

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

Our next Troop Meeting is Tomorrow (Monday, February 11) 7- 8:30 pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at the corner of 9th Ave and Francis, Longmont, CO 80501.

Meeting This Week:

Parent Meeting: If your scout is planning on attending Klondike on February 22-23 **AND** has never winter camped before, you **must** attend meeting. We will discuss how to keep warm in the winter and how to dress for the Klondike.

Personal Management Merit Badge: Please bring completed homework worksheet to class.

Do the following: a. Choose an item that your family might want to purchase that is considered a major expense. b. Write a plan that tells how your family would save money for the purchase identified in requirement 1a. b1. Discuss the plan with your merit badge counselor, b2. Discuss the plan with your family, b3. Discuss how other family needs must be considered in this plan. c. Develop a written shopping strategy for the purchase identified in requirement 1a. c1. Determine the quality of the item or service (using consumer publications or rating systems). c2. Comparison shop for the item. Find out where you can buy the item for the best price. (Provide prices from at least two different price sources.) Call around; study ads. Look for a sale or discount coupon. Consider alternatives. Can you buy the item used? Should you wait for a sale?

Agenda for this Monday:

- 6:45** **Service Patrol (Dragon)** arrive at **6:45** to setup flags, tables, and chairs.
- 7:00** Opening Flag Ceremony- **Dragon Patrol (Class A uniforms)**
- 7:10** Announcements
- 7:15** Personal Management in Chapel. **Bring orange folders with completed homework worksheet.**
- 7:15** Parents meet with Mr. Martinez for Klondike winter camping prep.
- 8:10** Games
- 8:30** Cleanup: All Hands on Deck

Upcoming Troop Activities:

Tuesday February 19, 2019 5-6:30 pm Young Bankers Class at High Plains Bank.

To supplement and enhance the Personal Management Merit Badge Class, we have once again arranged with High Plains Bank to teach our group their Young Bankers class over two evenings at the end of February. Personal Management Merit Badge requirements are discussed and reinforced, in a fun and practical way, in these two classes. Additional personal financial concepts and skills are also discussed. All Scouts, even those who have already earned the Personal Management Merit Badge, are highly encouraged to attend. Pizza dinners & materials are free! **Location: High Plains Bank: 600 Kimbark St, Longmont, CO 80501.** Sign-Up for this class in TroopWebHost so we can give them accurate numbers on how many are attending.

February 22-23 Mountain View Klondike. We will head out right after school on Friday (only one night of camping) and return Saturday evening. Klondike is a annual favorite event where we take our sled

(looks like an Iditarod dog sled) and the boys compete against other troops in a challenge course out in the forest. For the first time in our known history, our troop won the event last year. **Sign up now in TroopWebHost. I need 2 more adults to participate and sleep overnight with me in order for us to participate in this event.**

Tuesday February 26, 2019 5-6:30 pm Young Bankers Class at High Plains Bank. Sign-Up for this class is in TroopWebHost.

Saturday, March 2nd Scout Day with Buffs Basketball will take place against Utah. Game time is 4pm. Tickets are \$22 (general admission sections 2-4) and \$5 from each ticket purchased goes back to Longs Peak Council. The Scouts will each get a patch as well as a post-game group photo opp. We ask the Scouts to wear their Class A uniforms to look sharp for the picture! :) Everyone is on their own for purchasing tickets and getting to the game. If you want to attend, please click on this link to buy your tickets: <https://fevo.me/2G309ky>. Any questions please email John Williams at jww@awhi.com

General Announcements:

Summer Camp 2019 Registration is still Open: Troop 66 will be attending Summer Camp at Peaceful Valley Camp Cris Dobbins just east of Colorado Springs on **June 23-29, 2019**. Please turn in the check and registration form to Mrs. Martinez or Mr. Francis..

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

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. 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.

Fundraising Activities:

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, Ms. Debbie Platts, our troop fundraiser coordinator, 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! **If you shop at King Soopers, please, please use your gift cards!**

Troop Calendar:

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

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Yours in Scouting,

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