



# Twelfth Annual History Conference for Educators

at Fort Ticonderoga  
Mars Education Center  
May 19, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fort Ticonderoga hosts the Twelfth Annual History Conference for Educators on Friday, May 19, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Mars Education Center. This year's day-long conference features presentations from historians, curators, museum educators, documentary producers, and classroom teachers.

Conference registration fee of \$45 includes a box lunch.

## 8:30-9:00—Registration and Coffee

## 9:00-9:15—Welcome and Introductions

### 9:15-9:45—"Exploring Newly Digitized Manuscripts in the Ticonderoga Collection related to the French & Indian War and the American Revolution."

Rich Strum, Director of Academic Programs at Fort Ticonderoga, and Tim Potts, teacher at Monticello Central School, share how to access hundreds of new documents available through the Ticonderoga Online Collections Database for use in the classroom.

### 10:00-10:50—"The Broad Side of a Barn?: Musketry Myths of the Revolutionary Era"

Technological advances in the 1800s have reflected poorly on the era of flintlock musketry that dominated the battlefields of the world from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Based in Fort Ticonderoga's extensive collection, Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle will explore how the arms that brought down empires and overthrew kings were made and used, providing a greater appreciation for these powerful artifacts in the course of history and dispelling the myths and misconceptions that have collected around them.

### 11:00-11:25—"The Weapons of War"

Following up on Dr. Keagle's presentation, Fort Ticonderoga's Living History Staff gives a demonstration of the loading and firing of muskets based on the manual of arms used by soldiers garrisoned at Fort Ticonderoga in 1760.

## 11:30-12:30—Lunch Break

## 12:30-3:00—"Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed"

The afternoon program revolves around the new documentary "Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed" and includes an overview of Arnold's Revolutionary career, strategies for using clips from the documentary in the classroom, and a discussion with the documentary's maker.

### 12:30-1:00—Who is Benedict Arnold?

Author and Historian James Kirby Martin discusses Benedict Arnold's military career.

### 1:00-1:45—Clips from "Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed"

Teacher Tim Potts (Monticello Central School District) and Rich Strum, Director of Academic Programs, share clips, and strategies for using them, with key primary sources from the Ticonderoga Collection.

## 1:45-2:00 Break

### 2:00-2:45 A Conversation with Producer Tom Mercer

Tom Mercer talks about making the documentary "Benedict Arnold: Hero Betrayed," how to access the documentary in the classroom, and answers questions.



Fort Ticonderoga is an independent not-for-profit educational institution and museum open to the public since 1909 and serves its mission to preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage.

## History Conference for Educators Registration Form

Complete the registration form below and return to: Educators Conference, Fort Ticonderoga, PO Box 390, Ticonderoga, NY 12883, or register online using the QR Code below.

### Registration Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Confirmations will be sent by email.*

- ☐ Fort Ticonderoga may include my name and contact information on a handout listing participants.

### Registration Fee

- ☐ History Conference, \$45

### Payment

- ☐ Check made out to "Fort Ticonderoga" enclosed

- ☐ Purchase Order enclosed

- ☐ Credit Card\*

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