

Parents

Guide

Troop 401

Troop 401 was originally formed as Troop 1 of Auburn of the Seattle Area Council in 1923 or earlier, under charter of the Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Harlan R. Stone as it's Scoutmaster. On February 10, 1925, the charter was sponsored by a group of citizens. On January 1, 1926, the Auburn Kiwanis Club took over as our sponsor and has been ever since.

IN 1927, the troop number was changed to 401 as all troops in the Green River District were assigned a 400 series number. In 1997, the troop was made part of the new Foothills District.

Web Site: www.auburntroop401.com

COST TO JOIN TROOP 401

We require annual dues of \$40.00 per year. This is for troop operations. It is prepaid at the time of registration and is prorated for new scouts join Troop 401.

The registration fee is \$10.00 per year, paid in December. This is a mandatory fee as it goes to the National Office of the Boy Scouts.

Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts and Scouters (adults) transferring into the troop pay a \$1.00 fee.

If the Scout desires the Boy's Life magazine, it will cost \$12.00 per year, payable at registration time.

A Boy Scout uniform is required and can be purchased at the Puget Sound Scout shop at 3120 Rainier Avenue South in Seattle which has a large selection. Used uniforms are permitted and can be purchased at a thrift store such as St. Vincent on Auburn Way North or free through out uniform exchange program if available. Note: The Boy Scouts of America has changed to a new style of uniform. The old style uniform will be sold until supplies last.

Uniform Insignia – required of all scouts and scouters in the troop. These can be obtained from the troop:

Troop 401 Neckerchief	\$4.00
Shoulder Loops	\$2.00/pair
Shoulder Patch Chief Seattle	\$2.99
Veteran Unit Bar (85)	\$1.20
Numerals 401 (combined)	\$1.50
Chief Seattle pocket patch	\$1.70
Metal Neckerchief Slide	\$2.40
World Scout Crest Emblem (purple)	\$1.50

The following items are required in priority order, approximate prices are listed below.

Boy Scout Handbook #33105	\$9.00
Nylon book cover (recommended) #34002A	\$9.00
<u>Short</u> sleeve shirt	\$25.00
Trousers	\$40.00
Socks	\$5.00

Optional Uniform Items

Summer Short	\$25.00
Summer Activity Shirts	\$20.00
Summer Knee Socks	\$5.75
Any BSA summer camp or jamboree T-shirts when deemed hot enough by the Scoutmaster.	

Rank, troop office and patrol patches are furnished by the troop at no additional cost.

Wearing of the Uniform

The Scout is required to wear a full uniform at **ALL** troop meetings, court of honors and troop activities where the troop has been invited to participate in i.e.: Veterans Day Parade, escort of VIP at the Veterans Day Parade, Flag Ceremonies etc... During the summer, Scouts may wear the Scouts shorts, summer activity shirt or appropriate Scout T-shirt and the Scout socks. He is required to wear the full uniform during supper meal at Scout Camp. He is permitted to wear the summer uniform for the rest of the week, unless required to wear the full uniform. Each camp differs.

COST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

Summer Camp

The troop typically participates in summer camp; this camp is more costly than our usual outings. Payment is collected on a payment schedule to make it easier for all our scouting families.

Winter Camp

The troop typically participates in winter camp in and traditionally stays over Friday and Saturday nights.

Campouts

Depending on the number of nights planned for a monthly campout, the cost can vary; and will include the transportation cost as well. Each patrol is responsible for planning its own menu and the purchase of the necessary food. The chief cook for the weekend will collect \$5 to \$10 from each scout depending on what they plan to eat. Adults attending the campout will plan their food together.

Night Hike

There is an annual event for the entire district where scouts come together and compete on a patrol basis. This cost is paid at least two months ahead of time. The camporee is normally scheduled in late September or early October.

