

## What is FRONTIERS CAMP ?

- Frontiers Camp is the Green Mountain Council's very unique specialty resident summer camp for Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew members of any age, however, it is recommended that participants have completed a prior BSA resident camp experience. It is conducted before the regular summer camp season at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation located at the northern end of Lake Eden, in Vermont. Frontiers Camp provides four separate and different structured year-of-attendance programs. Each year has a separate focus and separate activities. Its organization is "provisional" meaning home troop leadership is not required. The camp staff provides all the leadership necessary.
- This is a camp that is formed around a story-line themed program that includes some of the more traditional BSA summer camp activities, but more specifically, includes the fun and adventure of the participants becoming "**mountain men**" at an 1830's-style fur trapper's rendezvous (on the American Frontier), and participating in the many events that were done at that time. The program is themed and organized around this Mountain Man/Fur Trapper era all week long making it a very special experience for the participants!
- The Frontiers Camp program is a series of events conducted throughout the entire camp period that includes, but not limited to; Scout rank advancement, BSA merit badges and certifications, mountain man activities, opportunities to become certified in nationally accredited Hunter, Bow Hunter, Trapper and Fishing education programs, and achieve National Rifle Association qualifications.
- Frontiers Camp program has also included: building a log cabin, a lean-to shelter, a signal tower, a monkey bridge, a super-size chair and other frontier pioneering projects; constructing a birch-bark canoe; forging items at the blacksmith; working with sheet copper and amber (a resin-like transparent natural substance that forms in nature); creating quality leather and other craft items; canoe and mountain hiking treks; Dutch oven cooking over campfires; "the swamp trek", learning traditional frontier skills at our Indian Village and mountain man activity areas, orienteering and surveying for real-world property boundaries, fun-filled camp wide games and so much more! In addition there are exclusive Frontiers Camp awards and honors for which everyone is eligible. Through camper and parent feedback, Frontiers camp staff continues to strive to meet the needs of what the participants want and enjoy and want making each summer better than the one before.
- All instruction in rank advancement, merit badges, certifications and awards is provided by experienced and qualified adult volunteer leaders. Scouts and Venturing youth benefit in learning a lot in any of our programs from this well tenured, knowledgeable and friendly staff. Together staff and campers work together to emphasize a community life of teamwork and learned skills that, at the end of the week, has helped build character and leadership and other skills for the campers.
- Celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Frontiers Camp is held annually at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation on Lake Eden, VT. It is eight days and seven nights of quality camping, which is unique to other more traditional camps of seven days and six nights, and is led by a well-trained all-volunteer and staff of approximately sixty. This extra day of camping allows for the staff to offer specialty programs that can't be found anywhere else at a great value-added "early bird" camp fee. Frontiers Camp combines a fantastic program with top-flight food at the lowest possible rate. It is a great time for fun, adventure and funds well invested by the parents of the participants.
- Staff and campers come from several states as far away as Washington and Florida, as well as from all over New England. In fact over the years slightly over 1/3 of the participants were from out of state, and the provisional format provides a great opportunity for everyone to make new friends. The Frontiers Camp staff's goals include making sure all campers have an unforgettable experience, learn team work and to leave as a better Scout and person. Scouts earn merit badges and rank advancements and certifications, but Frontiers Camp is not just about advancement. It's about the fun, the camp spirit and enthusiasm and experience that you can be part of.
- Participants can attend Frontiers Camp as individuals, as a member of a patrol, or with their troop. Whatever method they choose, campers will experience the best program, food, action, excitement and well rounded experience that is available. For a number of years over 75% of the Scouts have returned to Frontiers Camp for the next year's program (each succeeding program year is different). Please note that the enrollment for the first year group is limited to 60. A waiting list is available.
- Detailed information along with slide show can be found on the Green Mountain Council Website. <http://www.scoutingvermont.org/camping/frontierscamp>. Thanks for your support of Scout camping in the Green Mountain Council. We look forward to seeing you at Frontiers Camp this summer!
- Do you have questions regarding the program? Email the camp director at: [frontierscamp@scoutingvermont.org](mailto:frontierscamp@scoutingvermont.org)