



42nd Annual Conference of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers

**12 August 2018-14 August 2018
Stowe Mountain Lodge
7412 Mountain Road, Stowe, VT 05672**

Companion and Family Program

Sunday, August 12, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Conference Registration

Location: 1st Floor Main Lobby

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Companion Activities- Guests choose one option

Location: Participants meet in the 1st Floor Main Lobby at 1:45 p.m.

Option 1: Stowe Zip Tour Adventure & Stowe Treetop Adventure

An unforgettable outdoors experience, zip line down Vermont's highest peak, Mt. Mansfield. One of the longest dual three span zip experiences in the continental United States. Reaching speeds up to 60 miles per hour, you will zoom high above the treetops taking in spectacular views. The suspended obstacle course in the forest is full of excitement and thrilling confidence building. While being clipped into a cable system each participant will navigate suspended bridges, scramble up nets and cross swinging logs and so much more in this safe eco experience. Accessed via the Stowe Mountain Resort Gondola – an experience in itself!

Option 2: Outdoors Rock Climbing at Smugglers Notch

Take a trip over the mountain to Smugglers' Notch for a thrilling outdoor adventure. Raven's Roost Open Climb offered to ages 8 and older. Located in the great outdoors, at the Notchville Park, stretch out and reach for new heights as you climb the 30-foot outdoor climbing tower.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

Location: Courtyard

Description: Please join us as we experience a "Taste of Vermont," an opening reception to welcome guests to Stowe, Vermont as we listen to local musicians and sample delicious food and beverages that showcase not just the ingredients but the crafting processes that the Green Mountain State is famous for.

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Monday, August 13, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Conference Registration Continues

Location: 1st Floor Main Lobby

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Solstice Room

Description: A buffet breakfast is provided for all guests of the conference.

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Companion Activity: Artisan Tour (all day)

Location: Participants meet in the 1st Floor Main Lobby at 9:45 a.m.

This activity is an all-day option and guests will not be able to participate in the other activities but it is well worth it! The Vermont Artisan Tour will take you to the farms, workshops, and backrooms of real Vermont craftspeople. You will meet and hear from local Vermonters making a living doing what they love and providing goods to the local and regional community.

The tour will include a visit to Elmore Mountain Farm –Goat farm that produces natural soaps, Mt. Mansfield Creamery –Local cheese maker, Jon Black Metalsmithing –Metal smith and jewelry maker, Laughing Moon Chocolates –Chocolatier, Stowe Maple Products –Maple syrup producer, and Little River Glass Studio –Glass Blowing studio.

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Companion Activities: Guests choose 1

Location: Participants meet in the 1st Floor Main Lobby at 8:15 a.m. for Option 1 and 8:45 for Option 2

Option 1: Water & Wine Tour – Canoe and Kayak

Enjoy the tranquility of a guided paddle with a tasty treat of Vermont cheese and wine. This activity is the perfect way relax and soak up the beautiful countryside. Guests will embark on an hour-and-a-half paddle in the boat of your choice with a wine tour and tasting to finish the day at Boyden Valley Winery.

Option 2: Horseback Riding

Join Lajoie Stables, a family owned and operated outfit, for a peaceful and relaxing trail ride through rich hardwood forests and open pastures with breathtaking views of Mt. Mansfield throughout the expedition. All levels of riding are welcome on this activity.

Weather Alternative: Chocolate Class with Laughing Moon Chocolate

Join Laughing Moon Chocolates in their open kitchen as they share a personalized experience teaching participants the fundamental skills of dipping fresh homemade chocolates! Committed to social responsibility,

environmental stewardship and to creating a healthy local food system the tasty treats are endless; from buttercreams, truffles and caramels to lollipops, clusters and bark. **Guests must wear closed toe shoes and hair must be pulled back for this activity.**

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

Description: Guests are welcome to experience the various restaurant and market options on site on their own.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Companion Activities: Guests choose 1

Participants will meet in 1st Floor Main Lobby at 12:45 p.m.

Option 1: Stowe Zip Tour Adventure & Stowe Treetop Adventure & Indoor Rock Climbing

An unforgettable outdoors experience, zip line down Vermont's Highest Peak, Mt. Mansfield. One of the longest dual three span zip experiences in the continental United States. Reaching speeds up to 60 miles per hour, you will zoom high above the treetops taking in spectacular views. The suspended obstacle course in the forest is full of excitement and thrilling confidence building. While being clipped into a cable system each participant will navigate suspended bridges, scramble up nets and cross swinging logs with so much more in this safe eco experience.

The Stowe Rocks Indoor Climbing facility features skill rated, color-coded routes with three unique climbing areas: the Bouldering area, the program wall and elephant head tower. A total of 17 climbing stations provide plenty of options for climbers of all levels.

Option 2: Guided Mountain Biking Tour

Join local guides at the world-renowned Trapp Family Lodge, for a customizable mountain bike tour. This activity is available to all levels of bikers ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience as you ride through the countryside.

Weather Alternative: Painting Class

Let the professional artists and educators lead you through Stowe's flawless beauty and natural history. Focused on the student experience of creative thinking, let your imagination flourish by the gorgeous Lodge surroundings.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Dinner

Description: For the final night of the conference we invite all guests to join us for a formal dinner with local entertainment provided.

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Tuesday, August 14, 2018

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Solstice Room

Description: A buffet breakfast is provided for all guests of the conference.

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Morning Hike

Location: All participants meet in the 1st Floor Main Lobby at 8:45 a.m.