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Hello Scouts, Scouters and Parents,

Our next Troop Meeting, tomorrow 3/30, is canceled due to Quarantine for the Covid-19 Virus. We will have Virtual Meetings until the meeting on April 13, unless the order to refrain from meetings is extended.

I will send out an invite tomorrow for all of our New Crossover Scouts. I would like to start working on their Scout and Tenderfoot ranks.

The following week, April 6, 2020, we will have another New Scout Meeting for 30 min, followed by a Family Life Merit Badge meeting. This will be helpful as the scouts will have had a week of using WebX for their school assignments.

Special Announcements:

Like everyone, we are disappointed that our Troop meetings are on hold for now.

School's Out Opportunity: Merit Badge and Rank Advancement Work! With our boys bouncing off the walls at home, we want to encourage Scouts to work on Merit Badges or Rank advancements at home. If your Scout is interested in working on a Merit Badge, **we will make the merit badge pamphlet Library available to you.** Please email me back if you would like to check out one or more pamphlets (these are like text books for Merit Badges) and I will put them in an envelope to pick up at our house. Our address is 9120 N. 75th St. Longmont, CO 80503. We will leave them in the white metal mailbox under our porch with the small red doors. You can come by any time to pick them up. We haven't done a detailed inventory of the library in a while but I have attached here a list of pamphlets that we had in stock a few months ago. Email me your list and I will check if they are in the library before you head over to my house.

[Earn Merit Badges at Home](#)

Click on the link above with a great resource of the merit badges that you can earn while at home. We may not have a current merit badge counselor for the badge, but as leaders/parents we can work on it for you.

The requirements of the Merit Badges are arranged in the workbooks which can be accessed online and printed out. The workbooks are nice as they have space to fill in answers to the requirements questions. Merit Badge workbooks can be accessed here:

<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

For Scouts who just crossed over to our Troop: The best thing for these Scouts to do is continue working on the requirements for the Scout Rank. These are all described in the Boy Scout Handbook they received. Parents it would be great for you to go over this with your Scout. It is especially good for you to complete the Guide Safe Scouting booklet in the Handbook and have a discussion about the exercises in that booklet.

For Scouts in the Family Life Merit Badge Class: This time at home provides an excellent opportunity to complete the requirements at home including the chore chart, family project, and the family meeting discussions.

Upcoming Troop Activities

March 30 POSTPONED Zach Foss-Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the meeting. We will reschedule this celebration.

April 11 Spring MBU- CANCELED

April 11 Peter L Eagle Project (To Be Rescheduled)

April 18 Shooting Sports Safety Class. *Postponed*

April 24-26 Shooting Sports Campout-BDSR Postponed

May 2 Javin F. Eagle Project

May 30 Gabriel M Eagle Project

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

June 14 Mike P Eagle Project

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

Fundraising Activities:

Duck Ticket Sales. The date to start has been moved to the beginning of May. Look for emails as we get closer to that month.

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**

New Scout Parents Corner:

Hey Parents, feeling like you suddenly have all kinds of extra time on your hands?! If so, please complete the following to get your Scout transitioned into Troop 66:

Get logged in to TroopWebHost, our Scout and Adult Leaders financial account and advancement software program: You should have also received a link to set up your account in Troop Web Host (TWH) <https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop66Longmont/Index.htm> . Please log in, and set your own password. Also, please enter all of the contact information in all fields. TroopWebHost keeps the "bank account" for your Scout, his rank and merit badge advancement records, and this is where you sign up for our activities such as campouts and other activities. This software keeps track of attendance and other important information.

Please complete your BSA Transfer Applications which moves your Scout from Pack 673 to Troop 66: Here are the applications you will need to fill out. Please print it out and bring it to the meeting. I will need these in order to get

your scouts' information transferred in the district and officially part of our unit.

Adult Application <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

Youth Application <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406.pdf>

Fees that are due: You have already paid the \$60 BSA fees for the year so your credit for paying this is automatically transferred to our records. There is a \$25 Troop 66 annual dues that you will need to pay to our treasurer, Scott Francis, which gets you current for 2020 with the Troop. You can make payments to your account using PayPal. Mr. Francis has instructions for this in our weekly newsletter.

Medical Forms are needed for all activities including meetings, campouts, and Summer Camp. Please complete this ASAP and turn it in to me at a meeting.

For normal campouts and activities the troop will need Medical form A and B.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

For Summer camp we will need for C. This needs to be signed (actual form) by a physician. If your Scout is going to camp this summer you will need to have Part C complete by May 6.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Summer Camp 2020: We hope your Scout wants to attend Summer Camp this Summer. We are encouraging our new cross over Scouts to join us at Camp Ben Delatour near Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. This camp is a 2 hour drive and located in the beautiful mountains to the Northwest of Ft. Collins. I have attached here a flier with information about the camp and the registration form. The cost for this summer camp is \$385. In order to register your Scout for camp we will need the first payment of \$195 with the registration form and the second payment of \$190 is due by April 27.

My wife, Kristy Martinez, is the Summer Camp Coordinator. She or Scott Francis can collect the registration forms and checks for camp or annual troop dues.

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

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.

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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