



Green Mountain Council Alumni & Friends Association

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Upcoming Events:

9/12/20 – Work Day at Norris

10/17/20 – Work Day at Norris

Meet & Greet to continue this Fall!

For more information check out our Facebook Event Pages.

Check us out online:

Facebook @gmc592aa

or

www.scoutingvermont.org/council-alumni-association

Covid-19

As you might have expected, the 2020 Scouting Alumni & Friends Reunion at Camp Sunrise has been postponed. While none of us wanted to take this step, just think what an extra year can mean for us in terms of making the event bigger and more amazing!

So pencil it into your calendars now: June 11-13, 2021. No matter how much you've previously enjoyed a game, a skills competition, a campfire or hangin' out with the peeps, Sunrise 2021 is going to be the ne plus ultra, la crème de la crème, the rip-snortin', high speed, low drag event that will set a new bar for what a good time is. We will distribute official sign up forms in the fall or early winter, so keep your eyes peeled.

Meet & Greet

Our Meet & Greet have all been put on hold for the Summer. We hope to resume them later in the Fall. However, be on the lookout for more information on two work days coming up at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation.

NESA Committee

Are you looking to get involved in Scouting again, but don't think you have the time? We are looking for three to five Eagle Alumni to serve as leaders of a restored NESAs Committee. The time commitment should be minimal – maybe quarterly meetings to start? The GMC NESAs Committee has been inactive for too long and there are many benefits for our council.

Leadership needed is a Committee Chair, Awards Chair, Events Chair, and a Communication and Membership Chair. Contact us if you're interested in getting involved!

Vermont Scouting Museum

For the lack of knowledge on what to do, much of our Scouting history is being kept in dark closets and dusty attics. What's worse, they sometimes get thrown away. When Dave Towle heard a friend threw away 6 large boxes of his grandfather's "Scouting stuff" Dave knew he had to do something to preserve the Scouting heritage and spirit that he loves. Dave took it upon himself to start the Vermont Scouting Museum.

Alumni Committee Members

- George Beach
- Brad Jenkins
- Walter Morris
- Barry Simays
- Richard Simays
- John Sonnick

Contact Us

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The main goals:

1. Protect – prevent Scouting history from being discarded like common trash. The general public needs to know that there is a place to send items where they will be appreciated.
2. Honor - Pay tribute to those that have lived the Scout Spirit by inspiring the younger generation of Scouts by keeping their legacy alive.
3. Educate – Exhibits would travel to local, district and council activities for Scouts to learn about Scouting history.
4. Promote – Exhibits could eventually travel to public venues to make them aware of all the great things that the Scouting program has provided to their communities.

In addition to vintage uniforms, there will also be several exhibits dedicated to the National Jamborees, Council Shoulder Patches and District events. Additional items such as patches, neckerchiefs, pins, hats, documents and other memorabilia from around the world will also be featured.

Items donated will NOT be sold. In the case of duplicate items, with permission they may be traded to obtain additional items to complete certain exhibits.

If you have items stuck away in storage, and looking for a place where they will be appreciated, please send them, with a backstory of who, when and where to;

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Check out their Facebook page, "Vermont Scouting Museum" that has great information and pictures. A plan for a virtual museum is in the works future. If anyone has questions or concerns they may contact vermontscoutingmuseum@gmail.com.

A Final Word from Ed

Our departing Scout Executive helped form our illustrious Committee over three years ago. We wanted to learn more about his time before coming to Vermont, while he was here, and what his plans are in retirement. On behalf of the entire council, we wish him well!

From Ed:

I was a Cub Scout for three years and a Boy Scout for three years achieving the rank of First Class. I was up for my Star Board of Review when the Scoutmaster left to organize an Explorer Post and I quickly followed as soon as I turned 14. That was the end of my youth Scouting.

After college I went to work as an Aquatics Director at Camp Karoondinha, the camp where I attended as a Scout. That fall I joined the BSA profession as a District Executive with the Columbia Montour Council in Bloomsburg, Pa. From there I moved to the

Susquehanna Council in Williamsport Pa as a Senior District Executive, and 6 years later made the jump to the Samoset Council in Wausau, WI as an Assistant Scout Executive. Six years there and then on to the Bay-Lakes Council in Appleton, WI as a Director of Support Service, where I served for 14 years. I became the Scout Executive in the Green Mountain Council in August of 2010. Ironically, I have never served as a volunteer, until maybe now as I retire from the profession after 42 years.

Vermont is a beautiful state and has been my home for 10 years. Meeting Lainnie, my significant other in 2012 was great as we became one in enjoying the state together and creating our home and me meeting and getting close to her family and now our three granddaughters. We have also enjoyed Lake Champlain, hiked Camel's Hump, explored many of the lakes and beaches and snowshoed some beautiful trails.

If I had to pick one thing that has made me proud to serve as Scout Executive in the Green Mountain Council, it would have to be the people. It is the volunteers in Scouting that truly are the backbone of its success and to see and hear the passion, care and concern they have for this movement is truly amazing. I am very proud to have worked with them every step of the way as we faced our challenges, accepting our failures and celebrating our successes. Those relationships I will miss.

Retirement will be both exciting and a little scary. Exciting because I will have the freedom to move about as I want. A little scary because after 42 years of a pretty busy schedule of nights, weekends and summer camps, I sometimes wonder how my time will be filled. I also plan to continue to work in some capacity but what and where remain somewhat of a mystery. Lainnie and I will still be around for now, sharing our time between Vermont and Florida where we have purchased a home in Parrish, FL, located between Tampa and Sarasota.

As a parting comment to all the Alumni who may take a moment to read this, I leave you with this to remember and ponder. A "Council" is comprised of a geographic territory made up of Scouting units with youth members, volunteer leaders and parents, several volunteer committees and a professional staff that include District Executives, a Scout Executive, Ranger, and an office support staff. **Thus a "Council" is people.** "Council" is not a place or thing. So, when you hear someone say or refer to "Council", he or she must mean a person or persons, right? Ask that person what they mean by "Council"? My point is that a "Council" is all of us and we all play a part in helping move the needle to serve more youth and raise the necessary funds that will allow us to continue to offer a quality year-round program. Volunteer or professional, office staff or Camp Director, we are on the same team working to achieve the same goal.