

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

Our next Troop Meeting is Tomorrow (Monday, April 22) 7- 8:30 pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at the corner of 9th Ave and Francis, Longmont, CO 80501.

Meeting This Week:

Personal Management Merit Badge Class. Please bring your orange folder and green check-off sheet. Requirement 10 will be discussed in class. **Come with an idea of a career you would like to pursue.**

Agenda for this Monday:

6:45 Service Patrol (Dragon) arrive at 6:45 to setup flags, tables, and chairs.

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

7:10 Announcements

7:15 Personal Management MB class meet in the chapel. Rank advancement and helping new scouts for those not in the MB class. Knot practice. Bring your orange and green paracord.

8:00 Games

8:25 Cleanup: All Hands on Deck

Upcoming Troop Activities:

Monday, April 22. \$135 Summer Camp payment due.

Monday, April 22. \$330 Northern Tier payment due.

Saturday April 27, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Trailer build day. Wear Class B uniform shirt.

Phillips head power screwdrivers if you have one (name on it). We will meet at the Martinez Farm. 9120 N 75th St. Longmont. We are going to build up the interior of our scout trailer based on scout design.

Monday, April 29. No Meeting. School is Out

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

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:

Longmont Troop 66 Ongoing Fundraiser Updated: (You no longer have to load gift cards!)

We will have hand-flyers at our upcoming meetings so you can give a paper version to those who want to help our troop in this simple yet powerful way. We are so excited for this improvement to the program and think, because it is so effortless, that we will see a great return of funds to Troop 66!

Link your Sooper Card (aka Kroger Loyalty Card) to Boy Scout Troop 66 for 5% back to the Troop!

How it Works:

- Our Troop families, friends and supporters can enroll their Sooper Card (aka Kroger Loyalty Card) in the non-profit Neighborhood Rewards Program, and our Troop will receive back 5% of your grocery or gas purchase you make at any local King Soopers or national Kroger store. Use your Sooper Card, or give them your phone number, as you normally do at check-out
- **A check is sent directly to our troop treasurer, every quarter, which is used to benefit our troop and programs in a multitude of ways including camp scholarships, equipment, activities, training, etc. It makes a HUGE difference!**
- This is a “passive” fundraiser program that does not require additional funds from Troop 66 families or for our Scouts to go out and sell something. We just need to do what we normally do; buy groceries and gas. The only “lifestyle change” involved is the one time setup: linking your card to Troop 66. **Instructions on how to do this are included below....**
- Make sure mom, dad, step-parents, grand parents, friends, coworkers, aunts and uncles all enroll and link to “Boy Scout Troop 66 – Longmont, Colorado”. This program works in almost all Kroger affiliate stores across the U.S. including: King Soopers, Kroger, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Fry’s, Dillons, Smiths Food and Drug, City Market, Food 4 Less, Owen’s Foodsco, Hilander, Pay-less, Cala-bell, Baker’s, JayC, and Loaf and Jug.
- **Sound easy? IT IS!!!!**

INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO Link your Sooper Card (aka Kroger Loyalty Card) to Troop 66 for 5% back to the Troop!

To link your existing loyalty card to Longmont Boy Scout Troop 66 simply do the following:

- 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 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

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>

Yours in Scouting,

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