

GMC SCOUTING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ALUMNI REUNION JOURNAL

Welcome to Our Alumni Reunion at Mt. Norris, August 2-4, 2019!



Reunion Chair John Sonnick and Steering Committee Members Walt Morris, George Beach and Dick Simays cordially welcome you to our Scouting Alumni and Friends Reunion Weekend at Mt. Norris.

You will find an action-packed program, to drop right back into your days at resident Scout camp if you'd like, or just good company, great food, and the opportunity to see old friends and share Scouting memories, to catch up on "the rest of the story". Find out the latest on what is happening in Scouting in the Green Mountain Council, and get a close up look at the many improvements at Norris thanks to the efforts of the Mt. Norris Scout Reservation Alumni Association.

All are welcome—currently registered Scouters and families; and **especially welcome** are all of those who traveled the Scouting path at any time in their lives, or were touched by it., currently registered, or not. The Reunion is just that—a time to come back and visit, however briefly, former Scouting days, memories, accomplishments and friendships. This will also be a time for a spouse, partner, child or friend who has heard so much about your Scouting Days and Scouting ways to learn and experience first hand what it is that you've been talking about all this time! The program amply provides for "action" things if you choose, including fun kids' activities, or relaxing conversations and viewing exhibits on the newly-

constructed porch at Camp headquarters. So, plan to join us, and enrich our experience with your honored presence!

Reunion Program (Proposed):

Friday, August 2, 2019.

4:00pm—10:00pm Check in/registration at event Headquarters.

Camping/lodging assignments; settling in.

Visit the GMC Scouting Alumni and Friends “Pop Up” Museum and Scout Shop.

Optional participation in Friday Barbeque (Advance Reservations Required) and Closing of Week IV, Norris resident Summer Camp.

Opening Campfire and Staffer Rededication.

Welcome Crackerbarrel and Trade-O-Ree.

Saturday, August 3, 2019.

7:00am Camp Reveille

7:30am-9:00am Breakfast in Dining Hall; Mini Relay Races before and after coffee

9:00am--Noon Check in/registration reopens

10:00am—5:30pm GMC Scouting Alumni and Friends “Pop Up” Museum, Exhibits and Scout Shop open. Mt. Norris Alumni Association meet and greet.

National Eagle Scout Association, Jamboree, Woodbadge, Order of the Arrow meet and greet. Guided tours of camp.

10:00am—Noon Scout Skills “Camporee” at Norris-try your firebuilding,

knot-tying, lashing, compass and first aid skills out again! Guided “Flora and Fauna” tour of Camp.

Family Fun Midway; Activities and Crafts for Kids (adult Companions!).

“Tales of Scouting Trails”: a get-together to share and record your Scouting memories for posterity!

Noon—1:30pm Opening Ceremony: “Parade of the Generations” of Council Camps Staffers; Scouting Alumni; Superlatives Recognitions.¹

Round-robin Reunion Lunches: Camps Staffers²; GMC Camps

Scoutmasters and Campers; Order of the Arrow; Woodbadgers;

Jamboree; Philmont; Friends and Family.

¹ Best Old Scout Uniform (to be worn somehow in the parade) Prize; farthest traveler; Oldest Alum; Youngest Alum; most children; most grandchildren; most years in “active” Scouting; Most Eagles in family; funniest Staff moment(s); craziest Staff moment(s).

² Norris; Sunrise; Frontiers; Plymouth; Zack Woods; Other Councils.

1:30pm—4:00pm Camp Program Areas Open (including aquatics).
Blind-fold canoe races; Scavenger Hunt competition.
Family Fun Midway Open

4:00pm Presentations/Ceremonies

- *Panel Discussion: “I was/am a Scout Spouse/Girlfriend/Boyfriend/Parent!”
- *Gathering of Eagles and Rededication.
- *OA Gathering, Ceremony and Rededication.
- *Camp Staff Alumni Recognitions.
- *Trade-O-Ree

4:30pm Religious observances, including Catholic Mass

5:30pm Colors

Dinner reception
Grand Barbecue Dinner
Presentation of Special Awards/Recognitions; Council Alumnus of the Year Awards for 2018 and 2019.

7:00pm Closing Campfire; GMC Camps Skits and Songs “Down the Ages”;
Grand Crackerbarrel; “Keeping Connections”: Opportunities for
fellowship, and Scouting service in Green Mountain Council, Going
Forward; Trade-O-Ree.

Sunday, August 4, 2019

7:00am—8:30am Camp Reveille; Continental Breakfast

8:30am—9:00am Carrying connections forward; Departure

GMC Scouting Alumnus of the Year Awards

The Scouting Alumnus of the Year award is the highest, nationally authorized recognition that may be provided by a Scout Council to a distinguished alumnus. Only one award may be bestowed each year. We are greatly honored to be presenting two Alumnus of the Year Awards, for 2018 and 2019 in recognition of exceptional service “above and beyond” the call. Please join us to celebrate these honors, and the accomplishments of the two honorees, following colors at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.



