

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

**TOMORROW, Saturday June 11 9 am – 1 pm Stephen M. Eagle Scout Project at the Church (9<sup>th</sup> and Francis) in our regular meeting room:** This is an all hands on deck activity. If you haven't already told Stephen you are coming, still come. We need Scouts and Adults to help Stephen make this a success. Please bring a hack saw and tape measurer and have your name on it. If you don't have any tools, no problem we will have extras. Let's help Stephen build cat play structures, out of PVC pipe and wood, for the Longmont Humane Society and make his Eagle Project a success. Donuts in the morning and pizza for lunch will be provided!

### **Meeting this week (Monday, June 13) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St)**

This week we will work on Tenderfoot fitness Requirement 6a (Push-ups, sit-ups, sit-and-reach, 1 mile run) and then Requirement 7a, (raising, lowering and folding the American flag). Also, several adult leaders will be available for individual Merit Badge work and other rank advancement work.

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

- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Spartans) set up** for flag ceremony, and tables and chairs for adults and patrols, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony and Announcements
- 7:10 Rank Requirements and Merit Badge Work
- 8:00 Games
- 8:30 Cleanup by Service Patrol

**Thank you Mr. Ehlert for serving as Scoutmaster for the next two weeks.** I am in Texas right now and will return home in time for our June 20 meeting. Scouts and Parents, please see Mr. Ehlert for all Scoutmaster matters until I return. I am able to respond to emails if you have questions.

**Class B T-shirts can be worn to Troop Meetings during the Summer!** While school is out for the summer, Scouts may choose to wear Class-B shirts to our regular troop meetings. However, if a Scout will be doing a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review, he is required to wear his full Class-A uniform on these occasions. Also, Scouts must be in the Class-B shirt, which is our summer uniform, to be part of the Color Guard at our meetings.

#### **Upcoming Troop Activities:**

**Tuesday, June 21, 7 pm PLC Meeting at the church.**

**Sunday, June 26, 6:30 pm Adult Committee Meeting at the church.**

**Monday, June 27 Parent Meeting**

**July 1-3 High Adventure Rafting Campout for Scouts Age 14+:** All of the details are settled (Thanks Mr. Williams and Mr. Foss) and **we need commitments and money by this Tuesday July 12** to secure our reservations for rafting and the campground.

**What/Where: Full day of guided Rafting through Brown's Canyon on the Arkansas River near Buena Vista!** This rafting trip is suitable for beginning rafters but there will be some excitement in Class 3 rapids through the canyon. Rafters must feel comfortable swimming in open water (everyone has a helmet and life jacket on). The trip will include quieter "drift" moments where folks can get out and swim and even jump off some rocks in certain areas. Tent camping Friday and Saturday nights in the private Chalk Creek Campground.

**When:** Friday, July 1 (leave the church at 3 pm. Bring sack lunch for dinner) through Sunday, July 3 (return to the church at approximately 2 pm).

**Why:** Because you are Scouts and Scouts want to have fun and adventure!

**Cost: \$142** (payment needed immediately to cover full day of rafting and camping fees). We will have a little bit of additional cost to cover food (breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner on Saturday) and gas which will be charged in arrears.

**RSVP:** Please email me immediately if you have a Scout and parent that might want to join us. Please let me know if you will be providing a payment by check or Scout Account (must presently have \$142 in it to qualify). **HARD Deadline to RSVP is this Tuesday, July 12.** Please pay Mr. Foss ASAP to secure your spot.

**July 4 NO MEETING.** Happy Independence Day!

**July 8-10 Watersports Campout at Union Reservoir in Longmont:** Once again we will bring out the canoes, kayaks, fishing rods, swimsuits, etc. and head to the water. Families are encouraged to attend this campout and we will be inviting local Webelos Scouts to join us. Please email me or sign up for this campout at the meetings soon!

**Sunday, July 17, 6:30 pm Adult Committee Meeting at the church.**

**Monday, July 18 Parent Meeting and Summer Camp Shakeout**

**Tuesday, July 19, 7 pm PLC Meeting at the church.**

**July 25 NO MEETING.** Many Scouts and Adults are at Summer Camp and everyone else gets a break.

**July 24-30, 2016 – Summer Camp at Peaceful Valley** – All Medical forms, including Part C that is signed by your physician, are due to Mrs. Martinez by Monday, July 18. There will be a Parent Meeting on July 18 and a packing shakedown given by Patrol Leaders. This means all Scouts going to Summer Camp need to bring their complete bag/ foot locker/tote to the meeting that night for a friendly inspection.

**August 26-28 Webelos Adventure Weekend at Camp Tahosa-** Once again we will head up to Camp Tahosa for a fun weekend with local Cub Scouts in Webelos and Arrow of Light dens. Our Boy Scouts will head up to Tahosa on Friday night, have a full day of activities with the Cub

Scouts (arriving Saturday morning) and some free time for the Boy Scouts, and head home on Sunday morning. Activities will include canoeing and kayaking, fishing, Frisbee Golf, dutch oven cooking, a flag retirement ceremony and other fun stuff that our PLC plans. We need lots of Scouts to join us this weekend and help us show the Cub Scouts and parents how awesome Boy Scouts and Troop 66 are.

