

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

The Martinez family is still in Florida. We will be checking out the Florida Sea Base tomorrow for a potential future summer camp possibility. Many thanks to Mr. Foss and Mr. Groff for leading our meeting this week.

Our meeting this week will be held at the [Longmont Rec Center](#). The focus will be on Swimming Merit Badge requirements, Swimming Rank Requirements, and having fun. Please meet in the **lobby of the Longmont Rec Center promptly at 7 pm**. If you do not want to swim, you can play basketball or workout in other parts of the Rec Center. The troop will pay for admission or please bring your Rec Center pass. We would love to have more registered adults join the kids in the pool.

Upcoming Troop Activities:

THIS Sunday, December 4, Adult Committee Meeting 6:30 pm All Adult Leaders are encouraged to attend. We will meet at the Church in Classroom #10. Please enter the Northeast corner door.

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 21-22 Pre- Klondike Winter Campout at Camp Tahosa near Nederland. We will head up to Tahosa on Saturday morning and enjoy a day of sledding and practicing our Klondike skills with our sled. Scouts and adults can either sleep outside in tents or inside our reserved lodge which accommodates 18 on metal bunks. We will also eat and warm up inside the lodge. We will return by noon on Sunday. Sign-up now for this campout on TroopWebHost.

January 28 Mountain View District Merit Badge College. This is a nice local Merit Badge class (up to 3 classes can be taken that day) opportunity for our Scouts in Longmont. Mark your calendars now. We will start registering for classes after the first of the year.

January 30 Winter Court of Honor

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 3rd place finish from last year with our new sled, The Orange Crush. Mark your calendars now. We will start registering for Klondike in January.

Summer Camp 2017- Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch South Dakota The Scouts overwhelmingly voted to attend summer camp in South Dakota this summer. Now is the time to start planning for Summer Camp. The first task is to select the week we will be attending camp. There are five choices. You will see a SurveyMonkey survey this week that is a gauge of interest in summer camp (does your Scout want to attend), what adults want to attend, and which of the five weeks, if any, do not work for you. Please take a look at the camp website and check your calendars for these five perspective dates, so you are ready to reply to the survey.

1. June 11 - June 17
2. June 18 - June 24

3. June 25 - July 1
4. July 2 - July 8
5. July 9 - July 15

<http://mountain.blackhillsbsa.org/>

Fundraising Opportunities:

Cookie Dough Fundraiser has started. Our annual frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser is back. **Otis Spunkmeyer**® is a frozen, preportioned gourmet cookie dough. Each 2.5lb package contains **36, 1.1oz. cookies.** Your customers will love the freezer to oven convenience. The flavors available to order are: **Chocolate Chip, Carnival Candy, Peanut Butter, Mint Chocolate Chunk, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut and Strawberry Shortcake.** Your customers will enjoy the homemade taste and the 0 grams of Trans Fat. **Each Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough package sells for \$17.00 and \$6.80 of that goes to your individual Scout Account!**

Pick up your order forms from Mr. Foss on swim night November 28 at the Rec Center. Order forms and money are **DUE next week DECEMBER 5** and Cookie Dough will be delivered December 12.

General Announcements:

Re-registration for the upcoming Scouting year ENDED LAST WEEK. Deadline for submitting re-registration fees and re-registration WAS Monday, November 14. If you have not completed the Survey Monkey Survey, and want to be included in our recharter and roster for the upcoming year, please contact Grant Mathers ASAP as he will be submitting the paperwork soon. Grant's email is leaveit2me2000@yahoo.com or call him at [303-916-8243](tel:303-916-8243).

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 that we have now phased out sign-up sheets at Troop meetings.** 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.

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Yours in Scouting,

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