

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.

### **Troop elections this week!**

There is No Communication Merit Badge Class this week but Mrs. Martinez will be on hand if Scouts need to make up any requirements.

Please see details below about the hike this weekend for all Scouts. Also, our High Adventure Crew will be doing a backpacking campout on the Martinez farm from Saturday through Sunday. See attachment for details. **ALL please sign up in TroopWebHost so we can plan our numbers.**

### **AGENDA**

7:00 **Flags Spartans 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 Patrol Meetings- Patrol Elections followed by election for Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

7:40 High Adventure Crew plan menu for backing packing trip this weekend

8:00 Games

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.

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 air flow 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.

**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 5** Elections. You will be electing the leaders of the troop. Some ranks require leadership in certain positions in order to advance.

**This Saturday, April 10** Hike for all scouts and families to Martinez farm on Saturday from Burlington Sign on Main and Ken Pratt. See below for details about the hike from Mr. Staats.

**April 10-11** High Adventure Crew-Campout at Martinez Farm. 5 mile Hike Lagerman Preserve on Sunday.

**April 12** Communication Merit Badge Class

**April 19** Final Payment for Summer Camp/High Adventure Camp Due.

**April 19** Communication Merit Badge Class

**April 23-25** Spring Camporee at Camp Tahosa. Sign up on TWH.

**April 26** Communication Merit Badge Class

- May 10**            **Spring Court of Honor.**
- May 31**            **NO MEETING- Memorial Day**
- June 5**             **Swimming Merit Badge-Details emailed later.**
- June 13**           **Mike P. Eagle Project**
- June 26-27**       **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**

### **DETAILS: HIKE THIS SATURDAY FOR ALL SCOUTS:**

From Mr. Staats – “This is one-way, urban/city hike from Main Street to the Martinez’s farm roughly "up" the greenway, a small detour around construction, over to the airport and then Southwest to the Martinez Farm.

The High Adventure crew (only) will camp that night and add on an additional 5-mile hike on Sunday and get some trail cooking completed.

We're also going to take the opportunity to meet with Erik Mason (the museum curator) to talk about the Overland Trail in Longmont and meet one of the requirements for a medal from the district (about Old West Trails).

**So we'll meet at the Burlington Settlement Historical Marker "behind" Las Palmeras at 8:30 am. Erik will join us at 9. We'll hit the trail after his discussion at about 9:30. “ See attachment for all of the details.**

## 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:

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## 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**  
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## 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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