

Our Troop is offering a second summer camp option July 10-16, 2022 to Camp Ben Delatour near Red Feather Lakes, CO. The registration form, and first payment, are due to Corrin Lipinski tomorrow Monday, March 7.

THIS MONDAY:

-We are meeting at the First Congregational United Church of Christ on 9th and Francis. Please arrive by **6:45 pm** to set up so we can start the meeting on time. Please park in the lot west of the church.

- **COVID Protocols:** We are **NO LONGER** under Boulder County Health Mask Mandate! Wearing a mask at our meetings is now optional.

-**Swimming Merit Badge Class.** We will start the Swimming Merit Badge class tomorrow. This will be a "dry land" class. I will have handouts for you to take notes. Mr. Groff and I will be teaching the class. We will meet next Saturday March 12 at 11:00 am at the Longmont Recreation Center. Please sign up in Troop Web Host. I hope to be able to complete the entire merit badge in these two classes, but we may NOT finish. If we do not finish, there will be a second day for swimming on April 9, 2022

AGENDA FOR MEETING THIS WEEK

- 6:00 Patrol Leader Committee Meeting-Pizza Provided. **Please RSVP to this email.**
- 7:00 Flags (Service Patrol **Spartan**). Class A Field Uniform
- 7:15 Swimming Merit Badge Class
- 8:00 Games
- 8:25 Clean up

UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:

► **Summer Camp Registration** -If you have not yet registered for Summer Camp, and want to, please contact Corrin Lipinski at cm lipinski@yahoo.com

► **Check out all of the Merit Badge class opportunities**, both via Zoom and in-person, being offered by Denver Area Council:

<https://coloroadventurepoint.org/calendar/>

► **Emerald Bay merit badge selection due date of 3/14 (reference the email that was sent out on 3/3)**

CALENDAR:

Mar 7 Ben Delatour Summer Camp registration and payment due

Mar 14 Emerald Bay Merit Badge class selection due. See attached docs.

Mar 21 No Meeting-Spring Break

Jun 11-18 Summer Camp at Emerald Bay, California

June 24-26 Backpacking Trip

July 10-16 Summer Camp at Camp Ben Delatour, Colorado

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Drop off and Pick Up on 9th Ave.:** We have received complaints that parents are clogging up Francis and 9th Ave. when they drop off or pick up their Scouts. For those staying for the meeting, please try to park on the West end of the church so those who are briefly dropping off or picking up have space close to the Fellowship Hall door. Please do not cause traffic to stop and go around you on Francis or 9th Ave.

Fundraiser Coordinator - Thank you Katie Kaminski for stepping up to be our Fundraiser Coordinator.

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 Soopers Card to our troop.

1. · Go to this link: <http://www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards>
2. · Sign in to your existing King Soopers loyalty account (if you've never set one up before you'll need to create one. Just bring in your King Sooper Card)
3. · 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
4. · Click on the words "**Enroll Now**" in the middle of the page
5. · 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)
6. · Click on the **Enroll button** within the box for our organization

7. · You will get confirmation that you successfully enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. **That's it!**
8. · 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

Troop 66 Needs ALL Scout Families to Help!

We are asking each Scout family to contribute at least one item to the Troop 66 online fundraising auction to be held starting April 2, 2022. A professional online auction service has already been setup for our Troop's online event. The Troop is providing this COVID safe opportunity this year as many families will have more expenses for summer camp. Scouts value their Scouting experiences if they can help earn them.....

All (meaning 100%) auction sales from YOUR contribution(s) will go directly to YOUR Scout's account to help pay for his summer's camp adventures or other Scouting activities!

To make it easy, you can contribute in a variety of ways:

1. Ask a local business to donate an auction item in support of scouting. (See the accompanying donation letter for details.) Print them out and ask your favorite business for a donation, or two!
2. Contribute a new (or near new) item of any type:
 - One family gave a backpack their Scout outgrew before he used it. Our audience will include many who like or need outdoor gear.
 - Contribute gift cards you received as gifts but never used.
3. Make a gift basket with items you already have:
 - Amanda created a basket using some Reese's brand mugs she received as a gift, filling them with boxes of Reese's candies.
 - Have some unopened games in your closet? Make a game night basket.
 - Assemble a basket around your interests (summer fun, fishing, crafting, whatever) even if you need to purchase a few items.
4. Share your craft or baked goods: Last time, the Martinez family donated a set of custom-made neckerchief slides. You might knit a set of hats and mittens, build a birdhouse, or create some art. Gabriel's Grandmother sewed some neat camping pillowcases. Gabe donated eggs from his own business.

5. Offer your services. Scouts or parents could offer to shovel snow, teach a music or dance lesson, or help in a variety of ways!

If you have any questions, Amanda is glad to help. Email her at annasararaehal@gmail.com.

You can drop off your contributions at any Monday night Scout meeting in March (no meeting on March 21); Amanda will be there from 8-8:30 to collect them. **The online auction will be held April 2-16.** The more great stuff there is in our auction, the more all Scouts will benefit.

We'll provide more info soon on how you can help share the auction announcement and links with friends and family!

Thank you for your support!

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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