



**Living History Event: Proceed to Canada with all Possible Expedition  
March 14, 2020**

Experience the daily life for veteran and newly recruited soldiers at Fort Ticonderoga and discover how they survived the harsh winter. Witness oxen trudging through snow as they drag sleds loaded with supplies and haul timber to carpenters. Lend a hand to hardy New York soldiers as they unload and repack provisions and ammunition onto sleds for the besiegers of Quebec. Watch the men build and repair bateaux as they anticipate the thawing of the rivers and lakes mere months away. Explore Fort Ticonderoga as soldiers and craftsmen diligently work to keep the American cause alive.

**10:00 a.m. Fort Ticonderoga Opens to Visitors**

**10:15 a.m. Key to the Continent Tour (Begins at the American Flag)**

In this entertaining half-hour tour, discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga and all the great experiences Fort Ticonderoga offers today. Learn about the iconic battles of Carillon and Ticonderoga within the French & Indian War and the Revolutionary War. Explore groundbreaking preservation and reconstruction efforts that allow Fort Ticonderoga to bring to life its heroic tales today and for generations to come.

**11:00 a.m. Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

Witness veteran soldiers from 1775 drill alongside new recruits fresh for the fight in Canada in 1776. Discover the many different arms carried by these New York soldiers, and the battle behind the front lines to supply them.

**11:30 a.m. Oxen, Sleds, and Drivers (Mars Education Great Room)**

How did the army transport the supplies to keep an army in the north alive and fighting in the dead of winter? Join Director of Interpretation, Cameron Green, to explore how oxen kept a lifeline open to the Continental Army in Canada.

**1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Tour (Begins at the American Flag)**

*See 10:15 a.m. description.*

**2:00 p.m. Cannon Demonstration (Demonstration Area)**

How do you know a gun barrel won't blow up? Learn about the process of proofing, using two to three times a cannon or mortar's normal charge to test its strength. Discover how Conductor of Artillery, Hubbard Brown, tested artillery and loaded sleds destined for Quebec with the firepower drive the British from the city.

**2:30 p.m. "The Market for Produce Goods" (Parade Ground)**

See the market of local farmers and families as they setup to sell foodstuffs to the soldiers at Fort Ticonderoga. Discover how this common occurrence before the war grew dramatically in 1776 along with the American Army at Ticonderoga.

**3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Tour (Beginning at the American Flag)**

*See 10:15 a.m. description.*

**4:00 p.m. Fort Ticonderoga Closes to Visitors**

Ongoing 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Today Only! *Die in the Thy Defense: Richard Montgomery's Revolutionary Legacy* Exhibit (First Floor Classroom in the Mars Education Center)**

In 1775, Americans invaded Canada under the command of an Irish veteran of the British Army, General Richard Montgomery. Montgomery was killed in the assault on Québec City, becoming one of the first victims of the American Revolution. This special exhibit explores Montgomery's legacy as an icon of American liberty, especially for Irish-Americans well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Interactive Family Program (Around Fort Ticonderoga)**

Join the soldiers and craftsmen who are diligently working to keep the American cause alive! Participate in fatigue duties, assist skilled artificers in their work, and learn about the responsibilities of an officer commanding the garrison at Fort Ticonderoga.

**An Officer's Life & Duty (Second Floor of the Officer's Barracks)**

Whether reenlistments or resupply, an officer's work was never done. Explore the military situation in March 1776 and the challenges for officers like New York Captain Alexander McCracken commanding posts like Fort Ticonderoga.

**Reefing Hooks, Caulking, and Mallets (In Front of Fort Ticonderoga)**

Spring will come again and a fleet of bateaux must be ready to move men and material. Smell the tar and turpentine and try your hand at caulking, sealing the seams on these flat bottom boats to be ready for spring.

**Carpentry (Parade Ground)**

There was an entire company of carpenters employed by the army at Ticonderoga. See woodchips fly as they turn freshly fallen trees into square timbers for a new dock at Ticonderoga.

**The Power of Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)**

Listen to the scraping of sleds dragging behind teams of oxen as they move supplies into stores at Fort Ticonderoga and load cannon to be taken into Canada.

**Woodcutters (Parade Ground)**

Whether stoves, hearths, or clay fireplaces, soldiers needed firewood to keep warm in the winter. See how soldiers sectioned, split, and stacked to stockpile enough fuel to keep the garrison warm. In this fun hands-on soldiers' life program, give it a try as you cut logs or even split wood!

**The Laboratory & Public Store (Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)**

See the work of making and maintaining ammunitions for cannons, mortars, and muskets. With bullets and paper, try making your own musket cartridge!

**Shoemaking (Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)**

Soldiers constantly working in wet, muddy, and snowy conditions wore down shoes quickly, discover how soldiers would maintain and waterproof their shoes for inclement weather.