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SPARTAN GAMES - THREE DAYS OF VICTORY

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Meet the Committee - Co-Chairs
Karl Fortman & Kristy Walker



I'm Karl Fortman Co-Chair of the Green Mountain Council 2020 State Camporee. I joined BSA when my son crossed over to Scouts in 2010 in Barre.

We had so much fun scouting together that I hung around after he reached Eagle in 2016.

I have been an ASM and Scoutmaster for Troop 714 in Barre, ASM for Green Mountain Council at the 2013 National Jamboree, Committee Chair and Scoutmaster for Troop 418 in Brentwood Tennessee, a Unit Commissioner for the Middle Tennessee Council and more recently Unit Commissioner and Camping Chair in the Long Trail district of the Green Mountain Council.

I took Wood Badge in 2014 and am a proud member of the MT-61 course, a good ol' Beaver. I live in Marshfield VT, just outside of the village of Plainfield.

The 2020 will be more than just an event, it will be like a group of escaped monkeys driving Monster trucks through a fireworks factory. This is gonna be fun!

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Hellooooo from the Northeast Kingdom! I'm Kristy and I'm proud to serve as the Co-Chair for the GMC 2020 State Camporee. I started scouting in 2010 with Pack 738 in

Lyndonville when my son was a Tiger. Since then my love for scouts grew. I continued as his leader all the way through the Cub program, and crossed over into the troop a year after he did. Now I am helping back in Pack 738 where my youngest daughter is now a Webelo Scout. I joined the Long Trail District Committee a few years ago as the Activities Chair. I run Long Trail District Fall Cub Camporees, Scout-o-Ramas and oversee our other events. Since joining district I have earned Scouter of the Year and District Award of Merit. I always learn more. I am a good ol' Fox from Wood Badge Course N3-592-17.

I am so excited for this event and working with a crazy and incredible All-Star committee that will make this event epic! I am proud to call each one of them my friends. After all, scouting is about friendship, family, and fun.

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Chairs in the Corner

The year 2020 marks the 2,500th Anniversary of the Great Battle of Thermopylae (480 BC), where 300 brave Spartans and 7,000 Greek soldiers defended their country against an invading army of over 400,000 Persians. The Green Mountain Council 2020 State Camporee will feature activities and challenges of the times.

Marching Forward!

(Units that are coming)

This will be an ongoing list of those units that have registered. First to register stays on top of the list. Show your pride and claim your rightful place at the top of the list!

Sweet Dreams 'bout the Green Mountain Council 2020 State Camporee. Victory shall be mine!



"Due to the overwhelming interest in this event, we are expecting a record breaking attendance. With an event of this magnitude and the bizarre and exciting events that we have planned, there are only a handful of locations in the state that will be able to contain everyone, be rugged enough to handle our awesome events and have all the challenges that are worthy of the real Spartans....stay tuned!!"

What's New?

THIS NEWSLETTER! This will be a monthly correspondence that contains information that you will need to better enhance your experience. It features;

- **"Meet the Committee"** Introduction to a Committee Member,
- **"This is Sparta!"** (Spartan Trivia)
- **"Chairs in the Corner"** A message from the Co-Chairs,
- **"Marching Forward"** – A list of units coming to the event
- **"What's New?"** Important and exciting updates
- **"History of Thermopylae"** - What happened in 480 BC
- **"Questions & Concern"** – FAQ and contacts

Other issues will have

- **"Battlefield Recon"** – Photos, events, and awards
- **"Registration Information"** – When, where, how
- **"Resources & Forms"** – Med Forms, info and links
- (Other awesome stuff we can think of!)

History of Thermopylae, 480BC

(A different history lesson in every newsletter)

Thermopylae means "hot gates". In Greek mythology, it is the place of the cavernous entrance to Hades. At the Battle of Thermopylae, a small force of Spartan warriors led by King Leonidas resisted the much larger Persian forces, but were ultimately defeated. According to Herodotus, the Persians broke the Spartan phalanx after an man called Ephialtes (exiled from Sparta as an infant) betrayed his country by telling the Persians of another pass around the mountains.

At Artemisium, large storms had destroyed ships from the Greek side and so the battle stopped prematurely as the Greeks received news of the defeat at Thermopylae and retreated. After Thermopylae, Athens was captured. Most of the Athenians had abandoned the city and fled to the island of Salamis before Xerxes arrived. A small group attempted to defend the Athenian Acropolis, but they were defeated. Xerxes burnt the city; leaving an archaeologically attested destruction layer, known as the Perserschutt. The Persians thus gained control of all of mainland Greece to the north of the Isthmus of Corinth.

HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN??

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to send an email to the Co-Chairs; Karl Fortman and Kristy Walker. Your concern may be featured in this section for others to learn from.

So, what do you want to know?

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