

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

Our next Troop Meeting is Today (Monday, Aug 10) 7:00 - 9:00 pm at **Sunset Pool**-1900 Longs Peak Ave, Longmont, CO 80501.

Meeting This Week:

End of Summer Private Swim Party.

We are **OVER the 50 person limit** on our COVID restricted reservation for the pool party tonight at Sunset Pool. Based on Troop Web Host sign-ups, **we need to reduce our count by at least 4**. We request only one parent per household attend to allow more youth to participate. **Only Scouts, siblings, and one parent, please.** They will stop us at 50 so we hope no Scouts will be turned away.

I am sorry, this year Scouts will NOT be able to invite friends to attend. We appreciate your understanding.

NO FOOD: Due to the COVID Regulations, we will not have any food or snacks at this meeting. Please bring your own water bottle (with your name on it).

SWIMMING MB: Mr. Groff and I will be available for anyone looking to get started on swimming rank advancement requirements or work on their Swimming Merit Badge (Eagle required).. I've attached the Swimming MB workbook here. Please print this out and bring it to the meeting if you would like to start on this merit badge.

If your Scout is interested in starting the merit badge, please meet me and Mr. Groff at the lap lanes at 7:30 pm tonight.

PLEASE READ: Sunset Pool COVID Guidelines for tonight:

- Arrive ready to swim (**in your swimsuit**) to reduce time spent in the locker room, plan on showering and changing at home (**no showers available**).
- Lockers will not be available, put any belongings on the pool deck at least 6ft away from someone else's belongings.
- Please bring your own swim equipment. No kick boards or pull buoys will be available.
- Water Fountains will be closed, please bring your own water bottle.
- Enter the pool from the entrance by the men's locker room.
- When your reservation time is over, please exit the pool from the turnstiles or by the women's locker room.
- No lounge chairs will be available, **please bring your own chairs**.
- Concession Stand will be closed, please bring your own food and beverages. No glass bottles/containers, please. No food will be provided by Troop 66.
- Slides- wait at the bottom of the slide stairs for your turn doing down the slide. Stay 6ft away from the person in front of you while waiting in line.

- Family locker-rooms will be closed.

Upcoming Troop Activities:

THIS Saturday, Aug 15 Gabriel M Eagle Project. Sign up in Troop Web Host. Gabe needs more help during Shift 2 (11 am-1 pm).. Donuts, Juice, and Lunch will be provided to all who participate. Social distancing will be in effect in the outdoor area. Please bring a mask.

Aug 18 Committee Meeting

Aug 21-23 Watersports Campout. Boyd Lake State Park. Please sign up ASAP in TWH. We have very limited spots for this campground reservation for Scouts and Adult Leaders only.

Aug 31 Fall Court of Honor-Faith Community Lutheran Church (east patio) -6:30-7:30. Due to COVID we will not have any food or drink available. Everyone bring your own chairs.

Sept 7 No meeting-Labor Day

Sept 14 Troop Elections and Committee Meeting

Sept 18-20 Shooting Sports Campout

Sept 21 PLC Meeting 6:00 pm

Oct 2-4 Mountain Bike Campout-Curt Gowdy State Park Wyoming

Nov 14 Annual Lock-In Recruitment Event. Invite your friends now!

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:

We will NOT be doing the BSA Popcorn Sale this year.

More information coming on Butterbraid and Cookie Dough Fundraiser which will be starting in early October.

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 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 into 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

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/calendar..html>

Yours in Scouting,

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