

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

Our next Troop Meeting is Tomorrow (Monday, July 21) 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Faith Community Church on Highway 66 just west of Lifebridge Church. [Click here for a map.](#)

Special Announcements:

Our crew has safely arrived in Ely, Minnesota at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base. They will launch tomorrow morning for a week canoeing and portaging in the boundary waters. Mr. Martinez is with them so **Mr. Chad Bollacker is serving as our Scoutmaster this week. Thanks Chad!**

Summer Camp Merit Badge results are in. Please check TroopWebHost (TWH) to review your records. For incomplete Merit Badges, scouts will receive Blue Cards. All Completed Merit Badges will just be recorded in TWH. Please let Mrs. Martinez know if you think there is an error in these records.

Glendon M. Eagle Project is coming up on Saturday, August 3. Glendon needs all Scouts and adults who will be participating to sign up in TroopWebHost ASAP so he can plan out his work crews. Glendon's project will be at Old Mill Park 9am-1pm. Lunch provided.

Class B uniforms. For the rest of the summer you may wear your **Class B uniform t-shirt**. We have some available to purchase at meetings (\$10.00 each). (Please always wear Class A uniform if you need a Scoutmaster conference or a Board of Review or meeting with counselors as an Eagle Scout candidate.)

Just booked: Conservation Project Service Hours at Walker Ranch on Saturday, August 10, 8 am – 1 pm. Mr. Martinez has arranged a service project for our troop with Boulder County Open Space where we will be arranging slash piles of dead branches at Walker Ranch west of Boulder. We will meet at the First Congregational Church and carpool to Walker Ranch. For Scouts who are currently at the Star Rank, and want to earn the Life rank, these hours fulfill your 3 hour requirement for Conservation Service Hours. **It is very difficult to get these special service hours in so we recommend all current Star Scouts take advantage of this opportunity.** Sign-Up in TWH so we can plan our carpool.

Meeting This Week:

Wear class B uniforms. Please come to the North side of the church but don't park in the few spots for the basketball court. Looks like we will have clear, cool weather with a slight chance of rain. **BRING BUG SPRAY!!! with your name on it.**

Please arrive BEFORE 7:00 pm. We would like to start our flag ceremony right at 7 so we have plenty of time for the meeting before the sun sets.

Mr. Chad Bollacker will be leading our troop with a focus on First Aid skills. He will be covering First Aid requirements for Second Class and First Class ranks.

Also, please bring your scout book so we can sign off of items that you may have completed this summer. The troop library is available for any Scouts or Adult Leaders who want to check out Merit Badge pamphlets.

Agenda for our Meeting this Monday:

6:45 **Spartans** Patrol Flags. We will be doing an outside flag ceremony. Please keep in mind that if you want to participate in color guard you need to have your uniform on (no shirts or sweatshirts covering it) and are allowed to only wear hats that are BSA issued.

7:00 Flags

7:10 Announcements.

7:15 First Aid skills. Merit Badge Counselors available.

8:00 Game Time-9 Square

8:25 Closing

Upcoming Troop Activities:

Saturday, August 3 **Glendon M. Eagle Project** at Old Mill Park 9am-1pm. Lunch provided. Please sign up in TWH as Glendon needs to fill out his teams.

Friday, August 9 **Star Party at Little Thompson Observatory** in Berthoud. Finish or start your Astronomy Merit Badge, participate in a special talk by a volunteer astronomer, and look through the two large telescopes at really distant celestial objects. Friends and family are welcome to attend too. We do need a head count so please sign up in TroopWebHost.

Saturday, August 10 **Conservation Service Project at Walker Ranch** (see details above in Special Announcements section)

Monday, August 12 **Cooking Merit Badge Class begins.** This is the most needed Eagle Required merit badge in our troop right now so we hope all Scouts take advantage of this class. This will be our first Meeting back at First Congregational Church on 9th and Francis. Mrs. Martinez will be sending out more details for this class which will take place over several meetings, and two campouts, this fall.

August 16-18 **Great Sand Dunes National Monument Family Campout!!** Campsites are reserved. Sign-up in TroopWebHost. We will leave right after school on Friday and return on Sunday night. This is a Family Favorite! Thanks again to Mr. Foss for being the champion of this campout.

Monday, August 26 **Fall Court of Honor**

Monday, September 2 **NO Meeting (Happy Labor Day)**

September 13-15 **Mountain Biking Campout at Curt Gowdy State Park, Wyoming.** We will have alternate activities for those who do not want to mountain bike. Many of the cooking merit badge requirements will be completed this weekend.

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.

Fundraising Activities:

Many thanks, to Ms. Debbie Platts for all of her hard work organizing the duck tickets individual sales for Scouts. It was a smashing success!

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 Sooper Card to our troop. As a reminder, and to share with your friends and family, this is how you link your card to Troop 66:

- Go to this link: [http://www.kingsoopers.com/ communityrewards](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 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**

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/>

With Scouting Spirit,
Kristy Martinez