



WELCOME

After you send in your reservation form and fee, this document acknowledges your reservation for the “1835” Green Mountain Council Frontiers Camp. Your decision to attend Frontiers Camp in 2011 means that you will be part of a unique and active program for which there is no competition. Whether you are a first time “pilgrim” or a returning “old hand” you will:

- Be part of a very active adventure with fun and activities representing the time frame of the camp – 1835.
- You will live as the frontiersmen did at that time – sleeping in blankets in teepees, tents or other rough shelters, and you’ll cook meals over open fires. The food and the program are the best that you will have at any summer camp.
- You will have the opportunity for a great time: learn frontier skills, engage in rendezvous games and contents, earn merit badges, complete Scout advancement requirements, and attain camp honors.

Please make sure that you print and read all of the materials that are linked to on our website at <http://www.scoutingvermont.org/camping/frontierscamp>. These links will provide most of the information that you will need to get ready for camp this summer – any additional information will be posted on the Frontiers Camp website after the Informational Meeting in May.

While at camp things that might distract your attention from having a great rendezvous experience will be put aside. These distractions include watches and many of the conveniences and electronic gizmos of today’s life style (such as cell phones and I-pods). Please leave these “modern” things at home, otherwise they will be collected and held for you until the end of the camp. The object of Frontiers Camp is to maximize your fun and sense of frontier adventure while at camp, and to learn while “doing” and participating in this eight day and seven night program.

You will become an important part in the most action filled camp around. There’s always a lot to do and enjoy, and we’ve added new features to the program for 2011. Everyone at camp will become a participating member of our rendezvous society – this helps to create the high spirit that Frontiers Camp is known for. We all share in the great experiences of Frontiers Camp.

If you would like to read some pertinent information prepared by Frontiers Camp Staff Crew regarding mountain men and rendezvous’ link to: [Mountain Man History](#) and [Additional Mountain Man History](#) on the Frontiers Camp website.

PREPARATION FOR CAMP

Here are some items to remember in your preparations to attend Frontiers Camp this year:

- You won’t need a much different “kit” than you would need for regular Boy Scout summer camp. Notable exceptions are: everyone (except those participating in the Voyageur program) wears suspenders (any color, any type) beginning on arrival and during camp as our distinguishing mark. Voyageurs wear suspenders until they receive their sashes. We will not wear the BSA uniform in camp – please see the equipment list and accompanying information on the website.

- There are a few extra things that are strongly recommended. These are: work pants (jeans) that you can use while we work on frontier pioneering projects are recommended; work gloves and boots for axe and saw work; and a capote. In addition and if you really want to be authentic, you can make a frontier shirt and pants. See the website for sketches of the capote and shirt and pants.
- If you're going to wear a hat, it should be complementary to the time frame of camp – no ball caps or the like, or t-shirts, with commercial logos.
- You'll also need to find a "camp name" that you'll be called at camp. Think hard and find a name that you particularly like or describes you. It should have a "frontier-sound" to it. Check the Internet for information on "mountain men". Frontiersmen are "our look", and their activities are our activities. You'll be able to find some of the activities that we'll be doing at our "rendezvous" on the Internet also.
- If your registration form and fee were received at the Council Service Center before March 15, 2011, you'll receive a complimentary Frontiers Camp t-shirt the first day at camp. Please send an email to the camp director at frontierscamp@scoutingvermont.org indicating your size after you register. We offer four sizes: Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large and Adult Extra Large. Your email indicating the size will be acknowledged. We need to know your size no later than March 22. If you forget to send the email, you'll miss out on your free-t-shirt.
- On Wednesday, May 4, there will be an Informational Meeting at the Council Service Center (838 US Route 2E, about 1 mile east of Route 100 in Waterbury, Vermont.) If meetings in other states can be organized, you will be notified of that (if you live out of state.) At the meeting, you'll have the opportunity to get all the information you need to prepare for camp, additional information on the camp program, see pictures, meet some of the staff and get your questions answered. It is also the meeting where hunter education, bow hunter education and trapper education materials are handed out. This is a very important meeting and you and a parent (or a representative) should make every effort to attend especially if this is your first year at Frontiers Camp. If you are not able to attend the Informational Meeting, we will post the material covered (that you might not have yet) on the Frontiers Camp website.
 - Please note: At the Informational Meeting the materials necessary for the Vermont Hunter Education courses are available and handed out. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please see our website regarding information to obtain the materials. Use the link - [Information and Details about Frontiers Camp.](#)
 - With regards to the camp program: As in 2010, merit badges are offered to fit the program and schedule of the year of attendance. This is also true with the state Hunter Education certification programs. Further information on the camp program is at the links: [Frontiers Camp Complete Flyer](#) and - [Information and Details about Frontiers Camp.](#)
- - If you attend the first year (etc.), you should expect to participate in first year program. If you have already completed a merit badge or have qualified in one of the special Vermont hunter education programs in your year group, you may enroll in an alternative merit badge or subsequent year's hunter education program ONLY IF they mesh in compatibility with your other activities, and room is available in the course. Whether or not there is room for additional individuals (cross-year group) cannot be determined until check-in at camp is complete and the total numbers of individuals in each program aspect is known. Additional space is normally very limited. Otherwise, you can re-take the merit badge and assist others in obtaining theirs.
- Please note that the Vermont State Hunter Education, Bow Hunter, and Trapper courses and all merit badges take preparation prior to arrival in camp. Our presentation method is to have Scouts complete an initial portion of these badges or certifications in a "home-study" format prior camp, and then complete the knowledge and hands-on experiences at camp. Each Scout taking any of these trainings must complete the home study (obtain the merit badge book, read it thoroughly, and answer the questions (as applicable) prior to arrival at camp. The list of questions to be answered is posted on the

Frontiers Camp website link [Merit Badge and certification requirements to be completed before camp](#) (Please note that there is not enough time at camp to complete any hunter education course from scratch along with other program elements unless this is done. The written completed work (as applicable) is your ticket to complete the merit badge or certification). Frontiers Camp does not use any Internet version for Hunter Education study.