Order of the Arrow

If a Scout is elected by a fellow Scouts to the honorary society of the **Order of the Arrow**; he is responsible to pay for his OA sash, OA handbook and the food that is provided.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

If and when your Scout reaches Eagle Scout, the cost of the Eagle Court of Honor can be the next highest cost. When he receives the notification that the national office of the Boy Scouts has approved his application, you and the troop have to make plans for his Eagle Court of Honor. The Troop has an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Planning Guide available for your use. Expenses may include the deluxe Eagle Badge set, blank invitations and program covers, the Eagle Scout napkins, table cloths, plates, cups and refreshments. It is up to the Eagle Scout and his family.

Scout Advancement

A Scout is responsible for his own advancement. When he has learned or earned the requirement for his next rank, he will contact a Scout who is First Class or above and indicate what he has learned and need testing on. The higher rank Scout will sign and date the particular requirement in the handbook in a legible manner. When the requirement indicates to demonstrate, that means to actually do the requirement, not talk about it.

Scoutmaster Conference

When a Scout has all the requirements completed for his next rank, he will contact the Scoutmaster and make an appointment for the Scoutmaster Conference. Upon completion, the Scoutmaster will initial and date the handbook.

Board of Review

After his conference with the Scoutmaster, the Scout will contact the Advancement Chairman and make an appointment for the Board of Review. The Board will discuss with the Scout about his successes, failures and scouting experiences in general with emphasis on the Scout Law and Oath. If the board concurs, the Board Chairman will initial and date the handbook. If they do not concur, the Scout will be told what needs to be done to complete the requirements and to reschedule the Board of Review.

The Scout will be presented his cloth badge at the close of the Troop meeting after the Advancement Chairman and Scoutmaster has been notified by the Board of Review. The card and mothers pin will be given at the next Court of Honor.

Scouters (Leaders)

Committee Chairman	Dave Bishop	253-735-0901
Scoutmaster	Mike Peterson	253-939-3229
Recruitment Chair	Bill Brandner	253-939-7051
Answer Man	Erik Schutten	253-735-9565

Parent Responsibility

Parents are also members of the troop. Their responsibility includes the following:

- Attend the troop committee meeting.
- Support Scouts by ensuring they have the proper uniform, advance when possible to the next rank and attend troop activities.
- Support troop activities, including furnishing transportation at least three (3) times annually.
- Participate in troop fund raising events.
- Be informed of troop activities and their son's experiences.
- Provide responsible feedback of your son's experiences.

Parents are the leaders, assistants and support people for the troop. Without parents, their scouts would be unable to have a program.

Adult positions within the troop are:

Scoutmaster
Committee Chairman
Assistant Scoutmasters
Quartermaster
Camping Chairman
Transportation Chairman
Recruitment Chairman
Committee Secretary
Committee Treasurer
Advancement Chairman
Hospitality
Fundraising
Community Service

Scouts Responsibility

A Scout is responsible for:

- Attending all troop meetings.
- Attending all troop outings and campouts.
- Attending all troop activities.
- Wearing the **FULL** Scout uniform at **ALL** troop meetings and activities.
- Assisting Scouts in their advancements.
- Keep advancing towards the Eagle Scout Rank.
- Acquiring the life skills needed to make good choices as a member of the community.
- Taking advantage of every opportunity that the Boy Scouts America has to offer a Scout.

Ten Essentials

All Scouts should pay attention to the Ten Essentials of camping:

1. Map (in a watertight container)
2. Compass (plus an optional GPS receiver)
3. Extra Clothing
4. Extra food and water
5. First aid kit
6. Flashlight or headlamp (with extra batteries)
7. Matches (storm proof or in a watertight container)
8. Fire Starter
9. Knife (or multi-use camp tool)
10. Sunglasses
11. Sunscreen
12. Water Filter (or other method of water treatment)
13. Whistle
14. Food Storage device

The original “10 essentials” began in the 1960’s. Contemporary factors have prompted the addition of four items.