

What is FRONTIERS CAMP?

- ✓ Frontiers Camp is the Green Mountain Council's very unique specialty resident summer camp for Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew members of any age; however, it is recommended that participants complete a prior BSA resident camp experience. It is conducted before the regular summer camp season at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation located at the northern end of Lake Eden in Vermont. Frontiers Camp provides four separate and differently structured year-of-attendance programs. Each year has a separate focus, activities and staff. It is "provisional" meaning home troop leadership is not required - the camp staff provides all the leadership necessary.
- ✓ This camp is formed around a program theme that includes traditional BSA summer camp activities, while also including the fun, excitement and adventure of the participants becoming "mountain men" at an 1830's-style fur trapper's rendezvous (on the American Frontier), and participating in the many activities of that time. The program is modeled on events (as is a novel or Hollywood movie) on the activities of American Frontiersmen of the 1830s to provide a unique experience promoting the values of the Scout Oath and Law while including frontier skills and rendezvous life style into its theme.
- ✓ The Frontiers Camp program is a series of events conducted throughout the entire camp period that includes, but not limited to: Scout rank advancement, BSA merit badges and certifications, mountain man activities, opportunities to become certified in nationally accredited Hunter, Bow Hunter, Trapper and Fishing education programs, and achieve National Rifle Association qualifications.
- ✓ Over the years, the Frontiers Camp program has included: building a log cabin, a lean-to shelter, a signal tower, a monkey bridge, a pioneer swing, a super-size chair and other frontier pioneering projects; constructing a birch-bark canoe; forging items at the blacksmith; working with sheet copper and amber; creating high quality leather and other craft items; canoe and mountain hiking treks; Dutch oven cooking over campfires; "the swamp trek"; learning traditional frontier skills at our Frontier Village activity areas; orienteering and surveying for real-world property boundaries; fun-filled camp wide games, and much, much more! In addition there are exclusive Frontiers Camp awards and honors for which everyone is eligible. Through camper and parent feedback, Frontiers camp staff continues to strive to meet the needs of what the participants want and enjoy making each summer better than the one before.
- ✓ All instruction in rank advancement, merit badges, certifications and awards is provided by experienced and qualified adult volunteer leaders. Scouts and Venturing youth benefit in learning a lot in any of our programs from this well tenured, knowledgeable and friendly staff. Together staff and campers work together to emphasize a community life of teamwork and learned skills that, at the end of the week, has helped build character, leadership and other skills in the campers.
- ✓ Celebrating its 15th anniversary, Frontiers Camp is held annually at Mt. Norris Scout Reservation on Lake Eden, VT. It is eight days and seven nights of high quality camping, which is unique to other more traditional camps of seven days and six nights. It is led by a well-trained all-volunteer staff of approximately sixty-five. This extra day of camping allows for the staff to offer this specialty program that can't be found anywhere else at a great value-added "early bird" camp fee. Frontiers Camp combines a fantastic program with top-flight food at the lowest possible rate. It is a great time for fun, adventure and the camp fee is well invested by the parents of the participants. Frontiers Camp was designated a Nationally Accredited Specialty-Adventure Camp on June 25, 2013 having exceeded the requirements for National Standard BSA Camps.
- ✓ Staff and campers come from several states as far away as Washington and Florida as well as from all over New England. In fact, over the years slightly over 1/3 of the participants were from out of state, and the provisional format has provided a great opportunity for everyone to make new friends. The Frontiers Camp staff's goals include making sure all campers have an unforgettable experience, learn team work and to leave as a better Scout and person. Scouts can earn merit badges and rank advancements and certifications. However, Frontiers Camp is not just about advancement. It's about the fun, the camp spirit, the enthusiasm and the experience that you can be part of.
- ✓ Participants can attend Frontiers Camp as individuals, as a member of a patrol, or with their troop or crew. Whatever method they choose campers will experience the best program, food, action, excitement and well rounded experience that is available. For a number of years over 75% of the Scouts have returned to Frontiers Camp for the next year's program (each succeeding program year is different). Please note that the enrollment for the first year group is limited to 60. A waiting list is available.
- ✓ Detailed information along with slide show can be found on the Green Mountain Council Website. <http://www.scoutingvermont.org/camping/frontierscamp>. Do you have questions regarding the program? Email the camp director at: frontierscamp@scoutingvermont.org