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Like no other location! Fort Ticonderoga's gardens and Pavilion combine color, fragrance, beauty, and history on the shore of Lake Champlain.

THE BIG PICTURE

Be Part of the Adventure!

HISTORY at Fort Ticonderoga includes an exciting process of discovery that begins deep in the collections and results in award-winning educational programs, exhibitions, and events for our audiences. This summer, visitors from across the nation and beyond will be immersed in Ticonderoga's epic history to find personal connections to the past, inspiration in our story, and joy in the adventures we offer.



Our adventure this year takes you to British-held Fort Ticonderoga in 1760. Each day this summer you'll witness the critical role Ticonderoga played to support the British effort to control North America. You'll explore the daily lives of soldiers from the

New York Independent Company and better understand the global context of the campaign. Family programs offer a fun and immersive opportunity for visitors of all ages to explore historic trades, museum exhibits, and more across our 2000-acre historic site.

Beyond 1760, spectacular boat tours aboard the vessel *Carillon* highlight the importance of the Lake Champlain-Hudson waterway that was at heart of imperial ambitions in North America in the 18th century.

Want more of Ticonderoga's beauty? Visit the King's Garden to savor fragrances and the stunning landscape while you learn about heritage plants and join in horticulture programs.

Teachers also join in on the adventure when they participate in July's residential Fort Ticonderoga Teacher Institute. We will also engage the next generation of museum professionals when we welcome the eighth class of the Edward W. Pell Fellows.

In all these activities, whether it is a thrilling artillery demonstration, a chat with our historic trades staff, or a teacher discovering new methods to engage students, we love to inspire unique moments that will impact all ages.

Your support makes our on-going conversation and process of historical discovery a reality. Be sure to visit often this summer to see your investment in action. You'll be as thrilled as we are to be part of the adventure!

With gratitude for your support,
Beth L. Hill
President and CEO

Contributions

Support Fort Ticonderoga's education and preservation programs with a tax-deductible contribution in the form of cash, stocks, mutual fund shares, or donor-advised funds. Donate online with a credit card at fortticonderoga.org/join-support/fort-ticonderoga-fund.

A Gilded Garden Event! Annual King's Garden Party

Saturday August 5, 2023

5-7:30 p.m.

It's a GOLDEN opportunity to shine & celebrate! The must-attend party of the summer is back! Enjoy curated cocktails, music, delicious bites, and gilded garden elegance. Spirited best-of competition, silent and exclusive experience auctions!

Tickets & Registration:

www.us.givergy.com/2023kingsgarden

Questions? Visit our website or call 518-585-2821



Stop by our stables and see what's fresh from the King's Garden! From plants to produce, purchase your own piece of the King's Garden during your visit. Sales are available daily.

After a winter's worth of pruning, the King's Garden apple orchard is healthier than ever. Beginning in August, Pick-Your-Own bags will be available for purchase in the Log House and at the King's Garden. Our helpful garden staff will help you find the best apples!

THE KING'S GARDEN BY THE NUMBERS

3,984

annuals planted
in the King's Garden!

2,000

pounds of vegetables
delivered to our Café and
sold directly to visitors!

9,600

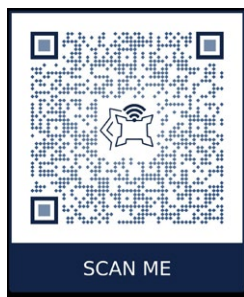
feet of irrigation
in the Walled
King's Garden!

Time Travelers

Immersive Summer Family Program Sparks a Love of History

Become time travelers this summer at Fort Ticonderoga and ignite your family's history spark. *In His Majesty's Service* runs daily (July and August) and is an adventure for the whole family. March into Fort Ticonderoga to receive your program to guide your immersive journey as your family helps the British Garrison in 1760 with their daily duties.

At each station, explore exciting programs, hands-on historic trades, thrilling weapons demonstrations, family tours, exhibits, and more. While you explore, be sure to complete tasks that will earn you fatigue pay – a prize of historic proportions!



