

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

**Meeting this week (Monday, November 14) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St) in Longmont.**

**Many Thanks for a Very Successful Lock-In:** We had 38 boys of which 9 were visitors to our Lock-In. I want to take a moment to thank all of you who helped me throughout the evening to make this a very safe and very fun event for our Scouts and Visitors: Fritz Foss, Randy Weber, Chad Bollacker, Stacie Francis, Scott Francis, Melissa Rishel, Bruce Rishel, Debbie Platts, Grant Mathers, Todd Lawall, Brian Brookes, Erik Holmberg, Todd Lawall, Kristy Martinez, and Jason Oehlkers. Thanks again you all for stepping up in such a big way.

Lost and Found:

- There was a white pillow that is missing. Please check to see if you took it by mistake.
- 2 small Nerf guns were left.

At our Meeting this week we will

**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 Patrol Meetings  
7:30 Rank Requirements and Merit Badges needed by individual Scouts  
8:00 Indoor Games  
8:20 Closing Announcements. Cleanup by Service Patrol

**Upcoming Troop Activities:**

**This Tuesday, November 15 we will have a PLC Meeting at 7 pm at the Church.** All elected Boy Scouts are expected to attend. We will be planning out our upcoming meetings including Webelos Nights in January. There will be no PLC meeting in December so please make sure you make it this week.

**NEXT Week, November 21 NO Meeting (Thanksgiving Holiday)**

**November 28, Longmont Rec Center Swimming Night.** Focus on Swimming Merit Badge, Swimming Rank Requirements, and having fun. Please meet in the lobby promptly at 7 pm. If you do not want to swim, you can play basketball or workout in other parts of the Rec Center. The troop will pay for admission or please bring your Rec Center pass.

**Sunday, December 4, Adult Committee Meeting 6:30 pm** All Adult Leaders are encouraged to attend. We will meet at the Church in Classroom #10. Please enter the Northeast corner door.

**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**

### Fundraising Opportunities:

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts this week, November 14.** Our annual frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser is back. **Otis Spunkmeyer®** is a frozen, preportioned gourmet cookie dough. Each 2.5lb package contains **36, 1.1oz. cookies**. Your customers will love the freezer to oven convenience. The flavors available to order are: **Chocolate Chip, Carnival Candy, Peanut Butter, Mint Chocolate Chunk, White Chocolate Macadamia Nut and Strawberry Shortcake**. Your customers will enjoy the homemade taste and the 0 grams of Trans Fat. **Each Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough package sells for \$17.00 and \$6.80 of that goes to your individual Scout Account!**

Pick up your order forms from me at the Kitchen Counter. Order forms and money are due December 5 and Cookie Dough will be delivered December 12.

**Butterbraids will be delivered this Thursday.** Since Mrs. Martinez is out of town, she will not be able to pick up the Butterbraids and bring them to our meeting this Monday. She is arranging to pick them up this Thursday afternoon and will drop them off that evening at the homes of those Scouts who ordered them. For those who have orders, look for an email from Mrs. Martinez on Monday.

### General Announcements:

**Re-registration for the upcoming Scouting year has started and ENDS THIS WEEK. Deadline for submitting re-registration fees and re-registration is THIS Monday, November 14.**

Now is the time of year to re-register Scouts and Adult Leaders and recharter our Troop for the upcoming year. We put together a quick survey to gather inputs from all Scouts and Adult Leaders, even if you don't haven't been coming to meetings recently. We don't want to miss including anyone on our roster and recharter for the upcoming Scouting year. We ask that everyone complete this quick survey for every person in your family registered with Troop 66. For example, the Martinez family has two registered adult leaders and three Boy Scouts we would like to register for the upcoming year so we completed this survey five times for our family.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXX6F27>

**Also, re-registration fees are due this week.** 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 assess adults the Troop Dues. Adult Leaders have the option of subscribing to Scouting Magazine for Adult Leaders for \$12/year for a total of \$36 for adults. If you would like to just be a merit badge counselor, you do not need to pay the \$24 BSA fees. **Please submit your dues to Mr. Foss, or make sure there is enough money in your Scout Account to cover the dues and remain in the black.** All of those who are in arrears with their Scout accounts (with negative balances before October 1, 2016) need to bring their accounts into the positive, and include re-registration dues to be included in our recharter. It is too hard on the troop to carry large negative balances.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to request a scholarship.

**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 that we have now phased out sign-up sheets at Troop meetings.** We will have a laptop setup at our meetings for those who like to sign up at meetings and might be uncomfortable with computers. However, you need to bring your own login username and password. 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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