



### **10:15am Key to The Continent Guided Tour (Begins at the large American Flag)**

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### **11:00am Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

British scouts in the Winter of 1777 described American defenses as, “indifferently manned...with Raw, undisciplined Yankeys.” Meet the men and muskets ready to prove them wrong in 1777. See the firelocks of free men and the training to defend earthen fortifications.

### **11:30am Tunes of Ticonderoga (Mars Education Center Great Room)**

Hear how drummers and fifers within an army of former farmers and craftsmen regulated daily life from reveille in the morning to the tattoo at night. Listen to the stirring tunes of martial music that inspired private soldiers on campaign and influenced the orchestral music of civilian life.

### **1:00pm The Final, Funeral March (Begins at the Demonstration Area)**

Even in the absence of shot and shell, the rigors of soldiering claimed many at Ticonderoga. Based on evidence about the death of one soldier in the 3<sup>rd</sup> New Jersey Regiment, experience the ceremony and ritual of burying a deceased soldier.

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### **2:00pm Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

Discover the story of Major Ebenezer Stevens, who raised a new regular battalion of artillerymen for the sole purpose of defending Ticonderoga. Feel the rumble and see the flash of cannon that could shoot nearly 2 miles. Learn how techniques for firing an arsenal of old cannon laid the groundwork for the artillery systems of this new nation.

### **2:30pm “Breakfast on Chocolate” (Mars Education Center Great Room)**

Chocolate was an American soldiers’ ration, stored by the box-full at Ticonderoga in 1777. Discover two period recipes for drinking chocolate.

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**Ongoing 10:00am to 4:00pm**

### **Woodcutters (Parade Ground)**

See how trees were sectioned, split, and stacked to stockpile enough fuel to keep the army warm. In this fun hands-on soldiers’ life program, give it a try as you cut logs or split wood!

### **Green Wood & Wet Paint (Ground Floor of the Officers’ Barracks)**

American artillery artificers spent the early part of 1777 producing dozens of cannon carriages for the coming campaign. See how old school English theories set into constraints of time and materials produced uniquely American carriages—a design that would become the model for the United States artillery for years to come.

### **Signal Flags for the Fleet (Second Floor Officers' Barracks)**

The five remaining vessels of the American fleet on Lake Champlain still needed to talk to each other. Watch as wool bunting turns into signal flags to pass messages across the water. Learn the stitches as well as some of the signs in this naval language.

### **Shoemaking (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)**

Shoeing an army was just as important as clothing an army in 1777. Soldiers' shoes wore away quickly from marching up rough roads or sinking deep into the water of Lake Champlain. Whether barrels full of shoes from the quartermaster or individual soldiers repairing their messmates' shoes, discover how shoemakers kept the army on its feet.

### **Special One-day Exhibit**

#### **The Labor of Liberty: Tools from the Fort Ticonderoga Archeological Collection (Mars Education Center First Floor Classroom)**

Fort Ticonderoga holds over 1,400 individual tools and fragments recovered from the historic landscape for over a century. It is one of the largest collections of its kind in North America, documenting the tools soldiers used to cut, chisel, file, crack, break, and dig to create the fortifications that defined the warfare of the 18th century.