

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

We need to take a moment to recognize three of our Life Scouts who recently had their Eagle Applications approved by the Council. **Congratulations to Aidan DeBie, Henrik Larsen, and Luke Martinez who are nearly done with their journey to Eagle.** The last step for these young men is their Eagle Boards of Review which they are all now scheduling. Also, thank you to our Committee Chairman Grant Mathers who will be the Chairman of the Eagle Boards of Review for Aidan, Henrik, and Luke.

Speaking of Mr. Mathers, we all need to give him a pat on the back, and a huge thank you, for completing the monumental task of Rechartering our troop for another year! We are grateful for Grant's commitment to getting this done on time for the 46 Scouts and 29 Adult Leaders who are registered in our unit for the upcoming year. That is awesome!

A word of thanks needs to go to our Troop Treasurer, Fritz Foss. Fritz has served our Troop faithfully for the last five years in a difficult and sometimes time consuming position. Fritz is ready to pass on the baton and help the next Treasurer transition into the position. At the last Committee Meeting it was voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Fritz and accept the nomination of Scott Francis as Troop Treasurer. Both Fritz and Scott will be working together for several months until Scott is comfortable with the position. **Thanks for stepping up Scott!**

Cookie Dough Orders will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please bring a cooler to take home your orders.

Meeting this week (Monday, December 12) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St) in Longmont.

At the meeting this week we will work on Second Class requirements 3A and 3D. **Please bring a COMPASS to the meeting this week, if you have one. Also bring a headlamp or flashlight.** The weather is supposed to be 30 degrees and clear. We will go outside to do some orienteering so please have your Scout wear appropriate clothing.

Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:

- 6:45 **Service Patrol (Stealth) set up** for flag ceremony, PLC check-in
- 7:00 Flag Ceremony. Announcements.
- 7:10 Patrol Meetings.
- 7:30 Second Class Requirements 3A and 3D. Rank Requirements and Merit Badges needed by individual Scouts
- 8:00 Indoor Games
- 8:20 Closing Announcements. Cleanup by Service Patrol

Upcoming Troop Activities:

December 19 & 26 NO Meetings (Winter Break Holiday)

December 21 7:30 pm Service Opportunity for Charter Org Church The church has requested our Scouts help during a Winter Solstice service that they will have with a campfire. They would like our Scouts to help light and maintain the campfire during the service. More information is coming on location and details of the service including sign-up on TroopWeb Host. Mr. Mathers and Mrs. Bolon will be spearheading this.

We WILL Meet on Monday, January 2, 2017. We will work on our preparations and sign up to help for Webelos Nights Scout Activity Stations: 1) First Aid, 2) Knots/Lashing/Pioneering, 3) Leathercraft and 4) 10 Essentials and Tent/Campsite Setup.

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

Tuesday, January 17, 7 pm PLC Meeting at the Church. All elected Scouts are expected to attend the Patrol Leaders Council meeting for planning meetings and campout in February.

January 21-22 Pre- Klondike Winter Campout at Camp Tahosa near Nederland. We will head up to Tahosa on Saturday morning and enjoy a day of sledding and practicing our Klondike skills with our sled. We will return by noon on Sunday. Sign-up now for this campout on TroopWebHost.

January 28 Mountain View District Merit Badge College. This is a nice local Merit Badge class (up to 3 classes can be taken that day) opportunity for our Scouts in Longmont and there is no cost. Registration has opened. There are very limited class sizes so I recommend you sign up ASAP. Go to this link to see the list of Merit Badge classes offered and you can register yourself: <http://longspeakbsa.org/mountain-view/mountain-view-events/mountain-view-merit-badge-college/>

January 30 Winter Court of Honor

February 10-12 MV-IP Klondike at Golden Gate Canyon State Park Troop 66 will return to Golden Gate State Park to see if we can improve on our impressive 3rd place finish from last year with our new sled, The Orange Crush. Mark your calendars now. We will start registering for Klondike in January.

Summer Camp 2017- Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch South Dakota. Look for an email this week about the week that has been chosen for Summer Camp. We will start collecting registrations when we come back on January 2.

General Announcements:

Scout Meetings with Merit Badge Counselors or other Adult Leaders: Many of our Scouts are actively working on completing Merit Badges or want to speak to particular Adult Leaders for rank advancement or consulting for Eagle Scout progress. If a Scout needs or wants to speak to a particular leader, and you have a time crunch or expectation to meet, please have the Scout email or call the leader to make sure he or she is attending the meeting that week. All phone numbers and email addresses for registered adult leaders are listed in TroopWeb Host. We do not have a requirement or expectation that all of our adult leaders attend every meeting.

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. **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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