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Meet Outside the Box

As the days get cooler and the seasons change, it's the perfect time to think about adding a new element to your meetings. Meet outside the box in a location that inspires! Vermont's trees surround us with their annual fall show of colors, creating a picture perfect backdrop. Our broad variety of exceptional locations for conferences and events range from quaint country village inns to urban city hotels to luxurious mountain or lakeside resorts all combined with high-tech meeting capabilities.

Recreation reigns in Vermont and our four-season destination offers all the traditional outdoor experiences you'd expect to find such as golf, hiking, biking, tennis, fishing and boating. Downhill and cross-country skiing along with a variety of non-traditional activities create a unique experience for your next meeting or event. Of course the classic outlet and boutique shopping, first-class culinary experiences and a multitude of highly rated attractions, festivals and events are available year round. Vermont is closer and more accessible than you imagined!

For ideas for your next meeting, connect with the experts on Vermont [Click here for Vermont Meetings RFP Shortcut](#)

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Create a Unique Meeting Experience - Look no further than Vermont!

The Green Mountain State offers some of the most unique group programming you'll find anywhere for incentives, team building, spouse tours or free time. Of course, the bountiful outdoor recreational options mentioned above are staples here. Where else but Vermont would you find off road driving schools, orienteering programs, culinary competitions, hot air balloon rides, falconry, ropes courses or simply time spent relaxing fireside at one of Vermont's luxurious spas?

Whether you are planning a short-term meeting or are making longer-range plans, we hope you'll think outside the box for your next meeting. Meet in Vermont!

We Are Closer Than You Think!

Vermont has a sophisticated transportation system served by six regional airports (three of them international), a highly rated interstate network and a ferry system between New York and Vermont. Amtrak makes it convenient to travel between Washington, D.C., New York City and Vermont with daily service to many locations throughout the state.

Driving to Vermont? A number of Vermont properties are in the 2 to 2 and a half hour driving range from greater Boston or Hartford. New York is a four hour drive to many Vermont locations. Meeting planners have commented that after visiting Vermont first hand they found locations that were very convenient and accessible and their attendees talked about what a beautiful, stress free drive it was. We also often hear that their Vermont meetings produce higher than average attendance because we are located so close to many major metropolitan areas.

[Contact the Vermont Convention Bureau for more information on transportation.](#)

Meet in Vermont, where you can truly meet outside the box. We are closer than you imagined!



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Apple Cranberry Crisp with Oatmeal Crumb Topping Recipe

9 Apples (Peeled & Cored)	1 T. Cinnamon
1/2 Cup Dried Cranberry	1 T. Cornstarch
4 T. Butter	1 Cup Apple Cider
1/2 Cup Brown Sugar	

Boil half of the apples, dried cranberries, butter, brown sugar, cinnamon and half of the apple cider. Make a slurry with the remainder of apple cider and cornstarch. Combine cornstarch mix with hot apple mix. Stir constantly until mix comes to a second boil. Add in second half of the apples. Combine fully, cool.

Oatmeal Crumb Topping:

1 Cup Cake Flour
1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
2 1/4 Sticks Butter
2 1/4 Cups Quick Oats
1 Pinch Salt

Combine all ingredients with a paddle mix, only until crumb stage. Fill pan or dish 3/4 full with apple filling. Top with oatmeal crumb to the top. Bake at 325 degrees for 12 minutes, or until top is golden brown. Top with Ben & Jerry's Vanilla Ice Cream.

~Recipe courtesy of Woodstock Inn~

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