

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

**Our next Troop Meeting is Today (Monday, August 19) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at United Church of Christ on 9th and Francis.**

**We can use parents to stay at the meeting to help with Boards of Review.**

**Please upload any scout pictures you have to Troop Web Host. Mrs. Raehel is making a slide show for the Court of Honor and we need your pictures.**

**Personal Fitness MB is tonight:**

This Monday night [tonight] we will be commencing the class for the Personal Fitness Merit Badge. Nearly all active Scouts in Troop 66 need this merit badge so we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to do this merit badge in a group.

This merit badge class will be led by Mr. Francis, Mr. Groff, and Mrs. Mewes. We have carefully planned out the meetings through November so there are no conflicts between the Cooking and Personal Fitness Merit Badge classes. In many cases, both merit badges will have some activity on the same Monday night. We will do the fitness activities early while there is light outside and the Cooking classes will occur later in the evening.

This week, we want the Scouts to kick-off the 12 consecutive week fitness tracking log (Requirements 7 & 8) and the initial fitness evaluation (Requirement 6). **We need to start early this week only, at 6 pm,** so we can get this in and allocate the rest of the meeting for working on merit badges and rank advancements in preparation for the Court of Honor the following week. Also Mr. Francis will provide workbooks, homework assignments and have a discussion for the kick-off of this merit badge class.

For planning purposes, these are the weeks we plan on meeting for the Personal Fitness Merit Badge classes and bi-weekly fitness evaluations:

August 19 6-6:45 pm

September 9 7:15-7:45 pm

September 23 7:15-8:30 pm  
October 7 7:15-7:45 pm  
October 28 7:15-7:45 pm  
November 4 7:15-7:45 pm  
November 11 7:15-7:45 pm  
November 18 7:15-7:45 pm

Please print off and bring the Personal Fitness Merit Badge Workbook which will also serve as the fitness activity log:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Personal-Fitness.pdf>

## **Special Announcements:**

**Summer Camp Merit Badge results are in.** Please check TroopWebHost (TWH) to review your records. For incomplete Merit Badges, scouts will receive Blue Cards. All Completed Merit Badges will just be recorded in TWH. Please let Mrs. Martinez know if you think there is an error in these records.

**Summer Camp 2020.** We will have a presentation on Summer Camp for 2020 at the Court of Honor. We would like ALL interested scouts and their parents there. We will have registration forms and information available.

*[Those of you who went to the Sand Dunes this weekend: I had to leave our trailer in Pueblo because of overheating issues. I will have it back Tuesday night. I will inform you when you can get your equipment.]*

## **Agenda for our Meeting this Monday:**

**6:00-6:45 Personal Fitness MB-Please wear Class B shirt for the exercises. Also have your Class A for the regular meeting.**

6:45      **Spartans** Patrol Flags.  
7:00      Flags  
7:10      Announcements.  
7:15      Rank Advancement  
8:00      Game Time  
8:25      Closing

## Upcoming Troop Activities:

**Monday, August 26**      **Fall Court of Honor-Dessert Potluck. Please bring a dessert to share. Summer camp 2020 registration forms available.**

**Monday, September 2**      **NO Meeting (Happy Labor Day)**

**September 13-15**      **Mountain Biking Campout at Curt Gowdy State Park, Wyoming.** We will have alternate activities for those who do not want to mountain bike. Many of the cooking merit badge requirements will be completed this weekend.

**October 12-13**      **Campout at St Vrain State Park.** Hiking, Backpacking, Canoeing and Working on Cooking Merit Badge Requirements.

## 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)

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](mailto: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:

**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 Sooper Card to our troop. As a reminder, and to share 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 current status of all upcoming meetings and troop activities, please reference our Troop Calendar on our Troop Website: <https://bsa66.weebly.com/>

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Yours in Scouting,

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