



Green Mountain Council BSA Alumni

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Upcoming Events:

07/09/2021 – Meet & Greet at
Cody's Irish Pub & Grille

08/14/2021 – Council Family
Reunion & Honor Court

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[https://www.scoutingvermont.org/
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Meet & Greet Are Back!

Our first Meet & Greet, in almost a year and a half, will be on July 9th at Cody's Irish Pub & Grille in Essex. Come meet members of our committee and other alumni from the area from 5-7 p.m.

Council Family Reunion & Honor Court

All are invited to join the Council Family Reunion at Camp Sunrise on Saturday, August 14! Imagine a concert festival or trapper rendezvous where you can reconnect with all of your Scouting friends and affinity groups while enjoying a day at Camp Sunrise. Stay tuned for a growing lineup of meet-ups and gatherings taking place throughout the day.

Join us for the Council Honor Court beginning at 4:30 P.M. at the Stanley A. Burnham Campfire Ring as we honor the 2020-2021 Silver Beavers, Alumnus of the Year and More...

Dinner will follow and complementary overnight family camping will be included. Contact us at info@gmcaa.org for more information.

Alumni Spotlight

This time around we are featuring Alison Hampson! See what she is up to as she gives us an update on Mt. Norris.

Mt. Norris Scout Reservation is back in action!

Greetings Green Mountain Council Alumni. My name is Alison Hampson and I have the honor of serving as the Camp Director at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation for the 2021 camping season. The really terrific news is that YES - we are back in action, and just days from now the staff will be gathering at Mt. Norris in preparation for campers. It has been a very long 2 years without resident camp, and we are ready and energized to provide an outstanding program for our youth. And for the first time in years, both the Cub Scouts and the Scouts BSA will have summer resident camp at Mt. Norris.

It was a very difficult and painful decision to cancel the 2020 resident camp season because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many units had ceased to meet because of the safety concerns around gathering. Not providing the opportunity to be at summer camp

was made with heavy hearts but with the safety of our youth, leaders, and staff at the forefront. In the fall of 2020 we began meeting as a Council Camping Committee to make a decision about what camping programs would be offered in the summer of 2021. To accomplish this task, a collection of active Scouters from all over Vermont were assembled and lead by Dave Sem to work through the decision process about how the upcoming season would be structured. Together we came to the decision that Camp Sunrise would not open as a summer resident camp and the Cub Scout program would move to Mt. Norris for the summer of 2021. Camp Sunrise is still very much available for units to camp at and enjoy.

Making the decision to bring Cub Scouts back to Mt. Norris alongside the Scouts BSA program launched a monumental effort by the Mt. Norris Scout Reservation Alumni Association to awaken the property after a long period of inactivity. There was brush to clear, lean tos to repair, buildings to maintain and paint – the time, effort, and commitment by this group has been nothing short of extraordinary. And when the Cub Scouts arrive and camp in Stratton and Belvidere they will find freshly painted and leveled lean tos, new flag poles, new roofs on latrines, cleared brush and in Ascutney they will find brand new canvas tents as well as a structurally reinforced boat house. There is much excitement to have the Cub Scout program running at Mt. Norris this summer!

Our Camp Staff this year is an amazing collection of people – 75% of whom are returning staffers from either Mt. Norris or Camp Sunrise. We are very fortunate to have a core of folks who are so dedicated to the resident camp program and our youth. Not having had camp last summer interrupted the rhythm of maintaining a camp staff but I'm happy to say that so many are returning and eager to be back at camp. This camp staff will be a critical piece of bringing resident camp back to life in the Green Mountain Council, and I believe they are up to the challenge. The great news as of late has been the loosening restrictions for COVID protocols by the State of Vermont, so for the most part we are full steam ahead into a relatively normal summer camp experience. We are modifying our dining hall plans to reduce the number of people eating at any one time but otherwise we are largely returning to a traditional schedule.

So how did I get to this moment of being Camp Director and working hard to fill the very big shoes left by Clint Buxton? My husband and I are parents of two young men who began in Cub Scouts as Tigers, one of whom is an Eagle Scout and is currently in his 5th year as a staffer at Philmont. When he came home one day in first grade with a flyer for Cub Scouts and a determination to join, I began this journey - he is now 23 years old. Over the years I've been a Den Leader, a Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Program and Camp Director for Cub Scout Day Camp, Treasurer for a Troop, an Assistan Crew Advisor, a Troop Guide and ASM Troop Guides for Wood Badge courses, Business Manager at Mt. Norris, and currently an Assistant Scout Master for a female Troop. I've made amazing friends, lasting memories, and really enjoyed the adventure. In December I was asked to take on my biggest role yet as the Camp Director of Mt. Norris Scout Reservation. I am truly honored to lead this camp staff, humbled by the extraordinary efforts and commitment of so many to reopen camp, and energized to bring resident camp back to the youth in the Green Mountain Council.