



## Living History Event: 1776 Supplying our Army in Canada

January 14, 2023 | 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ticonderoga was a vital link in the supply chain keeping an American Army alive at the gates of Quebec City in January 1776. In this one-day living history event, explore the many needs of an army in winter from shot for their muskets to shoes. See how soldiers and teamsters kept sleds running over the ice of Lake Champlain to ensure Continental Army soldiers were fed and clothed in Canada.

**\*\*Appropriate footwear is highly recommended for undetermined walking conditions\*\***

**10:00 a.m. Fort Ticonderoga opens to visitors**

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

In this entertaining half-hour tour, discover the incredible story of Ticonderoga. 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. “Cheerfully to Enter Into the Service of Their Country” (Parade Ground)**

Soldiers’ enlistments had run out with the conclusion of the 1775 campaign season. Hear General Phillip Schuyler’s orders to raise new troops for 1776 and encourage veterans to reenlist for another year. Discover the complex personal decision each soldier had to make for themselves.

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

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

**12:30 p.m. “Depart this Place within Twenty-Four Hours” (Parade Ground)**

Discover the Continental Army’s complex relationship with the women of the army. See the December orders of Fort Ticonderoga’s commander go into effect as he sought to regulate which women followed his garrison.

**1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour**

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

**2:00 p.m. “Send Immediately What is at Tyconderoga” (Parade Ground)**

Meet the teams of draft animals and teamsters that connected posts, like Ticonderoga, on the Continental Army’s supply chain. Learn of the challenges they faced feeding the northern army in the dead of winter. Help load a sled destined for Montreal with barrels of pork and flour to feed the famished army in Canada.

**2:30 p.m. Guided Tour of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum (Begins on Parade Ground)**

*See 11:30 a.m. description.*

### **3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour**

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

### **3:30 p.m. Colonel James Holmes Returns Home (Parade Ground)**

See Colonel James Holmes hand his command for Fort Ticonderoga and its garrison to a mere sergeant as he leaves the army. Discover the reasons behind Holmes departure and the ramifications for Fort Ticonderoga's garrison and the Continental Army during this pivotal time.

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

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

#### **"Engaged to Tarry with me until I am Relieved" (Second Floor of the Officers' Barracks)**

Whether reenlistments or resupply, an officer's work was never done. Explore the military situation in January of 1776 and the challenges for officers like Colonel James Holmes as he attempted to hold Ticonderoga's garrison together until relief came.

#### **Carpentry (Parade Ground)**

How do you move supplies when the lakes are frozen and the ground laden with snow? Watch woodchips fly as carpenters build sleds for the Continental Army to transport cannon and casks to Canada.

#### **The Power of Horses & Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)**

Watch as horses and oxen deliver supplies from the south into stores at Fort Ticonderoga. Discover the trek along frozen lakes and portage roads which brought each barrel of food northward.

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

Whether stoves, hearths, or clay fireplaces, soldiers needed firewood to keep warm in the winter. Watch soldiers section, split, and stack wood to stockpile enough fuel to keep the garrison warm. In this fun hands-on soldiers' life program, try your hand at cutting logs or splitting wood!

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

A successful siege of Quebec relied on receiving ammunition and supplies from stores at Fort Ticonderoga. See soldiers at work fashioning grape and canister shot, essential ammunition to keep the Northern Continental Army's guns firing.

#### **"Laundry" (Ground Floor of the Officers' Barracks)**

Never underestimate the importance of a clean shirt! Discover the process of laundering shirts and how the Army ensured that women who followed the army at Ticonderoga were paid for this vital service.