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Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

**This week we will have an in-person meeting in the Fellowship Hall at First Congregational United Church of Christ located on the corner of 9th Ave. and Francis St. Our meeting will be from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please arrive BEFORE 7:00 so we can start the meeting on time.**

**Final Summer Camp payments were due last week.** Please make sure your scout account has enough funds to cover this payment. Traditional Summer Camp total fees is \$345, AoL Crossovers total fees is \$275, Family Campers \$180, High Adventure Trek total fees \$465. Many have already made a \$50 deposit and \$200 payment, but not all. Please check TroopWebHost for your payments and make sure there is enough deposited to cover the final payment. Everyone needs to be paid in full before the camp opens up the portal to register our Troop members for merit badges. Please make sure these final payments are in! Thank you!

**Communication MB Class Tomorrow 4/26:** Because the meeting was canceled last week, Mrs. Martinez will be at the meeting at 6:00 pm tomorrow for any Scouts who want to makeup/finish up requirements. Take advantage of this time to make up any requirements we have already completed in class, or the 5-minute speech, or sign off for other requirements like City Council meeting, letter to the editor, etc. During the regular meeting time, 7:15-8:00 pm we will be planning the upcoming Court of Honor.

**Adult Committee Meeting Tomorrow Night at 8 pm:** All parents are welcome to join our Troop Committee meeting this month. We will be talking about upcoming Troop activity plans, some capital expenditures, and volunteer needs.

**THIS SATURDAY, MAY 1 TROOP HIKE AT HALL RANCH**: Please read all of the details below. Please sign up in TroopWebHost. **We REALLY need parents who will drive and attend the hike with the Scouts.**

## AGENDA

- 6:00 Pre-Meeting Communication MB Class Makeup Time
- 7:00 **Flags Dragon Patrol. Please arrive by 6:45** to set up so we can start at 7:00. Class A Field Uniforms.
- 7:10 Announcements
- 7:15 Communication Merit Badge- Planning upcoming CoH
- 7:15 Rank Advancement or Merit badge work
- 8:00 Games
- 8:00 Adult Committee Meeting
- 8:30 Closing Flags, Clean up. Please help sanitize the tables and put chairs away.

## COVID INFORMATION FOR OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

I wanted to let all of the parents know that as a school teacher, I completed both vaccine shots about a month ago. Also, Kristy just received her second vaccine shot.

In Boulder County, we are at Code Blue for Covid Restrictions. 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. We will keep the doors and windows open for good airflow and ventilation. Please remember we are still following these requirements:

1. Indoor group numbers limited to less than 50.
2. Face Masks required
3. 6' Social distancing
4. Use Hand sanitizer.
5. Masks are no longer required in the outdoors as long as we maintain 6' social distancing

**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.**

## **UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:**

- April 19**            **Final Payment for Summer Camp/High Adventure Camp Due-Make sure your scout account has enough funds to cover this last installment for Summer Camp/High Adventure.**
- April 26**            **Communication Merit Badge Class. Planning Spring Court of Honor**
- May 1**                **Hall Ranch Hike (See details below)**
- May 10**             **Spring Court of Honor**
- May 15-16**        **Close Front Range Area Campout. We are thinking of St. Vrain State Park or Boyd Lake. Important for new Scouts and other Scouts wanting to sign off on rank or merit badge requirements. Please sign up in TWH ASAP. We need a Parent Volunteer who can be the Champion for this Campout.**
- May 17**             **Resume Outdoor meetings at Faith Community Church on Ute Highway**
- May 22**             **Hike**
- May 31**             **NO MEETING- Memorial Day**
- June 5**              **Swimming Merit Badge/ Summer Camp Swim Check-Details emailed later.**
- June 6**              **Zach F. Eagle Project**
- June 13**             **Mike P. Eagle Project**
- June 26-27**        **All Troop Backpacking Trip**
- July 4-10**          **Traditional Summer Camp at Buffalo Bill Scout Camp near Yellowstone National Park**
- July 9-11**          **High Adventure Crew Backpacking Campout**
- July 25-31**        **High Adventure (Age 14+) Backpacking Trek in Yellowstone National Park**

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

**[HALL RANCH 10 MILE HIKE THIS SATURDAY, MAY 1: \(Please read the attachment\)](#)**

**Meet** at 7:30 am at the First Congregational United Church of Christ at 9<sup>th</sup> /Francis. We will meet on 9th Ave. in front of the courtyard. Do not leave your Scout until you confirm he has a seat in a car.

**Carpool** to Hall Ranch Near Lyons. \*\* We need adult help to drive Scouts and participate on the hike. **Please sign up on TWH and indicate how many passengers you can carry \*\***

**Participate.** You need 1-2 Liters of water and a trail lunch in your pack. This is a challenging out-and-back hike.

**Dress appropriately.** Wear/bring layers. This is a challenging hike.

**Weather:** High in the upper 70s/chance of rain/partly cloudy.

**High Adventure Crew – focus on the 10 essentials, footwear (what you'll wear this summer), and fit of your backpack. Don't overpack!**

**Return:** We will be back at the church at approximately 2:30 pm

## **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.

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.. We can help you do this at a Troop 66 meeting. 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](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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