

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

Meeting this week (Monday, April 30) is at the First Congregational Church (9th Ave. & Francis St) in Longmont.

Agenda for this Monday Night's Troop meeting:

6:45 **Service Patrol (Stealth)** setup for flag ceremony, and tables for adult meetings and Patrol meetings. **PLC please arrive 15 minutes early** for check-in.

7:00 Indoor Flag Ceremony. Announcements.

7:10 Patrol Meetings, plan and practice skit for Court of Honor. Meal planning meeting for those attending campout this weekend. Finish rank advancement and Merit Badge requirements. **This is the last meeting before our Court of Honor next week on May 8. All rank advancements and completed Merit Badge blue cards need to be to Mr. Larsen at this meeting.** Scouts, bring your signed blue cards and Scout Handbooks to this meeting.

7:30 Parents and Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall to discuss Summer Camp and Summer Camping equipment.

8:10 Games in Fellowship Hall

8:25 Closing Announcements. Clean-up. Please stay until ALL work and clean-up is completed.

Class B Shirt Order Imminent; Goggle Survey coming so you can order your shirt sizes- We want to thank Scott Yoho for taking inventory of our Class B shirts and helping as our coordinator. We are getting ready to restock our supply of Class B shirts. This is the uniform shirt we wear during our summer meetings, service projects, camping and at summer camp. It would be helpful to know if you would like to order any shirts for your Scout and yourself and what sizes. Keep your eye out for an email that asks you your shirt order for quantity and sizes.

Upcoming Troop Activities:

(We could use adult "Champions," aka lead coordinators, for most of our upcoming campouts. Please email me if you can help with any of these upcoming campouts. I will give you instructions for the specific campout).

THIS FRIDAY-SUNDAY May 5-7 Carter Lake New Scout (and old Scouts too!) Campout. The temperatures are supposed to be in the 80s! Please sign up in TroopWebHost or have your Scout sign up at the meeting this week. Deadline to sign up for this campout is THIS Tuesday, May 2. (Carter Lake in Loveland. Campsites are Reserved for two nights of camping really close by! We have plenty of space available. If you would like to come with your family, let me know. We may be able to accommodate you in the spaces we have reserved.) We will have many fun activities including hiking, canoeing, and camping skills over the course of the weekend.

We will work on Camping Merit Badge and rank advancement requirements for all Scouts. Thank you to Erik Holmberg for Championing this event.

Monday, May 8 Spring Court of Honor. It is time again to take a moment to celebrate the achievements of our Scouts over the last several months. We are excited to be honoring our latest Eagle Scout, Henrik Larsen, at this Court of Honor. Henrik's family will be providing cake for our event. We hope every Scout will attend our Court of Honor.

Sunday, May 21 at 6:30pm Adult Leaders Attending Camp Meeting at the Church This is an organizational meeting for all adults who will be driving to camp and those who will be attending camp with our Scouts. With 32 Scouts and 12 adults registered, we need to work on the logistics and expectations of the adults so we can make this a great experience for everyone.

Monday, May 22 Scout Leader Elections It is time for our Scouts to elect their leaders for the next 6 month term. We hope all Scouts make it a priority to attend this meeting so their vote is counted. If a Scout is interested in an elected position, please see me if they have any questions.

Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day) Volunteer Group at Bolder Boulder **Deadline to sign up is Monday, May 1 as we need to submit our final numbers to the Bolder Boulder** (see description below in Fundraising Activities).

June 12, 19, and 26 Citizen in the Nation Merit Badge Class. In June, Mrs. Martinez will be offering the Citizen in the Nation Merit Badge (Eagle required) Class during a portion of the regular Troop meetings. She plans on covering all requirements in these three classes (with homework completed by Scouts) and will culminate during Summer Camp when the Troop visits a very important National Monument: Mount Rushmore!

June 23-25 Sand Dunes Family Campout. This very popular campout is back. We will leave early on Friday to drive to a private campground in Alamosa and then spend all day Saturday on the dunes and hiking to the famous waterfalls nearby. We will head home on Sunday with a stop at the Gatorland attraction nearby.

July 9-15 Summer Camp. Merit Badge class selections are past due. Mrs. Martinez sent out a separate email about medical forms. Make those doctor appointments now so you can submit your completed medical form by July 3.

July 28-30 Watersports Campout at Shadow Mountain Reservoir. Campsites are reserved!

