

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

## **Meeting this week (Monday, August 8) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St)**

### **Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:**

- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Spartans) set up** for flag ceremony, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony. Announcements.
- 7:10 Work on Tenderfoot (First Aid) and other Rank Requirements needed by individual Scouts. Bring your handbook!
- 8:10 Games
- 8:30 Cleanup by Service Patrol

### **Upcoming Troop Activities:**

**August 26-28 Webelos Adventure Weekend at Camp Tahosa-** Once again we will head up to Camp Tahosa for a fun weekend with local Cub Scouts in Webelos and Arrow of Light dens. Our Boy Scouts will head up to Tahosa on Friday night, have a full day of activities with the Cub Scouts (arriving Saturday morning) and some free time for the Boy Scouts, and head home on Sunday morning. Activities will include canoeing and kayaking, fishing, Frisbee Golf, dutch oven cooking, a flag retirement ceremony and other fun stuff that our PLC plans. **We need lots of Boy Scouts** to join us this weekend and help us show the Cub Scouts and parents how awesome Boy Scouts and Troop 66 are. **Please sign up at our Troop meeting!**

### **August 29 Fall Court of Honor**

**September 9-11 Shooting Sports Campout at Camp Ben Delatour.** As the date gets closer, we will send out more information concerning this campout. This is our rescheduled campout from early May. Thank you Mr. Foss and Mr. Ratliff for being our Shooting Sports Coordinators and for planning this awesome campout for us!

**September 23-25 Mountain Biking Campout at Curt Gowdy State Park in Wyoming** Once again Mr. Groff will be leading us on a great weekend of camping and mountain biking. We also get a chance to do a small conservation project in the park. This will help many Scouts who need conservation and regular service hours (see new Boy Scout Handbook service requirements for all ranks above Scout).

**Who Wants to Go Spelunking?** Many Scouts have requested a caving campout adventure. We are in the planning stages of a Caving Campout to Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs, Colorado this October. The Committee has identified October 21 as a good weekend for this campout. Is there an adult in the Troop who would like to be our Champion (aka Coordinator) of this campout?

## November 11-12 Annual Lock-In at the Church

### General Announcements:

**Bring Your Scout Handbook to EVERY Meeting!** It has come to our attention that several Scouts, first class rank or below, are not bringing their Scout Handbooks to the meetings. If you do not bring your book, then there is a good chance that the Scout will miss out on the sign-off of advancement requirements that were worked on that night. Remember any First Class or higher ranked Scout, or registered adult leader, can sign off on rank advancement requirements in the book if they witnessed the Scout doing those requirements. It is the Scouts responsibility to bring his own book, and make sure the requirements are signed off.

**Class B T-shirts can be worn to Troop Meetings during the Summer!** While school is out for the Summer, Scouts may wear Class-B shirts, instead of the full Class A uniform, to our regular troop meetings. However, if a Scout will be doing a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review, he is required to wear his full Class-A uniform on these occasions. Also, Scouts must be in the Class-B shirt, which is our summer uniform, to be part of the Color Guard at our meetings. A new batch of Class B T-shirts are now available for sale at our troop meetings. Also, a few Class B shirts are great to have at Summer Camp.

**Troop Web Host is Live and we need all families on it, ASAP.** We have subscribed to a new web-based Troop management software that will help our Troop Leaders, parents and Scouts access and manage our advancement records, financials and communications. Please log in and update your information and check out all of the features: <https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop66Longmont/Index.htm>! If you did not receive your login credentials from TroopWebHost, please email Mr. Foss at [foss@airmail.net](mailto:foss@airmail.net). **The next phase in our rollout is to get all activity sign-ups done through Troop Web Host starting now. This means we will be phasing out the paper sign-up sheets at Troop meetings.** We are working on getting a laptop setup at our meetings for those who like to sign up at meetings and might be uncomfortable with computers. Please help us get you up to speed on this web based management software so we can streamline the workload on our adult leaders.

**Reloadable King Soopers Cards:** This is a friendly reminder to keep using those reloadable King Soopers gift cards for your grocery and gas purchases at any Kroger store in the country. The proceeds from this "passive" troop fundraiser are really making a difference in our troop's operating account. If you don't have the special reloadable gift cards, Mrs. Martinez will be available during every meeting to sell you a card for \$5 each (already loaded with \$5) so you can help our troop. Consider asking friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, church members, etc. if they can use the cards. With just a little bit of work, our troop reaps huge rewards!

As always, you can check out the troop's website <http://bsa66.weebly.com/> for a full listing of activities and details including our current troop calendar.

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