

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

## **THIS WEEK:**

**We are meeting in person this week for our Winter Court of Honor at the First Congregational UCC church at 9th and Francis from 7-8:00 pm.** Due to COVID number restrictions, only Scouts who are receiving an award, plus one parent, are invited to this meeting. I have already sent out an email to all families of Scouts who are receiving awards. If you are not receiving an award, you get the night off!

## **Agenda for Court of Honor this Monday:**

**7:00           Flags    All scouts attending. Please arrive by 6:45 to set up so we can start at 7:00. Wear Class A Field Uniforms. Please sit in seat group with your family name on it.** We will have doors and a window cracked open for ventilation so wear warm clothes. Scouts please wear a warm shirt under your uniform shirt, if needed, so you do not have to wear sweatshirts or jackets over your uniform during the ceremony. Please see my last email for more details.

**7:10           Court of Honor- Thank you Henry S. and Erik Y. for serving as our MCs**

**8:00           Closing Flags, Clean up. Please help put chairs away.**

## **COVID INFORMATION FOR OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS:**

Boulder County has moved down to level Orange.

We want to give the boys some opportunities to interact with each other while being COVID safe and abiding by all Boulder County restrictions and guidance. The current restrictions require:

1. everyone to wear a facemask at all times
2. everyone practices social distancing with at least 6 feet distance from others
3. keep numbers below 50 participants
4. Use hand sanitizer provided

**Please do not come to our meeting if you are feeling under the weather at all: that includes headaches, a fever, a snuffle, a cough, a sore throat, etc.** We need to be VERY careful to protect our Scouts, adult leaders, and families of Scouts including grandparents.

## **COMING SOON: COMMUNICATION MERIT BADGE CLASS**

Mrs. Martinez has planned out the spring so Scouts can earn their Communication Merit Badge (Eagle required) during regular meetings either virtual or in-person. Our records show that over 20 Scouts in our Troop need this merit badge.

For those Scouts who have already earned Communication, Mr. Martinez can use your leadership and help with our new AoL Crossover Scouts who will be joining us in February or March.

Parents and Scouts; mark your calendars for these dates when the Communication Merit Badge will have 30-40 minute classes (either by WebEx or in-person at First Congregational Church depending on COVID restrictions):  
2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15,  
3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26 and 5/10 (Spring CoH)

**Flag Retirement Ceremony Eagle Project.** If you have old worn out flags for retirement, please bring them to meetings. Mike P will have 2 upcoming meetings in February that we will prep the flags for retirement during his Flag Day project in June.

## **UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:**

**Sat Feb 6**      **Swimming at Longmont Rec Center. [TBD-some restrictions we did not anticipate. Working on a solution. I Will keep you posted.]**

**Mon Feb 15**    **NO MEETING-Presidents Day**

**Sat Feb 20**    **Winter Fun day at Camp Tahosa-9am-6 pm Sign up on TWH**

**Sat Mar 6**      **1-3 pm Hike. Details to follow.**

**Sat Mar 13**    **Pack 673 Crossover. We will need scouts there to help welcome our newest members.**

**Mon Mar 22 NO MEETING-Spring Break**

**June 12-13 Summer Backpacking Trip**

**July 4-10 Traditional Summer Camp at Buffalo Bill Scout Camp near  
Yellowstone National Park**

**July 25-31 High Adventure (Age 14+) Backpacking Trek in Yellowstone National  
Park**

**Aug. 14-15 TBA Campout to be planned by PLC**

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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](mailto:07consultingcolo@gmail.com)

## **FUNDRAISING 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.

As a reminder, please share this with your friends and family, this is how you link your card to Troop 66:

- Go to this link: <http://www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards>

- Sign in to your existing King Soopers loyalty account (if you've never set one up before you'll need to create one.. We can help you do this at a Troop 66 meeting. Just bring in your King Sooper Card)
- 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
- Click on the words "**Enroll Now**" in the middle of the page
- 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)
- Click on the **Enroll button** within the box for our organization
- You will get confirmation that you successfully enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. **That's it!**
- 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](mailto: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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