August 19-20 Backpacking Campout

September 8-10 Shooting Sports Campout at Camp Ben Delatour (Date TBR)

October Mountain Biking Campout

General Announcements:

Got Questions? Janine's Got Answers! Janine Bolon is serving as our Troop Host at our regular Troop Meetings. Please look for Janine near the door, at most meetings, if

you or your Scout are looking for answers: which adults do I talk to for finances, merit badge or rank advancements, Summer Camp registration, camping equipment, upcoming events, medical forms, signing up for activities or checking your Scout Account balance on TroopWebHost (Janine will have access to a laptop, you just need to bring your login credentials), etc. Janine will answer your questions (she is a great source of a variety of Scouting information) or direct you to another adult in the room who can. We are trying to free me up a bit more during the meetings so I can focus on interacting with the boys and not get distracted away from a Scoutmaster's duties. We would like to also get several of the Assistant Scoutmasters more engaged with the boys as well.

Scout Sign-Ups are Back at the Meetings: We have recognized the need to bring back the convenience of allowing Scouts to sign themselves up for campouts and activities during Troop meetings. If a Scout wants to attend an upcoming activity, he needs to go see Mrs. Bolon or Mrs. Martinez who have a computer and can sign-up Scouts on the spot. Our general policy for campouts: If your Scout has signed up for an activity, then Parents will see an email from me on the Wednesday before a campout that includes a list of all Scouts that have signed up. Parents have until Thursday evening to add or delete their Scouts from the list. After Thursday evening the registration will be closed and food will be purchased Friday morning.

Troop Web Host is Live and we need ALL families on it, ASAP. Last year we subscribed to a 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**

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If you did not receive your login credentials from TroopWebHost, please email Mr. Foss at foss@airmail.net. We 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.

Fundraising Activities:

Rotary Duck Race Tickets: **Duck Tickets will be picked up and distributed starting at our Court of Honor on May 8! Please read below carefully to get the instructions on how to participate:**

On July 8, 2017 the St. Vrain Rotary Club will be running its annual duck race at the Rhythm on the River Festival. Our Troop purchases the tickets for \$1 each and Scouts sell them for \$5 each. The \$4 profit per ticket goes to the Scout's individual account. Mrs. Martinez will check out packets of 25 tickets to each Scout and they need to turn in complete packets with stubs and money in order to check out another packet. **The deadline to turn in all sales packets with money and stubs is Monday, June 26, 2017.**

For customers who buy a \$5 duck ticket from your Scout, they “adopt” a rubber duck for \$5 and a chance to win cash prizes and other prizes like local business gift cards. There are three cash prizes of \$2000, \$1000, & \$500. With your adoption your customer receives a ticket with a number that corresponds to a rubber duck. On race day St. Vrain Rotary will drop all the ducks into the St Vrain River, and the first ducks who cross the line will win prizes for the matching ticket holders. Prize winners need not be present to win. Cash Prize winners will be announced at the Duck Race booth on the day of race. All winners will be notified by telephone, U.S. Mail, or email, based on the information on the winning ticket. Mrs. Martinez will be making arrangements with the South Hover King Soopers to set up a sales table on Saturdays in May and June and Scouts can sell their tickets to the patrons.

If you and your Scout would like to participate please email Mrs. Martinez at tonyandkristy@yahoo.com by Tuesday, May 2, if you would like her to pick up a sales packet of 25 tickets for your Scout. Since the Troop has to “front” \$25 for each packet, we are asking parents to commit to selling, or buying themselves, all of the tickets in each packet they order. This is so the Troop does not have to incur any financial losses in Scouts don’t sell their tickets. **So a \$25 debit is applied to your Scout account, for every packet ordered**, which then means 100% of the money you collect (\$125 for each complete packet sold plus any “in-kind” donations you collect) will go into the Scout account. You can order additional packets from Mrs. Martinez at any time once the previous packet and money are turned in.

May 29 Memorial Day BolderBoulder Race Volunteer Scouts of our Troop, and any adult parents or friends who want to help their Scout, **will earn \$25 per volunteer** (note this is a change from previously advertised \$40/person) for the Scout’s account and also receive a T-shirt and snack bag. The job we will do requires approximately 4 hours of work (5:30 am – 9:30 am) and it involves checking in bags of racers personal items into trucks that will take the personal items to the finish line for the racers to pick up. This is an easy and fun job. For more information see Mrs. Martinez. Please sign up ASAP in TroopWebHost if you would like to do this as we need to submit the numbers to the BolderBoulder fairly soon. Please include the names of the adults attending with the Scout in the comments line of the sign up.

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 big difference in our troop's operating account. If you don't have the special reloadable gift cards, Mr. Francis will 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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