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Upcoming Events:

01/20/2022 – Scout Camps of Northern VT – Online Event

03/12/2022 – Alumni Archery Shoot

For more information check out our Facebook Event Pages.

Check us out online:

Facebook @gmc592aa

or

<https://www.scoutingvermont.org/council-alumni-association.html>

Scout Camps of Northern VT

Join us as we take a look back over more than 80 years of Scout camping at both Camp Zack Woods and Mt. Norris Scout Reservation, of the Long Trail and Green Mountain Councils. Our presenter for the evening will be our very own Barry Simays.

Please use the following link to register:
<https://scoutingevent.com/592-54347>

Alumni Archery Shoot

Our first in-person event of 2022, and in over a year, will be March 12th at R&L Archery in Barre at 2:00 p.m. Some recurves and possibly one or two compound bows will be available for use, but guests are encouraged to bring their own bows.

Did you know R&L is run by one of our very own Scouting families? Check out our Facebook page for more details.

GMC NESAs Chapter

We are assisting with building a Green Mountain Council NESAs Chapter, to be of greater service to our Eagle Community, youth and adult. There are many benefits of having a NESAs Chapter, one of which is access to more scholarship and grant money for the council. The good news, our Alumni Committee will be able to help serve as part of the GMC NESAs Committee. However, we are looking for a NESAs Committee Chairman.

Our committee shares similar goals of the future NESAs Committee. This is a great opportunity for our Council and Eagle Scouts living in Vermont. This is an easy way to get involved in Scouting again, and the commitment could be as little or as much as you'd like. Get involved for service, or fellowship, or just to receive news of interest to Eagles. To learn more, feel free to e-mail us at info@gmcaa.org.

Alumni Committee Members

- Brad Jenkins
- Dave McAllister
- Walter Morris
- Barry Simays
- Richard Simays

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Alumni Spotlight

Most people in the Vermont Scouting community know Dwight Camp. He has been involved in Scouting for over 70 years! He has volunteered at every level, Unit, District and Council. There's no one more deserving of being featured in our Alumni Spotlight.



How long were you involved in scouting? As a Cub Scout or Boy Scout? As a volunteer? What was the highest rank you achieved in Boy Scouts? What leadership positions have you held in Scouts?

I've been involved in Scouting for almost as long as I can remember! Many, many years of continuing involvement in the program, with my most formative influences being in my old Scout Troop in Woodstock as a youth. I did achieve the rank of Eagle in 1955, and then served in

various leadership positions at the Unit, District and Council level. It is a path spanning back well over 70 years, all told, and still in spirit a part of my everyday life!

What are some of your favorite memories or experiences from scouting?

As with most of those touched deeply by Scouting, my favorite memories are those many camping, trekking and campfire experiences in the outdoors, overnights, and the wonderful times and people who were along with me. Also, my Wood Badge involvement and the colleagues there. And of course, National Jamborees, including working with George Beach and Walt Morris in Basecamp Commissary! We really had a great deal of fun in the midst of hard work.

Which of these really "stand out" for you as worthy of sharing?

My old Scoutmaster, Tom Hazard, was absolutely instrumental to me in so many ways, and my path ahead. Long before current discussions of racial equity, he truly opened our eyes to the truth that it is the content of our character, not the color of our skin that matters. He showed us that it is what inside that counts, our blood is all the same color. It is the Scouting Way!

What career path did you follow? Did you have any particularly unusual aspects of your work that called for you to use Scouting skills or values, and how did Scouting come into play in the course of your career?

I followed the footsteps of my grandfather Cabot and became a merchant and a funeral director. As I got involved with National Disaster Medical System work, the 12 Scout Laws always helped me make hard decisions at hard times and The 12 were always on my desk as I pointed to them many times to make some hard calls. I was greatly humbled, and honored to serve in leadership positions during many national, and international disaster events, to help bring some measure of comfort and dignity to people and families experiencing great traumas and deprivations. The places and limited resources presented many challenges. What my scoutmasters taught me--how to lead, to keep going, and to many

times cook with nothing, build proper ways to go to the bathroom and so many other Scouting skills that I was taught by Tom—made all the difference. A Scout volunteers to help others, without expecting a reward.

Are you involved in Scouting now?

I was involved every day until my wife received a head injury that took her memory away and I needed to be a good husband and stay home. Kay always encouraged our Scouting involvement, and has been a real leader in her own right. I am always there in spirit, for anyone who would like to talk Scouting.

Tell us more about you and your family.

Kay and I were high school sweethearts. We dated for six years and are now married for 62 years, 4 boys, Jeff oldest and Eagle Scout with Jamborees under his belt a very successful developer with 4 children 3 boys and 1 daughter. Greg, also an Eagle scout, now is the fourth-generation funeral director following the family and now owns the Cabot Funeral Home with 2 children. His son will be the 5th generation member of the family as a licensed funeral director. Brad is Sales manager for a Burlington, Vermont car dealership with 2 children. Our fourth child with major medical problems said he would not live to be 5 but between his mother, family and local Dr. Hermann lived to be 48.

Do you have any other observations about Scouting, then and now, that you'd like to share?

As my Scoutmaster taught me, learn and follow the 12 points of the Scout Law, as they will lead you to become a great person—great in the things that really matter in life!