

Green Mountain Council VT State Camporee

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SPARTAN GAMES - THREE DAYS OF VICTORY

Meet the Committee – Program Director
"General Grey Beard" (Dave Towle)

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"This is Sparta!" Trivia

The Color of Red

Spartans used a deep red color for their clothing. Part of the reason was its similarity to the color of blood. Wearing this color allowed them to hide any blood loss in order to not give their enemy any notice they were wounded.

Kween's Korner

As your Kween I command that the GMC2020 Committee make this an event open to all units, Packs and Troops, young and old, near and far. All are welcomed to come to spend this glorious weekend with the King and I. Pack your chariots, gather the bravest contenders and come see who is worthy enough to be top Spartan.



I am General Grey Beard. I've been in Scouting for 20 years, the last 15 years as Scoutmaster of Troop 888 in Danville, VT. I have twin sons that are Eagle Scouts and 26 more Eagles during my tenure. I was honored to serve as the Scoutmaster of VT Troop 328 at the 2010 National Jamboree. I've been the Program Director for 10 District Fall "Bogorees" with themes like Scottish Highlanders, Medieval Knights, Barbarian Invasion, Redneck Loggers, Civil War Boot Camp, Canadian Voyageur Expedition and most recently Party Like a Pirate (as shown in the photo). I was also the Program Director for the 2015 State Camporee with a Civil War theme and promise to deliver another exciting program that you will never forget. Being Grey Beard is not about facial hair, it's an attitude that screams, "I'm here to have fun, get dirty and burn my nasty socks before going home!" Find your beard at the GMC2020.

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GMC2020, don't meet me there, beat me there!

BATTLE FORMATIONS

The GMC2020 Committee has been working hard to pull together an event that is worthy of honoring the way of the Spartans. We are about to have our 4th "Battle Formation" (committee meeting) and we will release details as they are finalized.

On the agenda for the next meeting;

- Pre-Registration Fee
- Event registration
- Possible Cub Event
- Live Entertainment
- Patch Development
- Battlefield Recon
- District Challenge
- District Promoters

We will need help with setting up, running the events and clean-up. If everyone kicks in this will be an event that will be long remembered, maybe for another 2,500 years!

If you would like be part of the GMC2020 committee or assist with , please email; King Karl - karl@fortman.us and Kween Kristy k_walker333@yahoo.com

WHAT WILL BE "YOUR STORY"?

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!



There are many lessons to learn down the pathway of years, memories to be made and stories to tell. What story will you tell your children when they ask, "What did you do on May 16, 2020?"

For Scouts and Leaders in the Green Mountain Council (and many coming from New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts) the answer will be, "I attended the most awesome State Camporee! It was the 2,500th Anniversary of the Battle of Thermopylae where 300 brave Spartans defended their land from an invading army.

I crawled through the mud and crud, fought off the enemy with my sword, spear and shield, was attacked by a Yeti and I kicked his furry fanny, climbed a 30-foot wall, ran on a goat path, raced a chariot, earned Merit Badges, bought this t-shirt that I still wear today, I won the sa-weeeeeet prizes that are sitting on the mantle, ate roasted squirrel and pine cone soup for supper, boogied down to the ultimate "Battle of the Bands", then a wicked cool fireworks display, and by the time I returned to camp, I was soooo tired I crawled in to my tent and fell asleep."

Your children will reply in awe, "Wowwww...you da bomb!" It is at this moment that you realize that YOU are a legend, YOU are their hero. Then ou stand up, puff out your chest, place your hands on your hips, and say, "Yeah, you're right." Don't be surprised if your kids try to lift you on their shoulders and carry you around like a conquering King Leonidas.

OR, you can tell them a different story....."May 15th, 16th and 17th.....Ahhh....I don't remember. Nothing I guess". Your children will reply, "Let's go talk to Jimmy's Father. He attended the Green Mountain Council 2020 State Camporee and he did a bunch of cool stuff!" (Now who's da bomb?)

Don't miss your opportunity to experience a once in a lifetime adventure. Be a part of history; not just history, but also your story. Remember your kids are counting on you! (Squirrels and pine cones not included)

History of Thermopylae, 480BC

(DAY TWO)

The second day of the Battle of Thermopylae also played out in a similar fashion as the previous day. The Persians were unable to make any progress and they were being killed by the thousands. Then a deformed man named Ephialtes, rejected by the Spartans, presented himself before the Persian King Xerxes as a guide for the 'secret' goat path known as the Anopaia to outflank the main Spartan position. Leonidas was aware of the path. It was actually guarded by the local Phokian citizen militia of around a thousand men.

Unfortunately for the Greeks, the Persians sent their elite squad called the "Immortals", guided by Ephialtes, in full force. The Immortals quickly overwhelmed their opponents by focused arrow-fire volleys.

The Phokian militia was simply no match for the Immortals. The Phokians rapidly retreated to the higher grounds. As the 2nd wave of Persian forces arrived, the remaining Phokians pleaded for their lives. The Immortals continued their advance to the rear of the Spartan positions, thus ultimately turning the tide of the battle. The Phokians surrendered and fought the next war under Persian command.

By the end of Day 2 it is estimated that 100 Spartans, 2,000 Greeks and 25,000 Persians had lost their lives at Thermopylae.

"EVERY CHAMPION WAS ONCE A CONTENDER WHO REFUSED TO GIVE UP."



What do YOU want to know?

Q: "Can the AOL Webelos attend? There has been a lot of buzz in our Pack and Troop. What are the restrictions?" Jennifer B.

A: Well, we have GOOD news and GREAT news.

* **The GOOD news, YES, AOLs can attend. The local Pack & Troop Leaders need to work together to transition AOLs into the Troop.**

* **The GREAT news, we can offer a Cub program, however it will take the combined efforts of Cub Leaders to pull it off. Please post your interest on our Facebook page or email King Karl & Kween Kristy (emails below) to be part of the event.**

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

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