

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

Happy Father's Day, Dads! The troop appreciates the commitment, patience, and leadership of all the dads and granddads that influence and parent our Scouts. You guys rock!

Meeting this week (Monday, June 20) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St)

This week will be our BIG Tent Event! **We ask all Scouts to bring their own tent that they would likely use for Scout campouts.** We will do several activities related to setting up the tents.

Bring Your Scout Handbook to EVERY Meeting! It has come to our attention that several Scouts, first class rank or below, are not bringing their Scout Handbooks to the meetings. If you do not bring your book, then there is a good chance that the Scout will miss out on the sign-off of advancement requirements that were worked on that night. Remember any First Class or higher ranked Scout, or registered adult leader, can sign off on rank advancement requirements in the book if they witnessed the Scout doing those requirements. It is the Scouts responsibility to bring his own book, and make sure the requirements are signed off.

Monetary Donations Needed to Complete Stephen M's Eagle Scout Project: Stephen has exhausted all materials donation possibilities from local stores. He needs to purchase approximately \$110 worth of materials to finish. If you would like to make a donation to Stephen's project, please let Stephen (stephenpatrickmaher@gmail.com), and either Mr. Foss (foss@airmail.net) or Mrs. Martinez (tonyandkristy@yahoo.com), know, and we can help Stephen finish his journey to Eagle!

Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:

- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Stealth) set up** for flag ceremony, and tables and chairs for adults and patrols, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony and Announcements
- 7:10 Big Tent Event, Individual Advancement and Merit Badge work
- 8:00 Games
- 8:30 Cleanup by Service Patrol

Thank you Mr. Ehler for serving as Scoutmaster for the last two weeks. I will be back this Monday night.

Upcoming Troop Activities:

THIS Tuesday, June 21, 7 pm PLC Meeting at the church. All elected Scout leaders are expected to attend. I could also use a parent or two to stick around so we have two deep leadership.

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+:

Full day of guided Rafting through Brown's Canyon on the Arkansas River near Buena Vista!

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: Look for more details about the Mountain Biking Campout, Caving Campout and Shooting Sports Campout coming this fall.

General Announcements:

Rotary Duck Tickets Fundraiser If you would like to order a packet, email Mrs. Martinez, at 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

_11 am -12 pm
_12 pm-1 pm

3) Sunday, June 26

_2:30-3:30 pm
_3:30-4:30 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. **The deadline to turn in all sales packets with money and stubs to Mrs. Martinez is Monday, June 27, 2016.**

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!

Class B T-shirts can be worn to Troop Meetings during the Summer! While school is out for the Summer, Scouts may wear Class-B shirts, instead of the full Class A uniform, 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. A new batch of Class B T-shirts are now available for sale at our troop meetings. Also, a few Class B shirts are great to have at Summer Camp.

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 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.** This means we will be phasing out the paper sign-up sheets at Troop meetings. Please help us get you up to speed on this web based management software so we can streamline the 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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