

Hello Scouts, Scouters and Parents,

Meeting this week (Monday, February 26), our meeting starts at 7 pm at the First Congregational Church Center located at 9th and Francis St. in Longmont

Troop 66 would like to welcome our two newest Boy Scouts who just crossed over from Pack 59... Welcome to Max and David! Scouts who are not taking the Citizenship in the Community merit badge class can help our new Scouts get to know Troop 66 and help them work on the requirements for the Scout rank.

This week Mrs. Martinez will be teaching the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge class in the classroom next to our meeting room starting at 7:15 pm. **All of those who are participating in this class need to bring their orange folder, with yellow sign off card, to every activity.**

New Fundraising Opportunities: During Opening Announcements Ms. Platts will be giving us information about Camp Cards and Gourmet Nuts fundraisers. These fundraiser activities will benefit Scouts individual Scout accounts if they choose to participate.

Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:

6:45 Service Patrol (Spartans) setup for flag ceremony and tables for adult meetings and Open House Scout Stations.

7:00 Opening Flag Ceremony (**Class A uniforms**).

7:10 Announcements

7:15 Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Class

7:15 New Scouts get to know Troop 66, rank advancement and merit badge work

8:00 Games

8:25 Closing Announcements. Clean-up

Upcoming Troop Activities:

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge Class:

Service Hours: THIS Tuesday, February 26 6-8:30 pm at Faith Community Church 9775 Ute Hwy, Longmont, CO 80504. Setup and Serve Dinner for Agape Safe Haven Residents

Service Hours: THIS Saturday, March 3 10 am -2 pm Service Projects at Agape Family Services House [10656 Park Ridge Ave, Longmont, CO 80504](http://10656ParkRidgeAve.com). Pizza will be provided to Troop 66 volunteers. More information will be emailed this week about what to wear and what to bring.

Class: Next Monday, March 5 during regular Troop Meeting. 7:15 – 8 pm

Service Hours: Next Tuesday, March 6 6-8:30 pm at Faith Community Church 9775 Ute Hwy, Longmont, CO 80504. Setup and Serve Dinner for Agape Safe Haven Residents.

Class: Monday, March 12 during regular Troop Meeting. 7:15 – 8 pm

Field Trip: Tuesday, March 13 Visit City of Longmont City Council Meeting 6:45 – 8:30 pm Council Chambers located in the Civic Center at 350 Kimbark St., Longmont, CO 80501.

Class: Monday, March 19 during regular Troop Meeting. 7:15 – 8 pm

Sunday, March 18 Troop Committee Meeting 6:30 pm in Classroom #10 at First Congregational Church

Monday, March 19 Parent Meeting during regular Troop Meeting

Tuesday, March 20 PLC Meeting 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall at First Congregational Church

Monday, March 26 NO Meeting. Spring Break!

April 13-15 Spring Camporee at Historic Ft. Lupton

April 21, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser- Mark your calendars for the the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. All scouts are encouraged to participate. Scouts can earn money for their scout accounts. Tickets will be available soon.

General Announcements:

If you haven't done so already: **Sign Up NOW for Summer Camp 2018 at Camp Alexander**. This year Troop 66 will be attending camp at Camp Alexander located 45 miles west of Colorado Springs and 2 miles south of Lake George in Elevenmile Canyon **during the week of Jun 3-9, 2018**. The cost for the week is \$350/Scout which is payable in installments as described in the registration form.

In order for Troop 66 to secure your spot for Summer Camp, **you must complete the registration form** (available at our Troop meetings), **and submit a \$35 non-refundable deposit, and current payments**, to "Troop 66," to Mr. Scott Francis, Troop 66 Treasurer, or Mrs. Martinez, Troop 66 Summer Camp Coordinator. Our troop has already submitted our registration but Scouts are still permitted to register (there is a chance the camp will fill up if you wait).

Troop Web Host is Live and we need ALL families on it, ASAP. We have subscribed to a 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, especially your email address, and check out all of the features**. Consider serving the troop as a Merit Badge counselor. [troopwebhost.org/ Troop66Longmont/](http://troopwebhost.org/Troop66Longmont/)

If you did not receive your login credentials from TroopWebHost, please email Mr. Foss at foss@airmail.net. We have a laptop setup at our meetings for those who like to sign up at meetings and might be uncomfortable with computers. However, you need to bring your own login username and password. Please help us get you 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!

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Yours in Scouting,

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