

*Please have your scout read this and all emails as scouts are arriving at events without the correct equipment. Your scout needs to take responsibility preparing themselves for campouts or other events. I can add their email address to the distribution list if that helps.*

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

**Meeting this week (Monday, October 23) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St) in Longmont.**

During Patrol meetings we will be finishing our patrol flags or working on knots.

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

- 6:30 Outdoor Games
- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Dragons) set up** for flag ceremony, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony. Announcements.
- 7:10 Parent Meeting. All Parents please go to the Chapel.  
Patrol Meetings- Make your Patrol Flags.
- 7:30 Rank Requirements and Merit Badges needed by individual Scouts
- 8:10 Indoor Games
- 8:30 Closing Announcements. Cleanup by Service Patrol

**Parent Meeting during regular troop meeting this week.** All parents are encouraged to attend so everyone can stay informed about Troop Activities. At this meeting we will discuss re-registration and fees, adult leader registration, upcoming activities and any questions or issues you may have.

**Re-registration for the upcoming Scouting year has started.** We need every parent to let us know if you intend to re-register for the upcoming year. You can do this on a sign up form at the parent meeting or you will see a Survey Monkey form from me this week that asks about your intentions of re-registering for the upcoming Scouting year. We are asking EVERYONE to respond on the sign-up sheet or to the Survey Monkey including those who do not attend meetings very often. Also, re-registration fees are due. The fees are: \$24 BSA Dues, \$20 Troop Dues, and \$12 Boys Life Annual Subscription (optional) for a total of \$56. Registered adults are asked to pay the \$24 BSA Dues but the Troop will not charge adults the Troop Dues. **Deadline for submitting re-registration fees and re-registration is Monday, November 14.**

**Butterbraids Fundraiser starts this week 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 at the meeting this week.

### Upcoming Troop Activities:

**Saturday, October 29 Merit Badge University at CU Boulder.** Registration is now closed. I sent an email out to those who have signed up, including how much money you owe the troop and any prerequisites your Scout needs to work on before MBU. Please make sure there is credit in your account or pay for these fees at the upcoming meeting. Please be at CU Boulder this Saturday at 8:00 am and look for me at Chem 140. People will direct you to that building. Opening Ceremony starts at 8:30 but come early if you need me to sign a prerequisite form.

**Saturday November 5, 7:30 pm Star Party at Little Thompson Observatory in Berthoud. Please sign up in Troop Web Host, if you plan on attending.** There is no cost for this event. 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. Mrs. Martinez is an Astronomy Merit Badge Counselor and can sign off on blue cards.

**November 11-12 Annual Lock-In at the Church. Please sign up for the Lock-in on Troop Web Host.** Also, we are asking Scouts to grab an orange flier or two and invite their friends to attend the Lock-In. We want this to be an outreach event for other boys to learn about Scouting in a fun way. I will also need adult volunteers to attend and help with driving and supervision of the kids. The more the merrier (plus, we can sleep in shifts).

**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:** help with the scouts

**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 whelp with the scoutse get closer to the date.

### **General Announcements:**

Adults, **Please Complete Your Youth Protection Training!** The District is now requiring help with the scouting 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. We need everyone in the Troop to be current with their YPT prior to our recharter which is starting this week. So, please, all adults (any adult who participates in **any** Scouting activities including troop meetings) please take or renew your Youth Protection Training NOW. You can log in to [myscouting.org](http://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, especially your email address, 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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