### **August 29 Fall Court of Honor**

**Campouts coming this September, October and November:** Keep your eye out for more details about the Mountain Biking Campout, Caving Campout and Shooting Sports Campout coming this fall!

### **General Announcements:**

**Registration for Summer Camp Merit Badges Past Due:** There are a few Scouts who have not turned in their merit badge request forms. Please get those, or email, Mrs. Martinez ASAP at [tonyandkristy@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandkristy@yahoo.com).

**Registration for Summer Camp is Closed.**

**Rotary Duck Tickets Fundraiser has started.** For those who have ordered ticket packets, you can pick them up this week. If you would like to order a packet, email Mrs. Martinez, at [tonyandkristy@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandkristy@yahoo.com). Since the Troop has to pay \$25 for each packet, we are asking parents to commit to selling, or buying themselves, all of the tickets in each packet so the Troop does not have to incur a \$25 loss. You can order additional packets from Mrs. Martinez once the previous packet and money are turned in.

### **Some Shifts are Still Available to Sell Duck Tickets in Front of King Soopers:**

For all of those who have picked up packets of Rotary Duck Race tickets, and those who are considering doing so, Mrs. Martinez has booked several dates at the South Hover King Soopers for Scouts to come and sell their tickets during those dates and times.

Here is how it works: Mrs. Martinez will set up a card table with signs and display and the Scouts bring their own tickets to sell during that hour. I will also bring a chair for the parent to sit on during the hour. Each Scout tracks his own ticket sales and earns the credit for every ticket he sells. We need two Scouts and a parent assigned to each hour of every four hour shift. It is recommended that the Scout wear his uniform and stand up during the hour and ask folks to buy tickets as they leave the store. Scouts also need to be able to make their own change. We accept checks made out to "Troop 66."

Please email Mrs. Martinez if you would like to work a shift. Shifts that are still available:

### **2) Saturday, June 25**

\_12 pm-1 pm

\_1 pm – 2 pm

### **3) Sunday, June 26**

\_2:30-3:30 pm

\_4:30-5:30 pm

**Some details about the Rotary Duck race:** On July 9, 2016 the St. Vrain Rotary Club will be running its annual duck race at the Rhythm on the River Festival. Our Troop purchases the tickets for \$1 each and Scouts sell them for \$5 each. The \$4 profit per ticket goes to the Scout's account. Mrs. Martinez will check out packets of 25 tickets to each Scout and they need to turn in complete packets with stubs and money in order to check out another packet. **The deadline to turn in all sales packets with money and stubs is Monday, June 27, 2016.**

For those who buy a \$5 duck ticket, they "adopt" a rubber duck for \$5 and a chance to win **cash prizes** and other prizes like local business gift cards. There are three cash prizes of \$2000, \$1000, & \$500. With your adoption you will get a ticket with a number that corresponds to a rubber duck. On race day St. Vrain Rotary will drop all the ducks into the St Vrain River, and the first ducks who cross the line will win prizes for the matching ticket holders. Prize winners need not be present to win. Cash Prize winners will be announced at the Duck Race booth on the day of race. All winners will be notified by telephone, U.S. Mail, or email, based on the information on the winning ticket. Mrs. Martinez will be making arrangements with the South Hover King Soopers to set up a sales table on Saturdays and Scouts can sell their tickets to the patrons.

### **Rules for Use of Church Facilities:**

If you have been in the church lately, you have seen that all of the renovations are complete. The fellowship hall looks amazing. There are a few new rules that we have implemented to help take care of the facilities and minimize our disruptions on others using the building.

- 1) Please enter our meetings through the Southwest door of the fellowship hall.
- 2) The bathrooms adjacent to the fellowship hall are now finished and usable. This means there should be no reason any Scouts or adults need to walk down the hallway past the Chapel. There are classes in the Chapel so please do not use the hallway adjacent to the Chapel.
- 3) There is a circle of soft chairs and a table on the northside of the fellowship hall. In order to protect this furniture, these chairs will be used **ONLY** for Scoutmaster Conferences or Board of Reviews. Scouts are not allowed to sit in these chairs in any other circumstances and we ask parents and adults to sit in other chairs in the room so we can reserve this area for official Scout meetings and keep a sound buffer between us and the meeting rooms on the north end of the fellowship hall.
- 4) Thanks to all Scouts and adults who set up chairs and tables for the meetings. The new flooring is susceptible to scratches and scuffs so we ask everyone to be careful when setting up and putting away tables and try not to drag them across the floor. this is also true for pulling things out of the Quartermaster Closet and in particular the large black flag stands. If you drag the flag stands, they will scratch the floor.
- 5) Outdoor spaces: With the warm weather, we can now have Scout activities and games outside in the grassy courtyard. The Scouts have been reminded many times of the rules in the Courtyard: no climbing on the bell tower, walls or tables and please do not go near the flower gardens on all sides of the grassy area.

Thanks everyone for helping us to continue to be grateful and respectful users of the church facilities!

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**Troop Web Host is Live.** 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 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).

**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.

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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