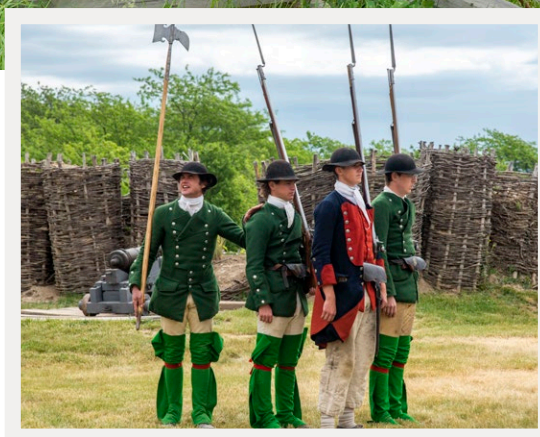
Looking for ways to keep your kids engaged this summer?

Scan the QR code to explore our Center for Digital History activities!



Don't miss a self-guided visit through our 6-acre *Heroic Corn Maze* August–October! Answer history clues connected to Fort Ticonderoga to find your way through towering stalks of corn.

Stop by the *Maritime Boat Shed*, near the Pavilion, as American Provincial soldiers race against time to prepare the British fleet for the campaign up Lake Champlain into the heart of French Canada. Explore the carpentry, sail-making, and rigging work used to build and maintain bateaux to move soldiers and supplies to victory in 1760.



▲ Top: Fort Ticonderoga's heritage breed animals help you time travel! During your visit, keep an eye peeled for Mick and Mack, our Red Devon oxen team, seen here.

Above: A green-coated New York Independent Company sergeant wields his impressive halbred during a public drill session.



Looking for a special outing with family and friends? The *Carillon* can be booked for charters and group outings! Contact our Group Sales Manager at 518-585-1023 for more information!

Take a Cruise!

A cruise aboard the *Carillon* is your front-row seat to some of the most archaeologically rich waters in North America. Revel in breathtaking lake views, commanding mountains, and the majestic fort as an onboard speaker captivates you with an energetic narration of Ticonderoga's epic story as one of North America's most strategic strongholds.

Narrated tours are offered multiple times Tuesday-Sunday. To learn more and purchase combination tickets, visit www.fortticonderoga.org.

MEMBERSHIP PERK! Receive a discounted Combination Ticket when you become a Fort Ticonderoga Member.

Enjoy an exclusive premium experience led by museum experts, attend a behind-the-scenes program with our curator, or thrill at Ticonderoga after-hours during one of our exciting evening programs!

Pre-registration is required by visiting www.fortticonderoga.org or by calling 518-585-2821.

Arming the Redcoats

NEW PROGRAM!

How heavy is a British musket? Get the answer to this and more questions from Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle in this unique, hands-on program. After you receive training in handling artifacts, you may handle original weapons from Fort Ticonderoga's collection. Go beyond the exhibit case to follow the evidence on these artifacts that reveal the industrial systems employed by the British military to develop the weapons used to conquer the world in the 18th century.

Availability: July 25; August 1, 8

Located at the Thompson-Pell Research Center, 30 Fort Ti Rd., begins at 3 p.m.



Drinks & Drama

NEW PROGRAM!

What were the men and women stationed at Ticonderoga doing from 1755-1781 when no one was looking? Scandals, hijinks, and DRAMA! Join Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle for a different look at the past. Tawdry and tantalizing historical tidbits from Ticonderoga's past will be paired with historical libations for an unforgettable experience. You must be 21+ to participate in this program.

Availability: August 8

Gate opens at 5 p.m., program begins at 5:30 p.m.



Cannon & Coffee

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Explore Fort Ticonderoga's world-class 18th-century artillery collection from a new perspective and be the first to enter the fort with this special early bird program. Join Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle for a special tour and learn the surprising histories of the museum's artillery collection. Discover how historians can "read" cannons and discover what they have to tell us about military history, technology, art, and more. Fresh coffee provided and a unique Fort Ticonderoga coffee mug included!

Availability: July 28; August 4, 11

Gate opens at 8 a.m., tour begins at 8:30 a.m.

