

Join Troop 400 outside!



Our troop was established over 25 years ago. It is one of the Boy Scout troops that serve the Cupertino/West San Jose and surrounding areas of Silicon Valley.

Keeping the Outing in Scouting

We are known as a very active camping troop. We generally go camping once per month, rain or shine.

Trips are varied to appeal to different interests – hiking, camping, and canoeing. Many of the trips take place locally, either in the Santa Cruz Mountains or the East bay hills. However, we also travel further afield, recent regular trips have included

- Lava beds national monument
- Lake Tahoe – winter camp
- Sierra Nevada

We also have an extended summer camp each year –

Hiking Philmont



The summer of 2005 saw us at the Wente camp near Willits. These camps are great opportunity for fun and advancement – with access to sailing, kayaking, etc.



Winter Camp fun

For older scouts (typically 14+ years old) we have an active high adventure program – In 2001, 2003 and 2005 crews attended the Philmont Scout Ranch for a 10 day backpacking expedition – this is literally the pinnacle of scout outdoor experiences in New Mexico. To see more of our activities just visit our website and check out the pictures section.

Troop Philosophy

A culturally diverse troop, reflecting the population of the bay area; we are a boy-run troop, as the BSA recommends. Boy-run means that over their scout career the scouts transition from followers to active decision makers in their own lives, taking responsibility for their own actions and recognizing how they can put back into the community – this is the heart of what boy scouting can provide your son.

Results

We work very hard to ensure the boys of our troop are advancing in their trail to the rank of Eagle. We have Assistant Scoutmasters assigned to encourage the boys to stay focused on advancement, with one assigned to Trail-to-First Class (New scouts), one to Star & Life and one to the boys working on Eagle rank.



Adult leaders get to have fun too!

Troop 400 consistently produces several Eagle scouts each year – we are proud of them all.

Logistics

- Twice a year, our Patrol Leaders' Council meets to do a rolling 12 month plan. The plan includes a monthly selection of which patrol is in charge of Programs, what the theme of the month is, which patrol is in charge of Service and where we plan to go camping.
- The troop meets at the Bethel Lutheran Church three of four Monday nights per month, except during school holidays. Typically 7:00-8:00pm
 - Bethel Lutheran Church
10181 Finch Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014
- The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meeting takes place each month – this meeting led by the Senior Patrol Leader is for the youth leadership of the troop to plan the programmed activities – adult leaders attend to provide advice and assistance as requested
- The first Monday each month, concurrent with the Troop meeting, we have a Parents' Meeting, which serves as our troop committee – This is used to keep parents apprised of troop activities and to approve budgets, policies, etc.

If you wish to find out more or need additional clarification please don't hesitate to contact the Troop 400 Scoutmaster, Mr. Raman Rajpal, at: ramanjit.s.rajpai@intel.com. Or call (408) 765-8880.