

**Ninth Annual Colonial American
Conference for Educators
at Fort Ticonderoga**

***“The Industrial Revolution Before the
American Revolution”***

**Mars Education Center
May 19, 2017, 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Fort Ticonderoga hosts the Ninth Annual Colonial America Conference for Educators on Friday, May 19, 2017, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. This year’s day-long conference focuses on “The Industrial Revolution *Before* the American Revolution”

The conference takes place on the Friday preceding Fort Ticonderoga’s Twenty-Second Annual War College of the Seven Years’ War, a weekend-long seminar focused on the French & Indian War in North America (1754-1763). Conference registration fee of \$45 (\$35 for educators also attending the War College) includes a box lunch.

8:15-8:45—Registration and Coffee

8:45-9:00—Welcome and Introductions

9:00-9:45—18th-Century Technology and the Birth of the Industrial Revolution

The “engines” of industrialization were in motion long before the American Revolution. Examine the early steps in the march to industrialization from late 17th-century Europe into 18th-century America. **Matthew Keagle** is the Curator at Fort Ticonderoga and is a Ph.D. candidate at the Bard Graduate Center.

9:45-10:30—“The Last Argument of Kings: The Art and Science of 18th-Century Artillery”

As a follow-up to his introductory presentation, Curator **Matthew Keagle** leads participants on a guide tour of this temporary exhibition exploring the art and science behind the production and use of 18th-century artillery.

10:30-10:45—Break

10:45-12:15—Industry and the American Revolution

Using primary sources, workshop participants will explore the role of New York State in industrializing the production of military supplies for the American Revolution. Participants will analyze historical documents related to the production, distribution, and use of manufactured items and answer the compelling question: How do you supply a revolution? Participants will receive copies of documents and learning activities. **Julie Daniels** is the Director of Educational Television and Public Broadcasting for the New York State Department of Education. **Jessica Maul** is an Education Consultant with the New York State Archives.

12:15-1:15—Lunch

1:15-2:00—*Manufacturing Independence* with Primary Sources

Using the new book *Manufacturing Independence* by Robert Smith, this session will delve into the technology behind equipping the American army during the War for Independence. Tying in primary sources with educational modalities like historical thinking skills, organic primary source research, and historical inquiries, participants will learn that production of military stores and supplies for the Continental Army was more advanced than generally thought. **Tim Potts** is a middle school social studies teacher and an officer in the New York State Council for the Social Studies.

2:00-2:30—Artillery Demonstration

Learn about the process of loading and firing an 18th-century artillery piece, seeing the result of a long manufacturing process come to fruition.

2:30-3:30—Exploring 18th-Century Trades

Explore several of the 18th-century trades required to keep a European army clothed, sheltered, and equipped during the 18th century on the frontier of New France. Participants will rotate through three trades: shoemaking, tailoring, and carpentry.

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Colonial America Conference for Educators Registration Form

Complete the registration form below and return to: Educators Conference, Fort Ticonderoga, PO Box 390, Ticonderoga, NY 12883

Registration Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

School (if applicable) _____

School Address _____

Confirmations will be sent by email.

- Fort Ticonderoga may include my name and contact information on a handout listing participants.

Registration Fee

- Attending just the Colonial Conference, \$45.
- Attending the Colonial Conference and the War College, \$25 (War College Registration Form and fee submitted separately)

Payment

- Check made out to "Fort Ticonderoga" enclosed
- Purchase Order enclosed
- Please bill my credit card

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