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Council of Elders

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CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 1 FAIRGROUND RD. LYNDONVILLE, VT

SPARTAN GAMES - THREE DAYS OF VICTORY

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“This is Sparta!” Trivia

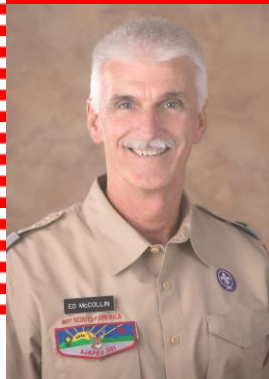
Battling Senior Citizens?

Spartan men were soldiers until they were 60 years old. Despite what you’ve seen in the movies, Leonidas was not a man in his prime when he marched off to fight at Thermopylae. He was more than 60, yet still one of the most physically fit warriors on the battlefield.

King’s Korner

Over 1,500 Persian ships have been spotted along the coastline. They have nothing but bad intentions and are coming to invade our sacred homeland. A rally call has gone out to muster all the warriors from faraway lands to stand in defiance of those that wish to do us harm. How many of you are brave enough to stand with us?

Meet the Committee – Ed McCollin
Green Mountain Council Scout Executive



Hello, I’m Ed McCollin, Scout Executive for the Green Mountain Council, headquartered in beautiful Waterbury, VT. I have proudly held this position for over 9 years and I am excited about the GMC2020. I went to West Chester University of Pennsylvania (Go Rams!) from 1974 – 1978. I began my career in Scouting as a District Executive in Bloomsburg, PA, and then as Senior District Executive in Williamsport, PA. I continued my Scouting career as the Assistant Scout Executive in Wausau, WI and Director of Support Service for the Bay-Lakes Scout Council in Appleton, WI. Even though I now live in Vermont, I remain a loyal Green Bay Packers fan. I would like to offer a sincere invitation to all units to experience one of the greatest camporees to be featured in New England.

I’ll see you at the GMC2020!

BATTLE FORMATIONS

ATTENTION OLD PEOPLE!

The GMC2020 will not only test the character and confidence of our Scouts, it will also test YOU! There will be a “Senior Senator Division” for any registered Scouter over 18 years old. You will compete for some sa-weeet prizes and show the young ones that you can still walk the walk. This includes any registered Leader, Committee Member, Unit Commissioner and GMC Staff. Maybe Mr. McCollin will dust off his cleats and show us how it’s done. When the Scouts have fun, the Leaders have fun, and when the Leaders have fun, the Scouts have a blast. (Advil and horse liniment 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
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
Troop 219 Lancaster, NH
Troop 334 Arlington, VT
Troop 624 Essex Jct, VT

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



WHAT'S NEW?

This is the GMC2020 Patch Set. It is 8 fat inches in diameter. It is AMAZING. They go on sale NOW for only \$40 for the entire 6 piece set. Proceeds have helped reduce the registration fee. Go the Green Mountain Council website www.scoutingvermont.org to order yours today. They will make an awesome gift for the Scout(s) in your life as well as the ultimate way to thank your Scout Leaders. Order yours today.

HISTORY OF THERMOPYLAE

(World War II)

Greece's contribution to World War II was far greater than simply defeating an invading Italian army; they also fought bravely against the German reinforcements. By doing so, Greece significantly delayed the massive German assault against the Soviet Union, thus playing a role in the ultimate Victory of the Allied forces.

In October 1940, Mussolini, had foolishly tried to "imitate" Hitler to achieve battlefield glory by launching a surprise invasion of Greece. However, the Greek army fought with Spartan-like passion and not only defended their homeland, but also pushed the Italians back regaining Greek territory.

Hitler's invasion plan on the Soviet Union, nicknamed "Operation Red Beard" was set to begin on May 15, 1941. Three million German soldiers would plunge deep into Russia and expected to achieve victory by the end of summer.

Greece received a small reinforcement from British, Australian and New Zealand Army Corps ("ANZAC") in anticipation of a German attack.

Knowing that British troops were in Greece, Hitler decided to make a detour before launching the massive attack on the Soviet Union and Operation Red Beard was placed on hold. The new launch date was set for June 22, 1941.

The Greek army was vastly outnumbered against both Italian and German troops forcing them to retreat for evacuation. Following the decision to retreat, ANZAC forces set up defensive positions at the coastal pass at **Thermopylae**. They were ordered to hold the pass as long as possible, allowing other units to safely withdraw. ANZAC forces rallied as their commander ordered: **"Here we bloody well are and here we bloody well stay!"** (Does this Battle of Thermopylae sound familiar?)

Allied forces tried to slow down the German advance on the Thermopylae position, allowing ships to be prepared to evacuate the struggling defenders. The German Army marched on to the capital, Athens, capturing 7,000 British and ANZAC personnel for a decisive German Victory. A month later Axis forces conquered all of Greece and would remain occupied until June 1945.

