



## Homeschool Day: Friday, September 9, 2022

### **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 1:00pm 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. Soldier's Dinner (In Front of Fort Ticonderoga)**

Whether French soldiers or American provincial soldiers, see the challenges of feeding armies at Ticonderoga in 1759. Enjoy the sights and smells of camp cooking over an open fire behind the front lines and discover how British naval power on the Atlantic ocean spelled famine for the French, but feast for American provincial soldiers serving King & Country.

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

Discover the different muskets, fusils, & fowling pieces used by soldiers in 1759. See the workings of these flintlock weapons and how they were employed within fort walls and siege trenches.

### **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 2022 theme: 1759, a fortification just taken 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. 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)**

See how skilled gunners trained and led crews of infantry soldiers on both sides of the Battle of Ticonderoga in 1759. Discover how artillerymen of different nations traded ideas about the science of gunnery even as they traded shots in war.

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

British and French commanders realized the fate of French Canada could rest on control of Lake Champlain in 1759. Explore the carpentry, sail-making, and rigging work used to build the bateaux used by both armies. Discover the race against time at the King's Shipyard of Ticonderoga, as American Provincial Soldiers built a British fleet to drive the French from the Lake.

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

French soldiers grew greens, cabbage, and more to add flavor and nutrition to their dwindling rations in 1759. Explore the importance of soldiers' gardens in the French and British Armies, and how the *Jardin du Roi* became one of the prizes of victory for American provincial soldiers garrisoning Ticonderoga.

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

See the commanding view of Mount Defiance over Ticonderoga and learn how this vantage point shaped events in the French & Indian War. Explore the exciting chapters to come for Mount Defiance during 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)**

Examine the construction of soldiers' shoes in 1759, and compare the French *chaussures* with English common shoes. Flex the supple calfskin of shoe uppers and rap on the hard soles as you explore how soldiers repaired these shoes wherever soldiers marched or rowed.

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

From French *tricot* to German serge and English broadcloth to Russia sheeting, feel the many textiles used clothe soldiers in 1759. Explore how company tailors were part of the annual cycles of clothing for the French army and the British army.

### **Student Scavenger Hunt**

Make the most of your Homeschool Day with this engaging Student Scavenger Hunt! Explore Fort Ticonderoga's exhibits and talk with our living history staff to find the answers to questions about the many layers of Fort Ticonderoga's story.