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SPARTAN GAMES - THREE DAYS OF VICTORY

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Meet the Committee - Dan "Snowy Owl" Coutu
Royal Scribe & Messenger



Dan has been involved with the Scouting program for over 40 years both as a scout and a scouter. He's an avid learner of primitive skills and "woods wisdom" and loves to share that knowledge with younger generations. He's a long time instructor at both University of Scouting and Pow Wow. As a member of the Frontiers Camp Staff Crew he leads the first year program where up to 60 scouts are introduced to the experience of a fur trade rendezvous. He is also a long-tenured Unit Commissioner in the Long Trail District. Dan is the Royal Scribe and Messenger for the GMC2020 and keeper of the Royal documents. He is a wizard of all electronic thingamajigs. There is a legend that he can turn himself into a Snowy Owl to glide silently through the forest to deliver messages from the Great Spirits to the physical world. Wherever he goes, he is the messenger of Peace, Knowledge and Hope.



"This is Sparta!" Trivia

Mmm, Mmm, Good!

The Spartan diet was limited by local resources of the Greek landscape. Warriors consumed their food with the intention of becoming as strong and healthy as possible. One meal Spartans famously ate was "black soup", composed of pork boiled in pig's blood, flavored with salt and vinegar.

King's Korner

NEW ENEMIES ARE ALL AROUND US. I HAVE TAKEN MY ARMY TO THE FAR OFF LAND OF CHICAGO, WHICH IS A DISTANT PROVINCE OF GREECE. AND YET I KNOW YOU ALL YEARN FOR INFORMATION OF NEXT YEAR'S BATTLE. WATCH THE NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH FOR PREREGISTRATION! \$100 WILL HOLD THE SPOT FOR YOU AND YOUR ARMY. [CLICK HERE](#), ON **LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING** AND YOU WILL BE LISTED IN THE "MARCHING FORWARD" SECTION.

BATTLE FORMATIONS

There will be a massive army of Spartans assembling on the northern battlefield for the weekend. To keep the peace amongst us there will be 4 major encampments.

Camp Leonidas - Boy Troops, Leaders and Parents. Boy Troops may host Boy AOL Webelos, Leaders and Parents

Queen Gorgo's Village - Girl Troops, Leaders and Parents. Girl Troops may host Girl AOL Webelos, Leaders and Parents.

Spartan Boot Camp - Cub Packs, Leaders and Parents. There will be a place for day trippers to stow their gear.

The Old Goat Path - A place for the Council of Elders, including the insane, pickled and fossilized. (Rocking chairs not included!)

Marching Forward!

(Units that are coming)

Troop 888	Danville, VT
Troop 55	Northville, NY
Pack 738	Lyndonville, VT
Troop 116	West Rutland, VT
Pack 447	Brattleboro, VT
Troop 353	Bennington, VT
Troop 525	Monkton, VT
Troop 742	East Montpelier, VT
Troop 714	Barre, VT
Troop 42	Georgia, VT
Troop 70	St. Albans, VT
Troop 690	Hinesburg, VT

**(who's the next to
accept the challenge?)**

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 activities, email;

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GMC2020 LOCATION:
"THE BATTLEFIELD"
CALEDONIA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

ADDRESS:
1 FAIRGROUND RD,
LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851



The City of "New Sparta"

On May 15, 2020 A.D. we will gather in Lyndonville, VT. We will build a glorious city called "New Sparta". It will be built on 25 acres and we expect over 1,500 in attendance. Vermont has 255 municipalities (237 towns, 9 cities, 5 unincorporated towns, and 4 gores). New Sparta will be #256. Here are some staggering facts about our beloved new city.

- Population: Ranked 115th in VT (140 VT towns have less!) ¹
- VT Density (People/per Sq. Mile): Ranked 1st in VT (by 8 times!) ²
- US Density (People/per Sq. Mile): Ranked 5th in the country (to 4 Cities in New Jersey; Guttenberg, Union City, West New York, Hoboken) ³
- New Sparta will be more densely populated than New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, or Miami ³
- By far, RANKED #1 for the only place to be the weekend of May 15-17, 2020 A.D. ⁴

After 3 days of Victory we will be packed up and gone. Our bruises will heal, patches proudly worn, trophies placed on the mantle to become family heirlooms and the awesome memories will remain forever.

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_towns_in_Vermont
2. http://www.uvm.edu/~vlrs/doc/pop_density.htm
3. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_cities_by_population_density
4. Generals Short Beard & Grey Beard under the order of the King & Kween

History of Thermopylae, 480BC

(DAY THREE)

After Leonidas heard the news of their vulnerable position in the battle, he once again resorted to a tactical decision that ironically entailed making a last stand. In essence, while later tales extolled the virtues of defiance and braveness in the face of imminent death (and justifiably so),

Leonidas and his men stayed behind not for their posthumous praises, but for covering a significant part of the contingent army that had over 5,000 men. To that end, when it comes to strategy, the overall retreat of the entire Greek army, while being one of the available options, wouldn't have been the best course of action since Persian cavalry by this time could have easily overtaken them and cut them off in a piecemeal manner.

Simply put, to Leonidas, it was the matter of saving a significant part of the defending force by rear-guard action or making a prolonged last stand with the entire army that would have caused a greater number of Greek casualties. Suffice it to say, he bravely (and wisely) chose the former. And this allowed the majority of the defending Greek soldiers to escape from the clutches of Xerxes at the Battle of Thermopylae.

But to them, each day was a Victory. It's not a place or score, it was an attitude.

What do YOU want to know?

Q: *(A.Burr wants to know) "What's the registration fee and when can we register our troop?"*

A: *The GMC2020 Committee has been crunching the numbers. We want to offer an epic event, but it needs to be affordable. No one should have to face the decision to come or stay home because they can't afford it. For an event at this level there are many moving parts. We will announce the registration fees as soon as possible. Until then, you can help us by getting the word out to every Scout and Leader and giving us an estimation of how many will be coming. We would appreciate updates as you get them.*

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

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