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SPARTAN GAMES - THREE DAYS OF VICTORY

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Meet the Committee – Rich Lederer "Keeper of the Royal Treasure"



Hello, I'm Rich Lederer. I am the "Keeper of the Royal Treasure", which also makes me Rich. I live in Arlington, VT located in the heart of the Green Mountain National Forest. I have been a Scout Leader for 27 years (and counting!) I started in Cub Scouting in 1992 with Pack 334 in Arlington then crossed over into Troop 334 with my son in 1996, assuming the role of Asst. Scoutmaster. The next year I became the Scoutmaster of Troop 334 and served for 17 years in the SM position. In 2014, I resumed the duties as the ASM.

I had the pleasure of representing Green Mountain Council for the last 3 National Jamborees; 2010 as the 2nd Asst. Scoutmaster of Troop 328, in 2013 as a Venture Crew Leader and in 2017 I was on staff in the Motor Pool.

I was awarded the Scoutmaster of the Year Award for the Ethan Allen District. I serve on the District Committee as well as being the Eagle Board Chair for Ethan Allen Southern District. I am married, have 2 sons and an Eagle Father. I now drive school bus for Arlington Schools and serve on a couple of Arlington Town Committees. It's good to be Rich.

"This is Sparta!" Trivia

SPARTA'S GOT TALENT?

The only break Spartan warriors would ever get from training during camp was right after dinner. During this time, the soldiers would often get together and sing. However, even these singing sessions were seen as competitive and the winner would win a choice piece of meat as a prize.



King's Korner

Hello all, we will be at Summer Camp this year to talk to you about your Council Camporee next spring. We need every Troop and Scout to attend to ensure a successful event, Will you stand with us at the biggest event of the decade?

BATTLE FORMATIONS

We have received responses from 19 units. Amazing! They are marching forward with Hundreds of Spartans that have accepted the challenge. Click this link: [LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING](#) or if you're feeling *like a BOSS*, post it on our Facebook page.

"Green Mountain Council 2020 State Camporee"

- Troop or Pack #
- Town, State
- Leader's Name
- Female Scouts?
- Estimated Scouts
- Estimated Leaders

- Will you need stable space for your cavalry horses?
- How many trophies does your unit plan on taking home? (0 to 13)



Or send the info in an email to k_walker333@yahoo.com

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
Troop 658 Winooski, VT
Troop 23 Richmond/Bolton, VT
Pack 007 St. Johnsbury, VT
Pack 876 Morrisville, VT
Troop 729 Northfield, VT
Troop 18 Fair Haven, VT
Troop 635 Essex, VT

**WHO ELSE ACCEPTS
THE CHALLENGE?**



We need 8-10 golf carts or "side-by-side" type 4 wheelers to post at First Aid Stations, assist people with disabilities and moving supplies during the event. (not just single rider 4 wheelers). These are very expensive to rent, but with the group of outdoors enthusiasts, golfers, wood chucks and ATV fans in the group we are hoping this is an expense we can avoid. Please contact the GMC2020 Battlefield Director, General Short Beard at;

s_j_herring@yahoo.com

Also let us know if you would like be part of the GMC2020 committee or assist with activities.



THE VISITING SPARTAN

Once, a Spartan was visiting the City of Athens. His Athenian host threw a banquet in the Spartan's honor. Wishing to show off to his guest, the Athenian introduced the Spartan to several illustrious guests around the room. "That man is the greatest sculptor in Greece," he declared, "and that man is the finest architect and has built many monuments." In Greek times, it was a great honor to let a guest choose their own chair, however the tallest chair at the head of the table was off limits, it belonged to the host. As the other guests waited for the Spartan to choose his seat, each hoping it would be next to them, but he paused. There was an old man that had been running back and forth from the cooking area to the banquet table. He had displayed a large hog, warm bread and large bowls of fresh fruit. Before making his decision the Spartan asked, "Who is that old man over there?" The Athenian replied, "He's just the cook." The Spartan decided to sit in the chair next to the tallest chair where the host always sits. Everyone sat down and was ready to feast. Suddenly, the Spartan called for the cook and the old man ran quickly to his side. The cook expected the worst. The Spartan looked at his host and said, "Athenian, you have done 2 things wrong, first you didn't introduce me to the best cook in Athens, and second.....you are sitting in HIS chair." The Spartan told the cook, "sit next to me in the chair at the head of the table my friend, you are the only one here that needs to be honored."

History of Thermopylae, 480BC

(The Aftermath)

The battle of Thermopylae, and particularly the Spartans' role in it, soon acquired mythical status amongst the Greeks. Free men, in respect of their own laws, had sacrificed themselves in order to defend their way of life against foreign aggression. As Simonides' epitaph at the site of the fallen stated: 'Go tell the Spartans, you who read: We took their orders and here lie dead'.

A glorious defeat maybe, but the fact remained that the way was now clear for Xerxes to push on into mainland Greece. The Greeks, though, were far from finished, and despite many states now turning over to the Persians and Athens itself being sacked, a Greek army led by Leonidas' brother Kleombrotos began to build a defensive wall near Corinth. Winter halted the land campaign, though, and at Salamis the Greek fleet manoeuvred the Persians into shallow waters and won a resounding victory. Xerxes returned home to his palace at Sousa and left the gifted general Mardonius in charge of the invasion. After a series of political negotiations it became clear that the Persians would not gain victory through diplomacy and the two armies met at Plataea in August 479 BC. The Greeks, fielding the largest hoplite army ever seen, won the battle and finally ended Xerxes' ambitions in Greece.

What do YOU want to know?

Q: (Karlo wants to know). **Our boys and girls are excited about the exciting program. This sounds like a hoot. We will have enough adults to assist with supervising an activity or two. Is there something we can do to help with the event?**

A: **YES! Thank you, Karlo. With an event this size it is literally going to take an army of dedicated Scouters. There are many things we need help with; Troop events, set-up, clean-up, running events, traffic control, etc... and Cub specific activities, ceremonies, belt loops, advancement and much more. We will put you in our email list to keep you updated.**

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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