

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

## **Meeting this week (Monday, October 3) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St)**

**No More Outdoor Games after Dark:** Last week we had a Scout who was seriously injured during outdoor games and the cause is because he could not see while running around in the dark. Now that the sun is setting earlier, no Scouts will be allowed outside after dark to play games. This will be strictly enforced. Please tell your Scout about this new rule before the meeting this week. If Scouts would like to play outdoor games, come at 6:30 and they can play before the meeting starts and the sun sets.

During Patrol meetings we will be working on rank advancement. After Patrol Meetings, Mrs. Martinez will be leading the Citizen in the World Merit Badge Class. The homework due this class is requirement 3b: Select a foreign country and make notes about its geography, national resources and climate and how they influence its economy and partnerships with other countries. Come with notes prepared to make a brief oral presentation to the class. It is OK to present a country that you have already done a school project on. Any Scout who has not earned this merit badge, even if you weren't at the first class, is encouraged to participate.

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

- 6:30 Outdoor Games
- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Stealth) set up** for flag ceremony, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony. Announcements.
- 7:10 Patrol Meetings-rank advancement.
- 7:30 Citizen in the World MB Class #2  
Rank Requirements and Merit Badges needed by individual Scouts
- 8:10 Indoor Games
- 8:30 Closing Announcements. Cleanup by Service Patrol

### **Upcoming Troop Activities:**

**October 3 (class #2) and October 10 (class #3) Citizenship in the World (Eagle required) Merit Badge Class** Mrs. Martinez will be leading Scouts in this class for 30 minutes during each of these regular meetings. Scouts have been assigned homework (Requirement 3b) for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. Any Scout who has not earned this merit badge is encouraged to participate.

### **Saturday, October 15 Aidan DeBie Eagle Project**

1-3 pm at Aidan's House 2302 Tyrrenian Dr. 80504 Longmont Co.  
We will be creating collection boxes for a pen, pencil, and notebook drive for the Longmont United Hospital. If you can please bring scissors. Thank you, Aidan DeBie

**October 17 NO Meeting (School Day Off)**

**Tuesday, October 18 7-8 pm. Patrol Leaders Council Meeting.** All elected Scout leaders are expected to attend in order to plan upcoming meetings, the Lock-In, Webelos Nights and upcoming activities.

**Saturday-Sunday, October 22-23 Spelunking (aka Caving) Campout at Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs, CO. Sign Up Now!** Mr. Engle and Mr. Rishel are working out the details of this great campout.

**Sunday, October 23 6:30 pm Adult Committee Meeting** in classroom #10 at the Church.

**Monday, October 24 Parent Meeting during regular troop meeting.** All parents are encouraged to attend so everyone can stay informed about Troop Activities.

**Saturday, October 29 Merit Badge University at CU Boulder.** Registration is now closed. They will send out class assignments on Oct 10th. I will forward them as soon as they arrive.

**Saturday November 5, 7:30 pm Star Party at Little Thompson Observatory in Berthoud.** The volunteers at the observatory will be leading us in an astronomy fun night. For those who need to complete their Astronomy Merit Badge observation requirement, this is your chance! If you have not started your Astronomy Merit Badge, this is a great time to start.

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

**November 21 NO Meeting (Thanksgiving Holiday)**

**December 19 & 26 NO Meetings (Winter Break Holiday)**

**We WILL Meet on Monday, January 2, 2017**

**January 9 & 23 Webelos Nights** On these nights we will invite Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts to visit our Troop Meetings

**January 30 Winter Court of Honor**

**Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities:**

**BSA Popcorn Sale has started.** Many thanks to Mr. Mathers for stepping up to serve as our Popcorn Kernel this year. Please see Mr. Mathers for order forms and information. **Because we do not have a troop meeting on October 17, all popcorn orders and money are due to me by October 10. Also, any unsold popcorn must be returned that night.**

**Butterbraids Fundraiser starts October 24.** Our annual Butterbraids fundraiser is back. This year we cannot sell Butterbraids and Cookie Dough at the same time due to a new Cookie Dough Brand (Otis Spunkmeyer) that does not allow their product to be sold alongside other products. So, we will do Butterbraids before Thanksgiving and Cookie Dough before Christmas. Butterbraids order forms and money are due on November 7 and will be delivered November 14. Mrs. Martinez will provide more information and order forms as we get closer to the date.

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts November 14.** Our annual frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser is back. Order forms and money are due December 5 and Cookie Dough will be delivered December 12. Mrs. Martinez will provide more information and order forms as we get closer to the date.

### **General Announcements:**

**September is Youth Protection Training Month!** The District is now requiring all adults who participate in Scouting activities, not just registered leaders, to take Youth Protection Training (an approximately 30 minute online training), to take this training on an annual basis. We have decided, to make it easier on everyone, to get all adults to take the Youth Protection Training during the month of September so all we are all synced up and can remind everyone to do it once a year, at the same time. So, please, all adults (any adult who participates in any Scouting activities including troop meetings) please take or renew your Youth Protection Training sometime between September 1 and October 1 this year. You can log in to [myscouting.org](https://myscouting.org) to renew your YPT. Please print out a copy of your certificate and give it to Mr. Bollacker or Mrs. Martinez.

**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 activity management and 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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Yours in Scouting,

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