

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

THIS WEEK:

We are meeting in person this week at the First Congregational UCC church at 9th and Francis from 7-8:30 pm. Yeah!

We will have merit badge counselors, and other adults available to help with Merit badges and rank advancement. We could use a few extra adults to help us with some Boards of Review that we know are needed. Be sure and bring your books to get them recorded by our advancement chairpersons.

Agenda for this Monday:

7:00 **Flags** **Dragon** is the Service Patrol. This patrol needs to arrive by **6:45** to set up so we can start at 7:00 Wear Class A Field Uniforms.

7:10 **Announcements**

7:15 **Rank advancement and Merit Badge work.**

8:00 **Games (if time permits)**

8:30 **Closing Flags, Clean up. All tables need to be wiped down**
[Parents-please stay and help with cleaning/sanitizing]

COVID INFORMATION FOR OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

Boulder County has moved down to level Orange.

We want to give the boys some opportunities to interact with each other while being COVID safe and abiding by all Boulder County restrictions and guidance. The current restrictions require:

1. everyone to wear a facemask at all times
2. everyone practices social distancing with at least 6 feet distance from others
3. keep numbers below 50 participants
4. Use hand sanitizer provided

Please do not come to our meeting if you are feeling under the weather at all: that includes headaches, a fever, a snuffle, a cough, a sore throat, etc. We need to be VERY careful to protect our Scouts, adult leaders, and families of Scouts including grandparents.

COMING SOON: COMMUNICATION MERIT BADGE CLASS

Mrs. Martinez has planned out the spring so Scouts can earn their Communication Merit Badge (Eagle required) during regular meetings either virtual or in-person. Our records show that over 20 Scouts in our Troop need this merit badge.

For those Scouts who have already earned Communication, Mr. Martinez can use your leadership and help with our new AoL Crossover Scouts who will be joining us in February or March.

Parents and Scouts; mark your calendars for these dates when the Communication Merit Badge will have 30-40 minute classes (either by WebEx or in-person at First Congregational Church depending on COVID restrictions): 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26 and 5/10 (Spring CoH)

Flag Retirement Ceremony Eagle Project. If you have old worn out flags for retirement, please bring them to meetings. Mike P will have 2 upcoming meetings in February that we will prep the flags for retirement during his Flag Day project in June.

UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:

Sat. Jan. 30 1:00 pm Lake McIntosh Hike. We are excited to commence our hiking program thanks to our new hiking committee.

For Scouts going on our high adventure backpacking trip in Yellowstone NP this summer; please make every effort to attend these weekend hikes so you can be prepared for the summer trek.

All Scouts and families are welcome to attend our weekend hikes.

Mon. Feb 1 Winter Court of Honor. We have to control our numbers tightly for COVID safety so only Scouts who have earned an award and one parent are invited to attend. We will have a WebEx stream for any other family members who would like to observe. Parents of Scouts who have earned awards will get an email and WebEx invite later this week.

Sat Feb 6 Swimming at Longmont Rec Center. **You MUST sign up by Monday, Jan 25th (tomorrow!)** in order to attend. We have to make a reservation so we **MUST** have the correct numbers.

Mon Feb 15 NO MEETING-Presidents Day

Sat Feb 20 Winter Fun day at Camp Tahosa-9am-6 pm Sign up on TWH

Feb 19-20 [CANCELLED] Klondike Derby at Golden Gate State Park

Sat Mar 6 1-3 pm Hike. Details to follow.

Sat Mar 13 Pack 673 Crossover. We will need scouts there to help welcome our newest members.

Mon Mar 22 NO MEETING-Spring Break

June 12-13 Summer Backpacking Trip

July 4-10 Traditional Summer Camp at Buffalo Bill Scout Camp near Yellowstone National Park

July 25-31 High Adventure (Age 14+) Backpacking Trek in Yellowstone National Park

Aug. 14-15 TBA Campout to be planned by PLC

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PayPal is Now Available to make Troop 66 Account Payments! *From Troop 66*

Treasurer Scott Francis: Cash and check are still welcome. If you have a Paypal account and transfer money from a bank account, you can transfer money to the scout account for no fee. If you use a credit card, you will be charged a fee of \$0.30 plus 2.9% of the value of the transaction. This fee is from Paypal, not the troop. After you submit money via Paypal, I will get an email notification and can send you this notification as a receipt. After I receive

the notification, I will credit the scout account in Troop Web Host.. This may not happen for several days after the transfer of money. The account is set up as Boy Scout Troop Sixty Six, but you may need to use my email address to find the account:

07consultingcolo@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

King Soopers Loyalty Card fundraiser is ongoing..... Please keep scanning your Sooper Card when you buy groceries and gas. We earn 5% of these purchases if you link your King Sooper Card to our troop.

As a reminder, please share this with your friends and family, this is how you link your card to Troop 66:

- Go to this link: <http://www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards>
- Sign in to your existing King Soopers loyalty account (if you've never set one up before you'll need to create one.. We can help you do this at a Troop 66 meeting. Just bring in your King Sooper Card)
- In the upper left corner, there is a drop-down menu titled "**Save**" then select "**King Soopers Community Rewards**" from the Save drop-down menu
- Click on the words "**Enroll Now**" in the middle of the page
- In the "**Find an Organization**" field search for "**Boy Scout Troop 66 –Longmont, Colorado**" or Organization "**XR517**" (which is our organization's code in the system)
- Click on the **Enroll button** within the box for our organization
- You will get confirmation that you successfully enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. **That's it!**
- Sign out of your account... (Troop 66 does NOT have access to this account or any personal information).

· Questions? Contact: Scott Francis, Troop 66 Treasurer, (720) 936-1128 or
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TROOP CALENDAR:

For the current status of all upcoming meetings and troop activities, please go to our Troop Calendar on the bottom of the homepage of our Troop Website: <https://bsa66.weebly.com/>

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Yours in Scouting,

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