at 6:30 pm. A potluck dinner will be held immediately following the Court of Honor. Stay tuned for more information.

Poinsettia Sale Begins

Outfitting a Scout can be an expensive proposition. A good tent, sleeping bag, and other gear (not to mention summer camp fees) can get expensive. Scouting shouldn't be available for only those whose families can afford it. This is the reason why we conduct fundraisers throughout the year. Not only does the Scout earn money for the troop, but he earns money for himself. Two thirds of all profits raised by a Scout through our fundraisers go back to the Scout himself to be used for outdoor gear or camp fees. In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, Troop 400 is selling beautiful poinsettias. Order forms and details were handed out at the last few scout meetings. Additional details can be found on our website at

<http://www.troop400.net/poinsettias>

Popcorn Pickup

Sharon Miranne, our popcorn chairperson will be picking up popcorn from the Council on November 19th. Please make arrangements with Sharon to pick up your popcorn on the 20th. For those of you who will be attending the campout on the 20th, please make arrangements with Sharon to pick up your popcorn prior to the 25th.



A Note from the SPL

Dear affiliates of troop 400,

This fall our troop has been very active - we have multiple Eagle projects going on, the pumpkin plunge, poinsettia sales, popcorn sales, and many other events. At the Camporee we did very well, winning multiple first-place ribbons, and having high attendance at the polar bear plunge. We have been having good attendance at the troop meeting considering how busy many scouts are with school and other activities. All in all, our troop has been performing very well.

We do, however, need to work on first aid, as we did poorly at the first aid event at the Camporee. The patrol method needs to be worked on as well as the patrols need to act more cohesively and engage in more activities outside of the troop.

Next month the theme is Snow Sports and I plan to have patrol meetings that month, and I will work with the Falcons to see exactly how that would work. As January's theme is First Aid, and we need to work on it; I would appreciate it if some of the adults with a medical background would come forward and volunteer to help teach the scouts about first aid. I look forward to seeing how this troop rises to meet these issues and would like to wish all of you a happy Thanks-Giving.

Jon



Upcoming Events

Committee Meeting	Nov. 15, 6:30 pm
Popcorn pickup	Nov. 20
November Campout	Nov. 19 – 21
Court of Honor	Nov. 29, 6:30 pm
Poinsettia Orders Due	November 29
Patrol Leaders Council Meeting	Dec. 2, 6:30 pm
Boards of Review	Dec. 6, 7:00 pm
Committee Meeting	December 13, 6:30 pm
Troop Overnighter	Dec. 17

Scoutmaster's Minute

Like many of you, I have a box of "Stuff" that sits on my workbench. When I do a project, if there's a few screws left over, I dump them in my box of "Stuff." If I have an extra nut or bolt or piece of wire or hinge, it goes in my box of "Stuff." Some of these things have been in there, never used, for almost 20 years. But, I know they are there. I know because I will occasionally need a screw or bolt and I rummage through there until I find one. Every time I do that, I see what else is still there; ready to be used when needed.

Just like my box of "Stuff", everything our Scouts learn in Scouting goes into his box of "Stuff" up in his brain. It's ready for that one day when it's needed.

Through Scouting, our sons have learned things like how to fuse the end of a rope; how to identify poisonous plants; how to perform basic 1st Aid. Will they use these skills every day? No. But some day when the need arises, they will reach into their box of "Stuff" and remember something they learned in Scouts that will give them the tools they need to respond to the problem they're facing.

When you use something from your box of "Stuff", you should also check out all the other things you have in there. Take some time and refresh your skills so you remember you have them.

Like a lot of the items in my box of "Stuff", some skills may sit there unused for years until you find yourself in an emergency when you need to dump out your whole box and put all of it to use. That's when you'll be glad you have your box of "Stuff" full to the brim.

Gary