Carillon Sunset Cruise

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Enjoy a relaxing evening aboard the *Carillon* tour boat and revel in Lake Champlain's scenic beauty. Enjoy a complimentary cocktail of soldiers' rum punch as you let stories of armed schooners to Prohibition-era rum runners fire your imagination. A selection of beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks, and signature cocktails are available for purchase!

Availability: July 29; August 4, 12 at 6:30 p.m. (boarding begins at 6 p.m.)

August 19, 26 at 6 p.m. (boarding begins at 5:30 p.m.)

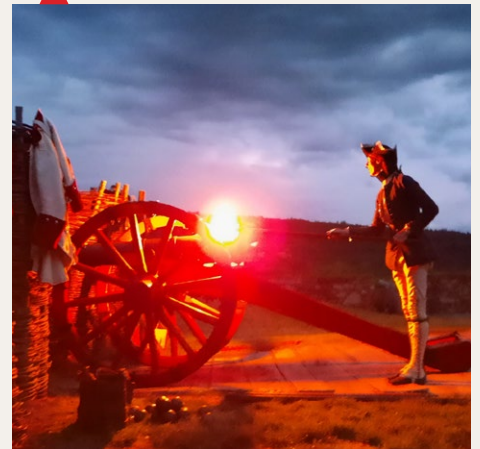
Ticonderoga Guns by Night

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The flash of musketry and roar of cannon fire by night will captivate you in this unique tour and demonstration of 18th-century firepower. The program concludes with a dramatic demonstration of weapons that you will not see anywhere else!

Availability: July 27; August 3, 10, 17, 24

Gate opens at 7:30 p.m., program begins at 8 p.m.



Premium Pavilion Tour

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Delve into the exquisite details of the newly restored 1826 Pell Pavilion. Enjoy the entertaining 60-minute tour that examines the evolution of this National Historic Landmark, from summer home to hotel, its renovation in 1909, and its recent complete restoration. Explore incredible examples of furniture, decorative arts, and archaeological remains from the Pavilion on exhibit for the very first time. Space is limited for these very special tours of this beautiful American icon on Lake Champlain.

Availability: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26; October 3
Meets at front of Pavilion, tour begins at 1:30 p.m.

Bridging Continents

A Transatlantic Research Fellowship Expands Horizons

Fort Ticonderoga's Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle was recently awarded the 2023–2024 American Trust for the British Library-Clements Library Transatlantic Fellowship. The American Trust for the British Library supports and promotes the work of the British Library and partners with important American collections, including the University of Michigan's Clements Library, to provide support for scholars to use these sources to support trans-Atlantic research to better understand and explore the past.

Dr. Keagle will take the opportunity to continue researching the period just before the American Revolution, when Ticonderoga and surrounding forts were garrisoned by small numbers of British troops living with their wives and families. This support will allow Fort Ticonderoga to better understand the prewar era as we interpret that period as part of our REAL TIME REVOLUTION® programming during the 250th anniversary of the Revolution beginning in 2024.

America 250

Fort Ticonderoga Hosts International and Multi-State Meeting to Plan for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

The Regional 250th Collaboration, a group composed of participants representing historic sites, state offices of historic preservation, and organizations preparing to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, convened at Fort Ticonderoga in June. More than 50 participants from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Quebec, Vermont, and beyond met to continue planning events around the 250th anniversary of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga in May 1775 led by Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold. First convened in 2022, this group is coordinating special events stretching from southern New England to Fort Ticonderoga, culminating with the reenactment of the capture May 10 & 11, 2025, at Fort Ticonderoga. Beth Hill, Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO, also announced the launch of the Northern Department. Fort Ticonderoga will lead marketing and promotion of Northern Department related sites during the national 250th.



A New Home for America's Treasures

The Robert Nittolo Collection, more than 3000 priceless objects, has arrived at its new home at Fort Ticonderoga! After more than ten total trips to transport objects, months of care and conservation, and years of fundraising, Fort Ticonderoga is now the steward of these rare treasures. Approximately half of the collection remains on loan until all the funds are raised to complete the acquisition. To support Fort Ticonderoga in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, please contact Beth L. Hill at bhill@fort-ticonderoga.org.



► This photo shows a portion of the Robert Nittolo Collection at Fort Ticonderoga. Collections staff have begun the task of carefully cataloging the collection, which covers all aspects of the 18th-century military experience from weapons and artwork to personal effects and one-of-a-kind uniforms.

