Hi Folks,

Well, it looks like some weather is moving in tomorrow but we are still planning on having our outdoor meeting at Faith Community Lutheran Church on Ute Highway starting at 1 pm. We will be done by 3 pm. Please make sure you sign up in TroopWebHost so we can manage our numbers and have attendance records.

Temperatures will be in the low 30s and we might see a few snow flurries at the end of the meeting. Please make sure Scouts come with appropriate attire including a warm jacket, hat, and gloves.

We are still planning on having a great time with our groups organized by patrol and 35-minute stations: Gaga Ball and Games in the field, Klondike skills including compass work, and Patrol Meetings, rank requirements Sign-Off, and Merit Badge work in the church Fellowship Hall with Mrs. Martinez.

**All Scouts: Please bring a compass** with your name on it (if you have one. The troop will bring extras) so we can work on Orienteering Skills in anticipation of upcoming Klondike, hiking, and backpacking activities.

## 1 pm Starting Meeting Locations:

Stealth Patrol = Fire Ring

Spartan Patrol = Fellowship Hall (enter by sliding glass doors off of deck)

Dragon Patrol = Gaga Ball Pit

It is important that our PLC leadership try to make this meeting on Saturday as we will have a WebEx PLC meeting next Monday and we need to have Patrol reports presented at that meeting. We want to get ideas for planning our activities this Spring and into next Summer. All Scouts; this is a chance to make your thoughts known about how you would like our Troop to meet and do activities.

## **COVID INFORMATION FOR OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS:**

Boulder County will be moving down to level Orange on Monday, which gives us more flexibility with our indoor and outdoor meetings.

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. Like early this summer, we will follow the outdoor camp/ athletic team guidance provided since it most aligns with our activities. The current restrictions require:

- 1. everyone to wear a facemask at all times
- 2. everyone practices social distancing with at least 6 feet distance from others

3. We will keep groups around 10 people each

In addition to that we are doing the following:

 We will remain outside except during patrol meetings in the fellowship hall which will be spread out

2. Bathroom is available but can only be used one person at a time

3. No food or drinks will be served (Scouts can bring their own labeled water bottle)

4. We will remain in "cohorts" of around 10 people and Scouts will not-intermingle beyond their patrol during the meeting

5. We need all Scouts to RSVP in TroopWebHost so we can be aware of our numbers and have attendance records

6. There will be one adult leading each cohort but all Scouts and adults will be within eyesight and earshot of each other (fire pit, gaga ball pit, the west patio of the church) in case they are needed and maintain two-deep leadership.

7. No large gathering for flags or announcements. Scouts must report to their first cohort station listed above and they will rotate every 35 minutes

We think these will be fun and well planned out meetings.

Attire: Class B uniforms and appropriate outdoor clothing

**Parents:** Due to the number of restrictions, we need to ask parents to drop off and pick up or wait in their cars until the meeting is over. We could also use a few flexible parents who can help us with our stations.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Yours in Scouting,

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