**Our next Regular Troop Meeting is Tomorrow (Monday, December 17) 7- 8:30 pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ,**located at the corner of 9th Ave and Francis, Longmont, CO 80501.

**Special Announcements:**

**For those Scouts who attended MBU at CU in November:**TroopWebHost is now updated with the results of merit badge completion and also any merit badges that were started but not completed. Please check your own records so you know what your Scout needs to work on to complete merit badges. For complete merit badges, you don't need to do anything else, your scout will get the merit badge in January. For incomplete merit badges, I will have blue cards for those merit badges tomorrow so Scouts can work on the remaining requirements and get them signed off themselves. I have already had several parents tell me that their Scout thinks he completed all requirements for a merit badge at MBU but our records show there are still some that show incomplete. This is a common and recurring complaint about MBU now and in the past..  Unfortunately, I have never been successful in changing any of these records that are reported to me. All of the Merit Badge Counselors are college students so are difficult to track down especially since they are now on winter break. You are welcome to call the Scout store yourself and try to resolve it. The other option is try to complete the requirements with a Troop 66 merit badge counselor. I apologize for the frustration. I have personally been burnt by this with my own sons.

**Communication Merit Badge Class Participants:** Mrs. Martinez has completed the official merit badge classes. Scouts should bring their large orange cards to her so she can make official BSA blue cards from them. Mrs. Martinez will be there tomorrow and will have a small group of Scouts in the classroom to finish up any group presentation requirements that they missed. Requirement 8 was started last week and will be complete on January 7 if a Scout participated in the planning and participation of the Court of Honor.

**Meeting This Week:**

**This week we will be holding our semi-annual Scout Leaders Elections. The positions which will be open for new candidates are: Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leaders.**

We will have time for Rank Advancement, Scoutmaster conference, merit badge work, and boards of review. Adults, I could really use your help with tomorrow. Please stick around the meeting and I can put you to work on Boards of Review. This is the last meeting before our next Court of Honor. All Scouts who are anticipating receiving awards should check with Mr. Longenecker or Mr. Sullivan to verify all Troop records.

**Agenda for this Monday Night’s Troop meeting:**

**6:45**      **Service Patrol (Spartan) arrive at 6:45 to**setup flags, tables for Patrol Meetings, Adult tables, etc.

**7:00**      Opening Flag Ceremony- **Spartans Patrol (FULL Class A uniforms)**

**7:10**      Announcements

**7:15**    Break into Patrols to vote on Assistant Patrol Leader. When complete, youth leaders will meet and "interview" members wanting to run for Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Then they will vote for that position.

              The rest of the time is to be spent working on Rank Advancement, or going through the Library and look for a merit badge you would like to work on.

**8:00**     Games

**8:25**      Closing Announcements..

**8:30**      Cleanup: All Hands on Deck

**Upcoming Troop Activities:**

**December 24th and December 31st-NO Meetings**

**Monday, January 7, 2019 Winter Court of Honor**

**Monday, January 14 and Monday, February 4  AoL and Visitors Open House Meeting**

**Saturday, January 26 Winter Fun Day @ Camp Tahosa-Klondike Practice.** Sign up now in TroopWebHost. We need lots of adults to help with this event

**February 22-24 Mountain View Klondike**

**General Announcements:**

**Summer Camp 2019 Registration is Open:** Troop 66 will be attending Summer Camp at Peaceful Valley Camp Cris Dobbins just east of Colorado Springs on **June 23-29, 2019**. Please turn in the check and registration form to Mrs. Martinez or Mr. Francis..

**Adult Wilderness First Aid Class coming:** We have secured an adult Wilderness First Aid class on **February 9-10, 2019** for registered adult leaders in our troop and for others in the District. This is a very practical and comprehensive 16 hour course (8 hours Saturday, 8 hours Sunday) with a cost of $150 dollars. Troop 66 will be able to cover $75 of this cost for registered adults who feel they will participate in enough outdoor activities that will make this investment in your training worthwhile to the Troop. **If you would like to attend, please sign up on Troop Web Host.**

**PayPal is Now Available to make Troop 66 Account Payments!***From Troop 66 Treasurer Scott Francis*: Cash and check are still welcome.. If you have a Paypal account and transfer money from a bank account, you can transfer money to the scout account for no fee.  If you use a credit card, you will be charged a fee of $0.30 plus 2.9% of the value of the transaction. This fee is from Paypal, not the troop. After you submit money via Paypal, I will get an email notification and can send you this notification as a receipt.  After I receive the notification, I will credit the scout account in Troop Web Host.  This may not happen for several days after the transfer of money. The account is set up as Boy Scout Troop Sixty Six, but you may need to use my email address to find the account: 07consultingcolo@gmail.com

**Troop Web Host: Our Troop Advancement and Accounting Software.** We subscribe to a web-based Troop management software that helps 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.**If you need to receive login credentials, please email Mr. Foss at foss@airmail.net. Please make sure you are using and up-to-speed on this web based management software so we can streamline the activity management and workload on our adult leaders.

**Fundraising Activities:**

**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 big difference in our troop's operating account. If you don't have the special reloadable gift cards, Ms. Debbie Platts, our troop fundraiser coordinator, will 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! **If you shop at King Soopers, please, please use your gift cards!**

**Troop Calendar:**

For current status of all upcoming meetings and troop activities, please reference our Troop Calendar on our Troop Website: [https://bsa66.weebly.. com/ calendar..html](https://bsa66.weebly..com/calendar.html)