The 38-day postponement of Operation Red Beard allowed the Soviets to reposition forces and prolong the German invasion. Instead of 2 months of the summer, the fight lasted throughout the bitter winter in which the Soviets had the advantage. Hitler later blamed the failure of this invasion of the Soviet Union, which had to be delayed, on Mussolini's failure to conquer of Greece. And if Hitler conquered northern Asia in 1941, who knows what would have been the end result!

What do YOU want to know?

Q: (Gary B. wants to know) **"We are pumped and ready to register my entire army. Is there a form we send in or is it all done on line? Is there a link or a form can you send me? Please and thank you."**

A: Thank you Gary for your enthusiasm. A weekend that includes fireworks, live concert, awesome events, killer prizes and a lifetime of memories can be expensive, but we wanted to make it affordable to everyone. We have been crunching the numbers to reduce the price per attendee through fundraising efforts and bartering better deals with our vendors. We have reduced the registration fee by \$15.00. That takes a lot of work from the GMC2020 Committee, support from Council, generous sponsors and successful fundraisers. **Forms are attached to this newsletter** and please look for them on our Facebook page or go the Green Mountain Council website; www.scoutingvermont.org

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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Courtesy New York Daily Mirror.

WORLD WAR II CARTOON

GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL 2020 STATE CAMPOREE

UNIT DEPOSIT FORM MAY 15-17, 2020

**CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
ONE FAIRGROUND ROAD, LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851**

A deposit of \$100 is requested by March 1, 2020 from every unit that will be camping overnight and an estimated number of campers (not a commitment, but estimate). This will help us determine the size of your campsite and supplies needed to make your experience the most EPIC. Deposit not required for Day Trippers. The deposit will be applied as credit towards registration fees.

☐ **Boy Troop** Unit # _____ District _____ Council _____

☐ **Girl Troop** Contact _____ Unit Position _____

☐ **Cub Pack** Address _____ Email _____

_____ Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

Estimated attendance: _____ Scouts _____ Leaders _____ Adults

- ____ **Reserve our spot! Please transfer \$100 from unit account (GMC Units only)**
- ____ **Reserve our spot! Check enclosed for \$100 (Payable to "Green Mtn Council BSA")**
- ____ **Reserve our spot! One time charge to my credit card for \$100**

This box for Credit Card Processing only ☐ **Visa** ☐ **MasterCard** ☐ **AMEX** ☐ **Discover**

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Amount Authorized: \$ _____ CVC Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

All payments will be confirmed by email to the address that is listed above

Non-refundable after 05/01/2020

Send form to;
Green Mountain Council, BSA
PO Box 557
Waterbury, VT 05676

Phone #: (802) 244-5189
Toll Free: (800) 704-3089
Fax #: (802) 244-5259

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REGISTRATION FORM MAY 15-17, 2020

CALEDONIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
ONE FAIRGROUND ROAD, LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851

☐ Lone Scout Male ☐ Lone Scout Female

☐ Boy Troop Unit # _____ District _____ Council _____

☐ Girl Troop Contact _____ Unit Position _____

☐ Cub Pack Address _____ Email _____

Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____

*Registered with the BSA

BSA Scout Troop, Crews & Explorers

	*YOUTH	*LEADERS	ADULTS	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 (paid by March 15, 2020)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 (after March 16, 2020)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00 (after April 16, 2020)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

CUB Scout Packs (Overnighters) -

	*YOUTH	*LEADERS	ADULTS	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00 (paid by March 15, 2020)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00 (after March 16, 2020)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00 (after April 16, 2020)	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

(ALL Family Camping Rules Apply)

DAY TRIPPERS (Cub Scouts & Families)

	*YOUTH	*LEADERS	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 Cub Scouts (05/16/2020)	_____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 Cub family members (05/16/2020)	_____	_____	\$ _____
(Age 4 and under free) Does NOT include event patch	(Adults)	(Siblings)	

If you paid a \$100 Deposit by March 01, 2020 write as negative number here → \$ _____

Deposit paid on what date? _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** \$ _____

☐ Leader approval for \$ _____ from unit account (for GMC units only)
☐ Check enclosed for \$ _____ Payable to "Green Mountain Council BSA"
☐ One time charge of \$ _____ to my credit card

This box for Credit Card Processing only ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Name as it appears on Credit Card: _____

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____ / _____

Amount Authorized: \$ _____ CVC Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

All payments will be confirmed by email to the address that is listed above

Name of Registered Scout	Age on 05/16/2020	Name of Registered Leader	Age on 05/16/2020
		Name of Family Member	Adult or Sibling

Please use additional page if needed

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