

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

**Because St. Vrain Valley Schools are closed today, we will NOT be meeting tonight. Enjoy your evening off!**

### **Special Announcements:**

**Next Meeting, Oct 28: Physical Fitness MB Evaluations** with Mr. Francis and Mr. Groff. Scouts wear your Class B Shirts.

**Next Meeting, Oct 28: Pumpkin Carving Fun!** Once again we will be practicing our knife skills (safely) by carving pumpkins, just in time for Halloween. Thanks again to Munson Farms for donating the pumpkins to the Troop. Scouts may wear their Class B Shirts this night. Please bring your own knives (with name on them) to carve your pumpkin. Prizes will be awarded to the best pumpkins in multiple categories! Siblings and Parents are welcome to join us.

**Adult Leaders: October is our Youth Protection Training month. Please take the YPT training online.** When complete, please email me and Mr. Bollacker [ff.cboll@gmail.com](mailto:ff.cboll@gmail.com) a copy of your certificate. All adults in the troop will need to complete this training BEFORE we can recharter for next year. Please have it completed by Nov 1, 2019.

**Adult Leaders: If you have received an email from BSA about the Background check update, please print it out and bring it to me or Mr. Taylor.** We will need it for Recharter. We will have print outs of these at the next meeting. You can fill it out then if you would like.

**Registration for 2020 Scout Year is coming: Look for an email this week from Signup Genius concerning your intentions for registering as a Scout or Adult Leader for the 2020 year.** Please respond to this ASAP so our Committee Chairman, Mr. Taylor, can recharter our Troop by the deadline. Heads Up: National BSA has increased their recharter Scout fees from \$30 to \$45 for the 2020 year. Troop 66 dues will remain at \$25 for the year.

### **Upcoming Troop Activities (Lots of updates below. Mark your calendars):**

**Nov 4 Last Cooking Merit Badge Class** On this night we will be discussing careers in Nutrition and Culinary Arts. Mrs. Martinez is working on a guest speaker. Scouts, please try to complete your Cooking at Home assignment by this date. Mrs. Martinez will transfer sign-offs to BSA blue cards on this night.

**Nov 9 Annual Lock-In - 4pm to midnight.** Sign up in TroopWebHost. Fliers are available at troop meetings to give to your friends who might be interested in joining our troop. **Flier is also attached here.**

**Nov 11** **PLC Meeting.** 6 pm. All elected Scout leaders are needed to help plan upcoming meetings and activities. Pizza will be provided.

**Nov 11** Regular Meeting: **Personal Fitness Merit Badge Fitness Evaluations and Class.**

**Nov 11** **Butterbraid Orders due to Ms. Platts**

**Nov 16** **Cancelled: MBU at CU Boulder.** The Committee decided to skip this Fall MBU and we will participate in the MBU this spring.

**Nov 18** Regular Meeting: **Personal Fitness Merit Badge Class.**

**Nov 18** **Butterbraids ready for pickup**

**Nov 18** **Adult Committee Meeting**

**Nov 18** **Spaghetti Dinner Tickets** Packets ready for pickup (Scouts earn money for accounts with every ticket sold)

**Nov 25** **No Meeting.** Thanksgiving Week

**Dec 2** **Open House for AoL Cub Scouts and all MS and HS boys.** This meeting is dedicated to welcoming our visitors from AoL Cub Scout dens and Middle School and High School aged boys who are interested in joining Scouts. We need all Troop 66 Scouts to attend to help us man our Scout skills stations and so our visitors can get to know you.

**Dec 9** **Troop Elections**

**Dec 23, 30 No Meetings.** Winter Break.

**Jan 6** **PLC Meeting.** 6 pm. All elected Scout leaders are needed to help plan upcoming meetings and activities. Pizza will be provided.

**Jan 11** **Winter Fun Day** Klondike Prep and Sledding (more info coming)

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**Jan 20** **No Meeting.** Schools Out.

**Feb 1** **Spaghetti Dinner and Winter CoH**

**Feb 17** **No Meeting.** Schools Out.

**Feb 21-22** **Klondike Derby at Golden Gate State Park**

**April 17-19 Spring Camporee**

**June 6-13 Emerald Bay Summer Camp and High Adventure Camp (Catalina Island, CA)**

**June 14-20 Ben Delatour Scout Camp (Red Feathers Lakes, CO)**

## **Volunteers Needed:**

**Spaghetti Dinner** volunteers needed to help Amanda Raehal to prepare for the event. If you can help in a big or small way, please contact her at [annasararaehal@gmail.com](mailto:annasararaehal@gmail.com).

## **Fundraising Activities:**

**Mark your calendars: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser has been set to Saturday, Feb 1st, 2020.** We will have our Winter Court of Honor and Silent Auction that night. Thank you Amanda Raehal and Debbie Mewes for being our Champions of this event. Tickets will be available for scouts to sell right before Thanksgiving.

**Butterbraids fundraiser has started.** Ms. Platts will have order forms available at the next meeting.

**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 [07consultingcolo@gmail.com](mailto:07consultingcolo@gmail.com)**

## **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](mailto:07consultingcolo@gmail.com)

**Troop Web Host:** Our Troop Advancement and Accounting Software. We subscribe to a web-based Troop management software that helps 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. If you need to receive login credentials, please email Mr. Foss at [foss@airmail.net](mailto:foss@airmail.net). Please make sure you are using and up-to-speed on this web-based management software so we can streamline the activity management and workload on our adult leaders.

## **Troop Calendar:**

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

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Yours in Scouting,

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