Aquatics Participation

Camp program areas will be open to Reunion registrants, including waterfront (swimming and boating). BSA Safe Swim and Safety Afloat rules will apply, and anyone wishing to engage in open swim or unrestricted boating should be prepared to take the basic BSA swim test. Boating rules permit beginners and non-swimmers to boat along with a swimmer. There will be a non-swimmers (wading) area open as well.

Individuals and families wishing to participate in aquatics should complete Parts A and B of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (form 680-001) (Health history, informed consent and release)(exam by health care professional not required). It will be most helpful if you bring your completed forms with you, to avoid any delay in your getting wet! This record is available as a fillable PDF. You may find it easier to fill it out on a computer, then print the record (rather than printing the record and filling it out by hand). Doing this will improve the readability and accuracy of each participant's medical information. You can find a copy of this form online at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx> or on the GMC Council Website under Resources and Forms, www.scoutingvermont.org.

To save any information you add to the form, you download and save the form first. Information is not saved when editing online.

Patch Trade O Ree

Rick Kent, of Calvin Coolidge District will serve as the Trade O Ree Supervisor. Opening hours for the Trade O Ree will be during Friday and Saturday evening Crackerbarrels, and at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

All participants will be expected to observe the following widely-accepted Code of Ethics:

- On my honor I will:
- Consciously, and fairly represent items of Scouting memorabilia.
- Currently be a registered member in Scouting or have Council permission to participate.
- Only trade a patch that I know to be a legitimate authorized issue of a Lodge, Council, or District or one that was authorized by BSA for production. I will not trade a fake patch without representing it as a fake or reproduction.
- Never knowingly trade unfairly to another person.
- Extend the hand of friendship to all collectors and traders.
- Emphasize the importance of trading ethics to new collectors and traders.
- Consent to following the rules and guidelines of the event, and additionally to those that apply to trading.
- Help new collectors get started.
- Educate myself on my patches and strive for fairness in all actions consistent with the Scout Oath & Law.
- End all trades with a handshake to show mutual agreement of a fair trade and thank my fellow trader.

Accommodations

Luxurious accommodations will be available to Reunion registrants in the Troop sites in camp, including lean-tos and two person wall tents. (All have bunks or cots and mattresses, bedding must be provided). You are free to bring your own tent and camping gear if you would prefer. Designated camping sites will be established by the Camp Director. Each of the Troop sites has running potable water supply and latrines. The camp has a shower house, hot and cold running water, with gender-specific facilities. For Friday arrivals, be advised that units participating in resident camp will still be in their sites. Reunion attendees must camp only in the designated sites. RV camping will be permitted in an area specified by the Camp Director. However, there are no hookups available. If you are planning to bring a particularly large RV, please advise Council Executive Ed McCollin (Edward.McCollin@scouting.org) in advance of your arrival, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Due to the number of attendees anticipated, there can be no RV parking or camping in the main parking lot. Numerous commercial accommodations are available in Morrisville (17 mi/26 mins), Stowe (25 mi/36 mins) and Jay Peak Resort (21 mi/32 mins) for attendees as well. The Sunset Motor Inn in Morrisville is offering a group discount rate for our Scouting Alumni Event, on advance reservations. (802-888-4956)

Meals

The program fee for individuals and families includes scheduled evening Cracker Barrel snacks and all meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday breakfast. Friday arrivals have the option to purchase tickets for the regular camp Friday night barbecue which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Scout Shop

The Camp store will be open for purchases—Council souvenirs, Scouting supplies, snacks and more.

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The Mt. Norris Scout Reservation Alumni Association has had a major hand in most of the physical improvements in camp that you will observe during your visit. Officers and members of the Association will be on hand during the Reunion, to highlight the various projects that have been completed, and to discuss plans and resource needs for projects “in the pipeline”.

Scouting Exhibits/Displays

You will find a number of exhibits presented by our various Scouting constituencies, as well as people to talk about what’s happening now with each! Of special interest will be an extensive display of memorabilia tracking the history of Green Mountain Council and its ancestor Councils and Order of the Arrow Lodges, courtesy of Brian Kent.

Please Note:

FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, and ARCHERY EQUIPMENT Ample equipment is available for all shooting sports programs offered as part of the camp program. Scouts and leaders may not bring private firearms, ammunition, nor archery equipment from home for use at camp.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS and TOBACCO Alcohol, marijuana, and illegal drugs are not permitted in camp. Any adults found in possession or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs will be escorted out of camp. It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America and the Green Mountain Council that no one under the age of 18 years old may possess or use tobacco or vaping products. This includes but is not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, pipes, snuff, chewing tobacco or

any other form of tobacco. Smoking is permitted in designated areas only! Please ask the Event Commissioner or Camp Director for these locations.

Thank you, in advance, for your observance of these required standards of behavior!

Still Need to Register?

It's easy. Go to the GMC Website—www.scoutingvermont.org. Click on "Council Activities", then "Special Events", then "Alumni Reunion". The event registration form, and program of activities are found there.

Do I Need to be Currently Registered in Scouting to Attend?

No. But please be advised that all BSA Youth Protection policies are in force and effect and must be observed throughout the event.

See you in camp August 2-4 at our Alumni Reunion, 2019!

Until then,
John Sonnick, Event Chair
and Alumni Steering Committee

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