

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

THIS MONDAY:

·We are meeting at the First Congregational United Church of Christ on 9th and Francis. Please arrive by **6:45 pm to set up so we can start the meeting on time. Please park in the lot west of the church.**

- COVID Protocols: We are still under Boulder County Health Mask Mandate. All Youth and Adults must wear a mask when they enter the meeting room. Please try to bring your own mask. Emergency backup masks are available at the door. We are noticing several Scouts take one every week and we would appreciate not having that expense on the troop. Please plan ahead.

- Drop off and Pick Up on 9th Ave.: We have received complaints that parents are clogging up Francis and 9th Ave. when they drop off or pick up their Scouts. For those staying for the meeting, please try to park on the West end of the church so those who are briefly dropping off or picking up have space close to the Fellowship Hall door. Please do not cause traffic to stop and go around you on Francis or 9th Ave.

-Last meeting before Court of Honor. Tomorrow we will be working on Rank Advancement. Our Court of Honor is January 31, 2022. If you have any merit badges or rank requirements to be completed. Please check with Mr. Longenecker or Mrs. Butterworth to make sure all of your requirements are complete for Merit badge/s and Rank advancement that you are expecting to receive.

Winter Court of Honor, Next Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm We are looking forward to presenting rank advancement and merit badge awards to the Scouts who have earned them since August 2021. We will also have a group Parent/Scouts information meeting to discuss upcoming activities for this year.

Because of the recent surge of COVID cases, we are offering a hybrid WebEx/In-Person format for this Court of Honor. We plan on having a camera and microphone at the front of the room and sending out a WebEx invite to everyone in the Troop. For the Scouts who are earning awards, please try to make it in-person to the meeting. If you are uncomfortable with that, we can present the awards virtually over WebEx. We ask all others to join us at 7:30 for the Parent/Scout Information meeting.

We will be discussing important topics like Klondike in February, our Fundraiser Dinner on March 5, final payments and planning for Summer Camps, other summer activities, etc. Everyone who will be attending in-person must wear masks and we will social distance the chairs in the room.

AGENDA FOR MEETING THIS WEEK

- 7:00 Flags (Service Patrol **Dragon**). Class A Field Uniform
- 7:15-8:30 pm Merit Badge Counselors will be available to finish up merit badge requirements. We will also have adults available for rank advancement boards of review. Scouts need to work independently to complete what is needed by the end of the meeting if they want to earn the awards next week.

7:15- 8:00 pm For those Scouts who are not working on finishing merit badges or rank advancement requirements, we will be working on our flag ceremony skills. We will have special visitor Luke Martinez, Troop 66 Eagle Scout, and former Civil Air Patrol Cadet, work with Scouts on marching, about-face, and other advanced color guard skills.

- 8:10 Games
- 8:25 Clean up

UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:

•**Summer Camp Registration** -If you have not yet registered for Summer Camp, and want to, please contact Corrin Lipinski at cmlipinski@yahoo.com

•**Check out all of the Merit Badge class opportunities**, both via Zoom and in-person, being offered by Denver Area Council:

<https://coloroadventurepoint.org/calendar/>

•**We are hoping to set up a group carpool down to the DAC headquarters for the in-person **First Aid Merit Badge** (Eagle required) class being offered on **Saturday, January 29, 2022**.** Sign up in TWH.

•**Fundraiser Chili-Cookoff and Silent Auction, **Saturday, March 5, 2022****- See information below.

CALENDAR:

- Jan. 31 Winter Court of Honor**
- Feb. 5 Gabriel M. Eagle Court of Honor. Sign up in TWH**
- Feb 21 No Meeting-Presidents Day**
- Feb. 25-26 Klondike-Reverand Ridge Campground-Golden Gate State Park. sign up in TWH**
- Feb 28 Final Camp Emerald Bay payment due**
- Mar 5 Chili Cookoff Fundraiser**
- Mar 21 No Meeting-Spring Break**
- Jun 11-18 Summer Camp at Emerald Bay**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PayPal is Now Available to make Troop 66 Account Payments! *From Troop 66 Treasurer Scott Francis:* Cash and checks 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

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Fundraiser Chili-Cookoff and Silent Auction, Saturday, March 5, 2022

Mark your calendars for the social event of the season: The Troop 66 Chili-Cookoff and Silent Auction Fundraiser Dinner! We will hold this event in the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall. Our Special Events Coordinator, Amanda Raehal, is making final arrangements for the online ticket sales (Scouts sell tickets) and online silent auction with in-person viewing the night of the dinner. We are being sensitive to COVID restrictions and precautions to make it a safe in-person event. The auction will be open for

bidding, even for those who can't attend the dinner in person. The purpose of this fundraiser dinner is to give Scouts and families an opportunity to earn funds for their own Scout accounts that will help pay for Summer Camp or other activities.

King Soopers Loyalty Card fundraiser is ongoing..... Please keep scanning your Sooper Card when you buy groceries and gas. We earn 5% of these purchases if you link your King Soopers Card to our troop.

1. · Go to this link: <http://www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards>
2. · Sign in to your existing King Soopers loyalty account (if you've never set one up before you'll need to create one. Just bring in your King Sooper Card)
3. · In the upper left corner, there is a drop-down menu titled "**Save**" then select "**King Soopers Community Rewards**" from the Save drop-down menu
4. · Click on the words "**Enroll Now**" in the middle of the page
5. · In the "**Find an Organization**" field search for "**Boy Scout Troop 66 –Longmont, Colorado**" or Organization "**XR517**" (which is our organization's code in the system)
6. · Click on the **Enroll button** within the box for our organization
7. · You will get confirmation that you successfully enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. **That's it!**
8. · Sign out of your account... (Troop 66 does NOT have access to this account or any personal information).

Questions? Contact: Scott Francis, Troop 66 Treasurer, (720) 936-1128 or 07consultingcolo@gmail.com

TROOP CALENDAR:

For the current status of all upcoming meetings and troop activities, please go to our Troop Calendar on the bottom of the homepage of our Troop Website: <https://bsa66.weebly.com/>

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Yours in Scouting,

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