Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

This week we will have an in-person meeting in the Fellowship Hall at First Congregational United Church of Christ located on the corner of 9th Ave. and Francis St. Our meeting will be from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please arrive BEFORE 7:00 so we can start the meeting on time.

Communication Merit Badge Class- Homework: Scouts are supposed to interview a family member or other interesting person and be PREPARED to introduce that person to the class as if they are a guest speaker.

AGENDA

- 7:00 Flags Dragon Patrol. Please arrive by 6:45 to set up so we can start at 7:00. Class A Field Uniforms.
- 7:10 Announcements
- 7:15 Communications Merit Badge Class
- 7:15 New scouts meet with older scouts. Troop orientation.
- 8:00 Games
- 8:30 Closing Flags, Clean up. Please help sanitize the tables and put chairs away.

COVID INFORMATION FOR OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

Boulder County has moved down to level Yellow.

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. In Level Yellow, there are fewer restrictions.

- 1. Indoor group numbers limited to less than 50.
- Face Masks required
- 3. 6' Social distancing
- 4. Use Hand sanitizer.

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

UPCOMING TROOP ACTIVITIES:

March 29 <u>Communication Merit Badge Class #4</u>: Mrs. Martinez has planned out the spring so Scouts can earn their Communication Merit Badge (Eagle required) during regular meetings. If you have not already done so, please sign up in TWH for this class so we can prepare packets and chairs. Classes will take place on 4/19, 4/26, and 5/10 (Spring CoH).

April 5 Elections. You will be electing the leaders of the troop. Some ranks require leadership in certain positions in order to advance.

April 10 Hike for all scouts and families to Martinez farm on Saturday from Burlington Sign on Main and Ken Pratt

April 10-11 High Adventure Crew-Campout at Martinez Farm. Hike Lagerman Preserve on Sunday.

April 19 Final Payment for Summer Camp/High Adventure Camp Due.

April 23-25 Spring Camporee at Camp Tahosa. Sign up on TWH.

May 10 Spring Court of Honor.

May 31 NO MEETING- Memorial Day

June 5 Swimming Merit Badge-Details emailed later.

June 13 Mike Platts Eagle Project

June 26-27 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 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.. We can help you do this at a Troop 66 meeting. 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
- 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 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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