

Hello Troop 66 Scouts, Scouters and Parents;

## **Meeting this week (Monday, June 6) is at the Valmont Bike Park in Boulder.**

The Valmont Bike Park is located on the corner of Valmont Road and Airport Road in Boulder. Go to the parking lot on the east side of the Bike Park, on Valmont Road past Airport Road, just west of the roof structure and dog park. Scouts and adults should bring their mountain bike/dirt bike, water bottle, and wear a helmet. It is also a good idea to wear your Class B T shirt. Some adult leaders will be hanging out at the picnic tables near the parking lot if you need to meet with them. Here is a Goglemaps link to the location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Valmont+Bike+Park/@40.0298873,-105.232101,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x876bee089f285ebd:0xfc6069c46c7e261d!8m2!3d40.0298832!4d-105.2299123>

**Thank you Mr. Ehlert for serving as Scoutmaster for the next two weeks.** I am actually in Texas right now and will return home in time for our June 20 meeting. Scouts and Parents, please see Mr. Ehlert for all Scoutmaster matters until I return. I am able to respond to emails if you have questions.

**Class B T-shirts can be worn to Troop Meetings during the Summer!** While school is out for the Summer, Scouts may choose to wear Class-B shirts to our regular troop meetings. However, if a Scout will be doing a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review, he is required to wear his full Class-A uniform on these occasions. Also, Scouts must be in the Class-B shirt, which is our summer uniform, to be part of the Color Guard at our meetings.

## **Upcoming Troop Activities:**

**THIS SATURDAY, June 11 9 am – 2 pm Stephen M. Eagle Scout Project at the Church (9<sup>th</sup> and Francis) in our regular meeting room:** This is an all hands on deck activity. We need Scouts and Adults to help Stephen make this a success. Please bring a hack saw (to cut PVC pipe) and have your name on it. Let's help Stephen build cat play structures out of PVC pipe for the Longmont Humane Society and make his Eagle Project a success!

**July 1-3 High Adventure Rafting Campout for Scouts Age 14+:** We are scrambling a bit to get this one together. I could really use someone who will champion this and help me arrange for camping reservations. I have a contact for the rafting company.

**July 8-10 Watersports Campout at Union Reservoir in Longmont:** Once again we will bring out the canoes, kayaks, fishing rods, swimsuits, etc. and head to the water. Families are encouraged to attend this campout and we will be inviting local Webelos Scouts to join us.

**July 24-30, 2016 – Summer Camp at Peaceful Valley** – All Medical forms, including Part C that is signed by your physician, are due to Mrs. Martinez by Monday, July 18. There will be a Parent Meeting on July 18 and a packing shakedown given by Patrol Leaders. This means all Scouts going to Summer Camp need to bring their complete bag/ foot locker/tote to the meeting that night for a friendly inspection.

### General Announcements:

**Registration for Summer Camp Merit Badges Past Due:** There are a handful of Scouts who have not turned in their merit badge request forms. She has not received Merit Badge requests from: Myles B., Toby B., James B., Declan M., and Micah P. Please get the form, or email, Mrs. Martinez ASAP at [tonyandkristy@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandkristy@yahoo.com).

**Registration for Summer Camp is Closed.**

**Rotary Duck Tickets Fundraiser has started.** For those who have ordered ticket packets, you can pick them up this week. If you would like to order a packet, email Mrs. Martinez, at [tonyandkristy@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyandkristy@yahoo.com). Since the Troop has to pay \$25 for each packet, we are asking parents to commit to selling, or buying themselves, all of the tickets in each packet so the Troop does not have to incur a \$25 loss. You can order additional packets from Mrs. Martinez once the previous packet and money are turned in.

**Some Shifts are Still Available to Sell Duck Tickets in Front of King Soopers:** For all of those who have picked up packets of Rotary Duck Race tickets, and those who are considering doing so, Mrs. Martinez has booked several dates at the South Hover King Soopers for Scouts to come and sell their tickets during those dates and times.

Here is how it works: Mrs. Martinez will set up a card table with signs and display and the Scouts bring their own tickets to sell during that hour. I will also bring a chair for the parent to sit on during the hour. Each Scout tracks his own ticket sales and earns the credit for every ticket he sells. We need two Scouts and a parent assigned to each hour of every four hour shift. It is recommended that the Scout wear his Class A uniform and stand up during the hour and ask folks to buy tickets as they leave the store. Scouts also need to be able to make their own change. We accept checks made out to "Troop 66."

Please email Mrs. Martinez if you would like to work a shift. Shifts that are still available:

**1) Sunday, June 12**

\_3:30-4:30 pm

\_4:30-5:30 pm

**2) Saturday, June 25**

\_12 pm-1 pm

\_1 pm – 2 pm

### **3) Sunday, June 26**

\_2:30-3:30 pm

\_3:30-4:30 pm

\_4:30-5:30 pm

**Some details about the Rotary Duck race:** On July 9, 2016 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 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 27, 2016.**

For those who buy a \$5 duck ticket, 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 you will get 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 and Scouts can sell their tickets to the patrons.

### **Rules for Use of Church Facilities:**

If you have been in the church lately, you have seen that all of the renovations are complete. The fellowship hall looks amazing. There are a few new rules that we have implemented to help take care of the facilities and minimize our disruptions on others using the building.

- 1) Please enter our meetings through the Southwest door of the fellowship hall.
- 2) The bathrooms adjacent to the fellowship hall are now finished and usable. This means there should be no reason any Scouts or adults need to walk down the hallway past the Chapel. There are classes in the Chapel so please do not use the hallway adjacent to the Chapel.
- 3) There is a circle of soft chairs and a table on the northside of the fellowship hall. In order to protect this furniture, these chairs will be used **ONLY** for Scoutmaster Conferences or Board of Reviews. Scouts are not allowed to sit in these chairs in any other circumstances and we ask parents and adults to sit in other chairs in the room so we can reserve this area for official Scout meetings and keep a sound buffer between us and the meeting rooms on the north end of the fellowship hall.
- 4) Thanks to all Scouts and adults who set up chairs and tables for the meetings. The new flooring is susceptible to scratches and scuffs so we ask everyone to be careful when setting up and putting away tables and try not to drag them across the floor. this is

also true for pulling things out of the Quartermaster Closet and in particular the large black flag stands. If you drag the flag stands, they will scratch the floor.

5) Outdoor spaces: With the warm weather, we can now have Scout activities and games outside in the grassy courtyard. The Scouts have been reminded many times of the rules in the Courtyard: no climbing on the bell tower, walls or tables and please do not go near the flower gardens on all sides of the grassy area.

Thanks everyone for helping us to continue to be grateful and respectful users of the church facilities!

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**Troop Web Host is Live.** 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).

**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.

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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