

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

Popcorn Sale Deadline Tomorrow, Oct 10th: All unsold popcorn, orders, and money are due at Monday's meeting! Please check in with Mr. Mathers this tomorrow to reconcile all of your orders, money and unsold stock. Because we don't meet next week, we need to finish up by tomorrow in order for Mr. Mathers to finish up his requirements with the Council.

Meeting this week (Monday, October 10) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St)

During Patrol meetings we will be making our Patrol Flags. After Patrol Meetings, Mrs. Martinez will be leading the last Citizen in the World Merit Badge Class. Any Scout who has not earned this merit badge, even if you weren't at the first or second class, is encouraged to participate.

Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:

- 6:30 Outdoor Games
- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Spartans) set up** for flag ceremony, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony. Announcements.
- 7:10 Patrol Meetings- Make your Patrol Flags. All materials are provided. Bring your creativity.
- 7:30 Citizen in the World MB Class #3 in the Chapel.
Plan meal for Caving Trip. Rank Requirements and Merit Badges needed by individual Scouts
- 8:10 Indoor Games
- 8:30 Closing Announcements. Cleanup by Service Patrol

Upcoming Troop Activities:

October 10 (class #3) Citizenship in the World (Eagle required) Merit Badge Class
Mrs. Martinez will be leading Scouts in this class for 30 minutes during each of these regular meetings.

THIS Saturday, October 15 Aidan DeBie Eagle Project

1-3 pm at Aidan's House 2302 Tyrrenian Dr. 80504 Longmont Co.
Please sign up with Aidan at the meeting this week or email him at debie.aidan29@svvdsd.org. From Aidan: We will be creating collection boxes for a pen, pencil, and notebook drive for the Longmont United Hospital. If you can please bring scissors. Thank you, Aidan DeBie

October 17 NO Meeting (School Day Off)

Tuesday, October 18 7-8 pm. Patrol Leaders Council Meeting. All elected Scout leaders are expected to attend in order to plan upcoming meetings, the Lock-In, Webelos Nights and upcoming activities.

Saturday-Sunday, October 22-23 Spelunking (aka Caving) Campout at Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs, CO. Sign Up Now! This week is the last meeting before the campout. Please sign up at the meeting or email me by Tuesday, October 18 if you would like to attend. We will be leaving Longmont at 9:00 am on Saturday morning 10/22 and returning to Longmont at approximately 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon 10/23. We will be camping on Saturday night at Cheyenne Mountain State Park near Colorado Springs and have a private Caving Class and Tour starting at 4:00 pm on Saturday at the Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs. The tour costs \$45/person. Our camping, food, and gas expenses will be an additional cost. Participants are required to bring their own headlamp and extra batteries. Adults are welcome to join us but, due to the specific nature of our tour we cannot include siblings under 11 years old. Thank you Mr. Engle and Mr. Rishel for planning and spearheading this awesome campout!

Sunday, October 23 6:30 pm Adult Committee Meeting in classroom #10 at the Church.

Monday, October 24 Parent Meeting during regular troop meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend so everyone can stay informed about Troop Activities. At this meeting we will discuss the recharter, adult leader registration including becoming a Merit Badge Counselor and accept annual re-enrollment fees.

Saturday, October 29 Merit Badge University at CU Boulder. Registration is now closed. I have submitted all of the merit badge class requests and will get the class assignments this week. I will email these out to those who have signed up, including how much money you owe the troop and any prerequisites your Scout needs to work on before MBU.

Saturday November 5, 7:30 pm Star Party at Little Thompson Observatory in Berthoud. The volunteers at the observatory will be leading us in an astronomy fun night. For those who need to complete their Astronomy Merit Badge observation requirement, this is your chance! If you have not started your Astronomy Merit Badge, this is a great time to start. Mrs. Martinez is an Astronomy Merit Badge Counselor and can sign off on blue cards.

November 11-12 Annual Lock-In at the Church

November 21 NO Meeting (Thanksgiving Holiday)

December 19 & 26 NO Meetings (Winter Break Holiday)

We WILL Meet on Monday, January 2, 2017

January 9 & 23 Webelos Nights On these nights we will invite Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to visit our Troop Meetings

January 30 Winter Court of Honor

Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities:

Butterbraids Fundraiser starts October 24. Our annual Butterbraids fundraiser is back. This year we cannot sell Butterbraids and Cookie Dough at the same time due to a new Cookie Dough Brand (Otis Spunkmeyer) that does not allow their product to be sold alongside other products. So, we will do Butterbraids before Thanksgiving and Cookie Dough before Christmas. Butterbraids order forms and money are due on November 7 and will be delivered November 14. Mrs. Martinez will provide more information and order forms as we get closer to the date.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts November 14. Our annual frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser is back. Order forms and money are due December 5 and Cookie Dough will be delivered December 12. Mrs. Martinez will provide more information and order forms as we get closer to the date.

General Announcements:

No More Outdoor Games after Dark: Two weeks ago, we had a Scout who was seriously injured during outdoor games and the cause is because he could not see while running around in the dark. Now that the sun is setting earlier, no Scouts will be allowed outside after dark to play games. This will be strictly enforced. Please tell your Scout about this new rule before the meeting this week. If Scouts would like to play outdoor games, come at 6:30 pm and they can play before the meeting starts and the sun sets.

Please Complete Your Youth Protection Training! The District is now requiring all adults who participate in Scouting activities, not just registered leaders, to take Youth Protection Training (an approximately 30 minute online training), to take this training on an annual basis. We have decided, to make it easier on everyone, to get all adults to take the Youth Protection Training during the month of September so all we are all synced up and can remind everyone to do it once a year, at the same time. We need everyone in the Troop to be current with their YPT prior to our recharter which is starting soon. So, please, all adults (any adult who participates in any Scouting activities including troop meetings) please take or renew your Youth Protection Training sometime between September 1 and October 1 this year. You can log in to myscouting.org to renew your YPT. Please print out a copy of your certificate and give it to Mr. Bollacker or Mrs. Martinez.

Troop Web Host is Live and we need all families on it, ASAP. We have subscribed to a new 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. **The next phase in our rollout is to get all activity sign-ups done through Troop Web Host starting NOW. This means we will be phasing out the paper sign-up sheets at Troop meetings.** We are working on getting a laptop setup at our meetings for those who like to sign up at meetings and might be uncomfortable with computers. 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.

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Yours in Scouting,

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