

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

## **Meeting this week (Monday, January 23) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St) in Longmont.**

**THIS WEEK**, We will take a moment to look back and celebrate our accomplishments since August 2016 during our Winter Court of Honor. It will be a dessert potluck so please bring your favorite treat, and serving utensil, to share. This Court of Honor will also serve as our parent meeting for this month which will include a presentation from our District Executive, John Eastman, about the Friends of Scouting (FOS) program.

### **Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:**

- 6:45 **Service Patrol (All hands on deck)** setup for flag ceremony, chairs in audience style format, tables for potluck, etc. PLC please always be at the meeting **15 minutes early** for check-in.
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony (**Presented by the Spartans Patrol**). Welcome.
- 7:10 Dessert
- 7:30 Friends of Scouting Presentation- John Eastman
- 7:45 Presentation of Earned Merit Badges and Rank Advancements
- 8:00 Parent Meeting and Troop Announcements
- 8:15 Closing Announcements. Scoutmaster Minute. Cleanup by All Hands on Deck.

**Upcoming Troop Activities:** (We could use adult "Champions" AKA lead coordinator for most of these campouts. Please email me if you can help with any of these upcoming campouts. I will give you instructions for the specific campout)

**This Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Pack 59 AoL Crossover Ceremony** 5-8 pm at First Lutheran Church in Longmont. We will welcome three new Arrow of Light Cub Scouts into Troop 66. We need a few Boy Scouts to help us with this event. **Please sign up on Troop Web Host if you can help us out this evening.**

**February 10-12 MV-IP Klondike at Golden Gate Canyon State Park** Troop 66 will return to Golden Gate State Park to see if we can improve on our impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish from last year with our new sled, the Orange Crush. **Sign-up now for this campout on TroopWebHost. We need adults to sign up, too!**

**March 11 Snowcaving Day** Mark your calendars now for this fun day in the snow. We will start registering for this in the beginning of February.

**April 7-9 Spring Camporee** (Location TBA)

**May 5-6 New Scout Campout** (Local Campground like Carter Lake in Loveland)

**June 2-3 High Adventure (Scouts Age 14+) Rafting Overnight** on the Arkansas River. Signup needed by the end of February to receive a 40% discount with the rafting company.

**June 23-25 Sand Dunes Family Campout** (Note this date has changed from last week. We don't want to do a campout on Father's Day!)

**July 9-15 Summer Camp** (See details below)

**July 28-30 Watersports Campout** at Shadow Mountain Reservoir

**August 19-20 Backpacking Campout**

**September 8-10 Shooting Sports Campout** at Camp Ben Delatour (Date TBD)

**Summer Camp 2017- Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch South Dakota July 9-15, 2017. It is time to get started on our registration for Summer Camp 2017!** This year Troop 66 will be attending camp at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, just west of Mount Rushmore. The cost for the week is \$270/Scout which is payable in installments as described in the attached registration form. There is also some need based scholarship money from the Troop available for Summer Camp. If you would like to request a scholarship please contact our Scoutmaster or Troop Treasurer.

In order for Troop 66 to secure your spot for Summer Camp, **you must complete the registration form** (sent in a previous email from Mrs. Martinez and also available at our Troop meetings), **and submit a \$50 non-refundable deposit** to "Troop 66," to Mr. Foss or Mr. Francis, Troop 66 Treasurer, or Mrs. Martinez, Troop 66 Summer Camp Coordinator. If you have not already done so, please submit these ASAP so we can get you registered. We already have 23 Scouts and 6 adults registered to go!

### **General Announcements:**

**Troop Web Host is Live and we need ALL families on it, ASAP.** Last year we subscribed to a web-based Troop management software that will help our Troop Leaders, parents and Scouts access and manage our advancement records, financials and communications. **Please log in and update your information, especially your email address, and check out all of the features**

<https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop66Longmont/Index.htm>

If you did not receive your login credentials from TroopWebHost, please email Mr. Foss at [foss@airmail.net](mailto:foss@airmail.net). **We have now phased out paper sign-up sheets at Troop meetings so all activity sign-ups need to be done in TroopWebHost.** We will have a laptop setup at our meetings for those who like to sign up at meetings and might be uncomfortable with computers. However, you need to bring your own login username and password. Please help us get you up-to-speed on this web based management software so we can streamline the activity management and workload on our adult leaders.

**Reloadable King Soopers Cards:** This is a friendly reminder to keep using those reloadable King Soopers gift cards for your grocery and gas purchases at any Kroger store in the country. The proceeds from this "passive" troop fundraiser are really making a difference in our troop's operating account. If you don't have the special reloadable gift

cards, Mrs. Martinez will be available during every meeting to sell you a card for \$5 each (already loaded with \$5) so you can help our troop. Consider asking friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, church members, etc. if they can use the cards. With just a little bit of work, our troop reaps huge rewards!

As always, you can check out the troop's website <http://bsa66.weebly.com/> for a full listing of activities and details including our current troop calendar.

Yours in Scouting,

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