



## Homeschool Day: Friday September 10, 2021

### **10:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Tour (Begins at Large 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 & 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.

### **10:30 a.m. Carillon Boat Cruise (Carillon Boat Dock near the King's Garden)**

Explore Ticonderoga's history from the water aboard the *Carillon* tour boat! Let our friendly and experienced staff be your guide to Lake Champlain's centuries of stirring maritime heritage with panoramic vistas around you.

Reservations are required. Visit the tent outside of the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the cruise to purchase tickets. \*Additional fee required.

Additional cruises are offered at 1pm and 3:30pm by reserving in the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the cruise. Tickets are sold on a first-served basis and the boat has a capacity of 32 passengers.

### **10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soldiers' Dinner (Parade Ground)**

At the end of the French & Indian War, the British Army ordered soldiers to grow much of their food. See the great meals that soldiers could enjoy with army rations and fresh vegetables.

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

Meet the British soldiers in 1774 with their muskets and bayonets. Go beyond loading and firing to discuss what traditions remained and what tactical innovations the British Army in North America adopted after the French & Indian War.

### **11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Musket Maintenance (Ground Floor Officer's Barracks)**

Each shot of black powder fouled the muskets' moving parts and ate away at its metal, unless thoroughly cleaned. Watch as hot water, grease, and a little brick dust keep these weapons working; lock, stock and barrel.

### **11:30 a.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Beginning on the Parade Ground)**

More than a century of collecting has allowed Fort Ticonderoga to acquire North America's largest and most important collection of 18<sup>th</sup>-century military material culture. This guided tour will give you the scoop on the most significant, rare, and interesting pieces in the collection.

### **11:45 a.m. Breaking Ground: A Guided Tour of the Historic Gardens (Begins in the King's Garden)**

From military garrison gardens to a secluded colonial revival commemorative spectacle of color and light, explore one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America. Discover the layers of horticultural history at Ticonderoga.

### **12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Heroic Corn Maze**

Share time with family and friends while exploring this unique six-acre corn maze! The maze design reflects our 2021 theme: 1774, a peaceful era of garrison life at Fort Ticonderoga under British rule. As you make your way through the maze, hunt for all the history-themed stamps along the way, and sign the wall of fame at the end!

### **12:30 p.m. & 1:15 p.m. Bateau Row (Boat House near King's Garden)**

This homeschool family exclusive opportunity provides a new perspective of the Ticonderoga peninsula as you row across Lake Champlain in one of our reproduction 18<sup>th</sup> century bateaux.

Reservations are required. Visit the tent outside of the Log House Welcome Center at least 15 minutes before the row to purchase tickets. \*Additional fee required.

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

In addition to soldiers, a handful of British artillerymen maintained the guns of Ticonderoga, a legacy of the great campaigns of the French & Indian War. Discover the British naval training used to safely fire these cannons from the fort's walls.

### **2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Maritime Trades (Boat House near King's Garden)**

Fleets on Lake Champlain supplied armies at Ticonderoga and protected the strategic waters of Lake Champlain. Learn more about boat building and the science of maritime trades.

### **Soldiers' Gardening 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (King's Garden)**

Get harvesting, soldier! Gardening was a common military duty within the British Army, but after the French & Indian War, these gardens became more elaborate and important for keeping peacetime soldiers fed, wherever they served in America.

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### **4:00 p.m. Mount Defiance Witness to History Guided Tour (Atop Mount Defiance)**

This graceful mountain overlooking Fort Ticonderoga played a pivotal role during the French and Indian War. Discover the legacy of Mount Defiance by 1774 and its exciting chapters to come in the Revolutionary War.

Mount Defiance is located at 72 Defiance Street. The token you received upon arrival allows you access to drive up the mountain; otherwise, you are welcome to walk up.

## **Ongoing Throughout the Day**

### **Shoemaking (Inside Soldiers' Barracks)**

Every soldier paid for two pairs of shoes from their wages and replacement soles for repairs. Discover the trade of shoemaking and how soldiers brought this vital skill into the British Army.

### **Tailoring (2nd Floor Officer's Barracks)**

On the eve of the Revolutionary War, clothing British soldiers was an efficient science within the British Army. See how economy and comfort were balanced at the end of a tailors' needle in British garrisons all around the globe.

### **Student Scavenger Hunt**

While you explore, be sure to complete the scavenger hunt to earn prizes of historic proportions! Work alongside soldiers then report to the Soldiers' Barracks to sign Captain William Delaplace's workbook and receive wages in reproduction currency for your hard work!