- Completing some of the merit badge and program work at home allows maximum time for instruction and completion of the hands-on sections of the merit badge while being able to review your knowledge in a large group setting. This may also allow you to complete more merit badges and activities than you otherwise normally would at camp.
- To speed up the camp arrival check in process, we ask that you send your completed medical form to the camp director before May 15. (Frontiers Camp, PO Box 281, Lyndon, VT 05849). If you do, you will save yourself the time otherwise standing in line for the medical re-check. The National Council of the BSA has made the Annual Health and Medical Record mandatory for resident camps.

UPDATED INFORMATION 1/15/2011

On January 14, 2011 a "BSA Must Read: Annual Health and Medical Record" was issued. In brief: a new medical form now supersedes the previous form and is required for Frontiers Camp 2011 (as well as other Scouting Activities including Philmont and Jamboree.)

- [Policy on Use of the Annual Health and Medical Record](#)
- [Annual BSA Health and Medical Record](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions Concerning the Annual Health and Medical Record](#)

Please read all of the above links which can be found on the Frontiers Camp website.

- Please remember to pay the balance of the camp fee on time. To qualify for the "early bird discounted" \$245.00 camp fee, you must have the balance of your money for the camp fee into the Council Service Center by May 15, 2011.
 - After that date, the total "regular" camp fee of \$280 is applicable. Getting your balance in by May 15 will save you about 12%.
 - If you are applying for, or have applied for, a campership, approximately one-half of the total "early bird discounted" camp fee (\$125.00) must be paid into the council office by May 15, 2011.
 - If this \$125 is not paid by May 15, 2011, your total camp fee balance due will be the balance of the total "regular" fee of \$280, less the campership award and the initial deposit of \$75.
 - Once camperships are awarded, the balance of the discounted camp fee is due within two weeks after the awards are made, or your total camp fee balance due will be the balance of the total "regular" fee of \$280 less the campership award and the initial deposit of \$75.
 - Please note that a late fee has been instituted for those who complete their camp fee payments after June 6, 2011.
 - The camp fee for Frontiers Camp is less than fee for summer camp even though Frontiers Camp is a day longer. Please remember to subtract the deposit when paying the balance.
- Questions as to fee balances can be directed to Council Registrar at the Council Service Center at the phone numbers: Local phone: 802-244-5189, Toll Free: 800-704-3089, Fax: 802-244-5259
- Refunds in excess of the non-refundable reservation fee can be made on written notification addressed and posted to the Council Service Center prior to June 6, 2011. After June 6th refunds cannot be made as all food and equipment will have been ordered or purchased. (Complete registration and fee information can be found at this link: [Reservation Information and Form – For Campers](#))

FRONTIERS CAMP INFORMATION & CALENDAR

- 6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 4th, Informational Meeting at Council Service Center, 838 US Rt. 2E (1 mile east of VT Route 100 in Waterbury). See this link on the Green Mountain Council website for directions: [Council Office and Scout Shop](#).
- May 15th, Please send your completed Medical Form to the camp director (PO Box 281, Lyndon, VT 05849) prior to this date. Please send a copy of the medical form as the form you send us cannot be returned.
- May 15th, Balance of camp fees due at Council Service Center to qualify for the “early bird” camp fee (as discussed above).
- 9 AM – 3 PM, Saturday, June 18h, Setup Day at Mt. Norris for staff and parents and participants (optional activity - everyone is welcome.) Light lunch provided.
- 10:00 AM Saturday, June 25th, Frontiers Camp starts. – Check in for Voyageurs (only) begins at 9:30 AM. Check in for Woodsmen, Skinners, and Trappers will begin at 10 AM. Voyageurs who don't check in between 9:30 and 10 AM will have to wait their turn in line for registration.
- 6 PM Thursday, June 30th, Frontiers Camp Feast followed by Camp fire for families and friends. More information on this event will be forthcoming at the Informational Meeting. Please note that reservations and payment for the feast must be done at check-in on Saturday, June 25th. No tickets for feast will be sold the day of the feast.
- 10:00 AM Saturday, July 2nd, Closing Ceremony; end of FC for 2011 (about 10 AM)

Do you know someone else interested in attending this camp program? He should get a reservation in as soon as possible to insure he has a place (space is limited).

We've had a great time in previous years – all but a very few of the staff are returning and a great majority of last year's frontiersmen will be a part of the second, third and fourth year programs this year.

We look forward to seeing you at the informational meeting and at camp this summer.

FRONTIERS CAMP QUESTIONS ?

Camp Director E-mail: frontierscamp@scoutingvermont.org
(This is the best way to reach camp director)

SEND THE MEDICAL FORM (by May 15) TO:

Frontiers Camp
P.O. Box 281
Lyndon, VT 05849

GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL QUESTIONS ?

Council Service Center Contact Point
Local phone: 802-244-5189
Toll Free: 800-704-3089
Fax: 802-244-5259
Email: info@scoutingvermont.org
Council Registrar (for camp registration and fee matters) is:
Janet Ruggles-Power: jrpower@bsamail.org

Frontiers Camp Website:

<http://www.scoutingvermont.org/camping/frontierscamp>