

[NOTE: The Yahoo groups is shutting down and we are moving to GoogleGroups. You will receive 2 copies of this email. One from Yahoo (current) and one from Google (new). PLEASE let me know if you DO NOT receive the Google email. After this week you will only receive emails from Google Groups.]

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

This week, December 14, 2020, we will have our virtual meeting (via WebEx) at 7 pm

7:00-8:00 pm Open House Virtual Troop Meeting.

In our meeting this week, we will present an Open House meeting for current AoL scouts from local packs.

We will go over what makes our troop a great place to enjoy scouting. PLC has already received a separate email and Webex invitation as we need your leadership in the meeting. We will ask for scouts to share their favorite campout, camping meal, or scout time they liked the best. So "Be Prepared".

Outdoor Meetings, Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1-3 pm, at Faith Community Lutheran Church on Ute Hwy

Due to the latest COVID restrictions, we cannot meet in-person until further notice. 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. Like early this summer, we will follow the outdoor camp/ athletic team guidance provided since it most aligns with our activities. The current restrictions require:

1. everyone to wear a facemask at all times
2. everyone practices social distancing with at least 6 feet distance from others
3. No groups can exceed 10 people

In addition to that we are doing the following:

1. We will remain outside at all times
2. No one is allowed in the building including the bathroom (please let us know if there is an emergency; we have a key)
3. No food or drink will be served (Scouts can bring their own labeled water bottle)
4. We will remain in "cohorts" of 10 or less and Scouts will not-intermingle during the meeting

5. We need all Scouts to RSVP in TroopWebHost (deadline Thursday night) so we can make sure the cohorts do not exceed 10 people and to have record lists of our cohorts
6. There will be one adult leading each cohort but all Scouts and adults will be within eyesight and earshot of each other (fire pit, gaga ball pit, west patio of the church) in case they are needed and maintain two-deep leadership.
7. No large gathering for flags or announcements. Scouts must report to their first cohort station and they will rotate every 35 minutes

We think these will be fun and well planned out meetings. The three cohorts (organized by rank), will rotate between 1) games (gaga ball or kickball), 2) advancement, summer camp and scholarship Q&A, and 3) Scout Skills or Life Scouts leadership training.

Attire: Class B uniforms and appropriate outdoor clothing (there will be a campfire and a propane heater at the two sit-down stations).

Parents: Due to the strict number of restrictions, we need to ask parents to drop off and pick up or wait in your cars until the meeting is over.

A final instructions email will go out on Friday night to let folks know what the activities will be (could be influenced by weather) and the cohort assignments.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Upcoming Troop Activities:

You will receive an email from me after Christmas letting folks know about our plans for virtual and in-person meetings.

Dec 19 This will be an in-person meeting at Faith Community Church on Ute Hiway. 1-3 pm

Dec 21 NO Meeting, Holiday Break

Dec 28 NO Meeting, Holiday Break

Jan 4 NO Meeting, Holiday Break

Jan 11 PLC Meeting

Jan 11 Adult Committee Meeting

Jan 18 AoL Crossover Cub Scouts Open House

Feb 1 Winter Court of Honor

Feb 19-20 Klondike

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

Due to elevated Covid-19 restrictions, we are NOT meeting in person Monday, Dec 14, 2020.

Fundraising Activities:

King Soopers Loyalty Card fundraiser is ongoing..... Please keep scanning your S7:00-8:00 pm Open House Virtual Troop Meeting.7:00-8:00 pm Open House Virtual Troop Meeting.7:00-8:00 pm Open House Virtual Troop Meeting.oooper card when you buy groceries and gas. We earn 5% of these purchases if you link your King Sooper Card to our troop. As a reminder, please share this 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**

Troop Calendar:

For the current status of all upcoming meetings and troop activities, please reference our Troop Calendar on our Troop Website: <https://bsa66.weebly.com/calendar.html>

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Yours in Scouting,

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