Unlock the Past

Teacher Professional Development Program Opportunities

“Ticonderoga Tuesdays” webinar series for teachers is open to all educators at no cost through Zoom. All programs take place on Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m E.T. This series is made possible, in part, by support from the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust.

To help commemorate the upcoming anniversary of the American Revolution, Fort Ticonderoga is collaborating with the Vermont 250th Commission to offer a series of webinars. The first takes place on October 10 and explores “Ethan Allen and the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.”

The webinar features historian Mark Lender, Fort Ticonderoga Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle, and Angie Grove, Executive Director of the Ethan Allen Homestead.

This fall, Fort Ticonderoga also offers two programs designed specifically for pre-service teachers, students in university education programs training to become teachers.

“Using Historic Documents in the Social Studies Classroom” takes place on Tuesday, October 17, and “Using Historic Objects in the Social Studies Classroom” occurs on Tuesday, November 14.

Applications for the annual Fort Ticonderoga Teacher Institute will be accepted beginning in November 2023 with a deadline of March 1, 2024. The Institute takes place July 14–19, 2024.

ACHTUNG! DIE DEUTSCHEN KOMMEN

The Seminar on the American Revolution, September 22-23, has a distinctly German accent. Long simplistically described as hired mercenaries, Britain's German allies are finally getting new and interesting scholarship. **Dr. Friederike Baer** will anchor this year's seminar. She will speak on her recent and wide-ranging work on the experiences of German soldiers in Britain's imperial war.

Additional speakers will look at the individual and collective experience of German administrators, the internal German population in America, and the recent archaeology of a Hessian defeat. Other talks in what is

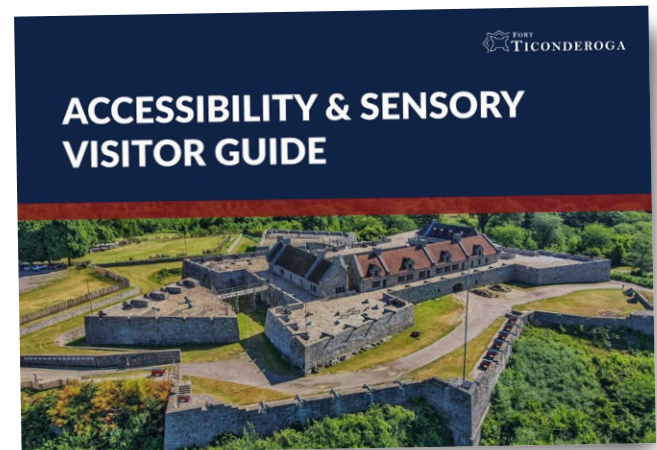
sure to be a memorable conference range on subjects from Colonial Massachusetts to the Caribbean. To register for the seminar, visit fortticonderoga.org or call 518-585-2821.



▲ Our 2023 Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellows arrived June 5 and will work through August 11. The annual EWP Graduate Fellows Symposium on August 3 at 1 p.m. is open to members, either in person or online through the Center for Digital History. Pictured are: Brendan Quinn (University of Toledo), Mary Schrader (North Carolina State University), Cady Hammer (University of Houston), Nico Riley (Skidmore College).

Breaking Barriers

Enhancing Accessibility for all Visitors



Fort Ticonderoga continues its partnership with the NYU Ability Project for the second consecutive year. With the support of a Regrowth and Capacity Grant from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), Fort Ticonderoga Exhibit Designer & Fabricator, T.J. Mullen, worked with two groups of students from Drs. Amy Hurst and Anita Perr’s Accessible Interpretation in Historic Sites and Museums class at New York University, to develop content that will be used to increase accessibility to the site. A pre-visit guide that provides information about potential sensory and accessibility challenges was developed to better assist visitors when planning their visit to suit their personal needs.

Additionally, new floor plans and wayfinding signage will be created, enhancing wayfinding across the site and reinforcing the pre-visit information that will be available on our website.

Event Schedule



A Corn Maze Adventure!

July 29–October 29

Explore the Heroic Corn Maze

Explore a 6-acre corn maze designed specifically for Fort Ticonderoga. Getting lost in this life-size puzzle is part of the fun as you use your knowledge of Fort Ticonderoga's history to guide you through towering corn stalks. The maze is divided into two phases so you can customize your experience.

August 4

Fort Ticonderoga's Fife & Drum 50th Anniversary Celebration

We invite alumni across five decades to celebrate the legacy of our Fifes & Drums, from Bicentennial beginnings to the music interpreters of today. Join us beginning at 3 p.m. to recognize those who have made the Fifes & Drums possible and to share photos, memories, and music of the last 50 years. Alumni RSVP required by July 21.

August 5–6

The Sound of 1776 Living History Event

Hear the rousing sounds of the Fifes & Drums, which hoisted the spirits of an American Army in 1776! Through musical concerts, living history vignettes, and weapon demonstrations discover the story of the Northern Continental Army, which rebuilt itself at Ticonderoga beginning in July 1776. See rebellion transform into a war for independence as the Declaration of Independence officially reached troops digging in to defend Ticonderoga during a dramatic reading.

September 8

Homeschool Day

Spend a day at Fort Ticonderoga and take part in a series of programs designed for homeschool families! While interacting with soldiers, students can ask about the life at the 18th-century fort.



September 30

Heritage Harvest & Horse Festival

Bring the whole family for a full day of autumn fun set in the beautiful Adirondack landscape! Discover the importance of horses and other working animals throughout history during exciting demonstrations.

Meet friendly farm animals, stroll through our farmers market featuring local food, beverages, and crafts, tackle

VIRTUAL AUTHOR SERIES 2023

Fort Ticonderoga's popular Virtual Author Series program, offered through the Center for Digital History, continues! These Sunday afternoon programs are free for members; \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration is required for all participants. For more information and to register, visit www.fortticonderoga.org or call 518-585-2821.

- July 30
Don N. Hagist, *These Distinguished Corps: British Grenadier and Light Infantry and Light Infantry Battalions in the American Revolution*
- August 13
Charles Mayhood, *Québec Under Siege: French Eye-Witness Accounts from the Campaign of 1759*
- October 22
Brady J. Crytzer, *The Whiskey Rebellion: A Distilled History of an American Crisis*
- November 5
Eugene Procknow, *William Hunter, Finding Free Speech: A British Soldier's Son Who Became an Early American*

the Heroic Corn Maze, and be sure to purchase vegetables and plants from the historic King's Garden! This fall-favorite event combined with daily Fort Ticonderoga programs including the *Carillon* Boat Tour makes this an annual family tradition!

October 14

Girl Scout Day

Scouts will participate in interactive and immersive programs, and explore the historic site, while connecting with scouting goals.

October 14

Bon Voyage Cruise

Join Fort Ticonderoga for its Bon Voyage Cruise on Lake Champlain! Savor the fall beauty and enjoy the captivating narration of historic highlights aboard the *Carillon* tour boat.



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Members of Fort Ticonderoga support our mission to preserve, educate, and provoke active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. Now is the time to enlist or to re-enlist!

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Phone _____ **Email** _____

My check for \$_____ payable to Fort Ticonderoga is enclosed

Sentinel (\$25)

Free admission to Fort Ticonderoga for one named full-time student; 10% discount in the museum store; 10% discount on general admission for guests; Subscription to *The Haversack*; email updates

Corporal (\$70)

All of the above benefits for one named adult individual

Sergeant (\$90)

All of the above benefits for two adults in the same household

Ensign (\$135)

All of the above benefits for two adults in the same household and their children or grandchildren under the age of 18

Lieutenant (\$180)

All of the above benefits plus two guest passes

Captain (\$250)

All of the above benefits plus two additional guest passes (4 total)

Major (\$500)

All of the above benefits plus two additional guest passes (6 total)

Colonel (\$1,000)

All of the benefits listed above plus a private tour with a curator for up to four people



Scan this QR code with your smartphone to sign up online!

Please mail application and payment to: Fort Ticonderoga, P.O. Box 390, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. Join online at fortticonderoga.org/join-and-support/become-a-member

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