



REAL TIME REVOLUTION® Living History Event: Emissaries to Canada
April 11, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join Fort Ticonderoga for this one-day living history event and examine the tenuous American situation in Canada in April 1776. Meet Benjamin Franklin and the special committee from the Continental Congress that passed through Ticonderoga on their way north. Learn more about their diplomatic work to allay fears among French Canadians and to encourage them to join the United Colonies in their fight for rights. Examine how challenges for the Northern Department undermined Canadians' faith in American promises.

****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 and all the great experiences Fort Ticonderoga offers today. 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. Musket Demonstration (Demonstration Area)

Discover the different arms carried by soldiers from New York in 1776. Witness these Continental Army soldiers drill and fire as they prepare to continue the fight in Canada in 1776.

11:30 a.m. The Emissaries Arrive (Begins South of Fort Entrance)

Witness the moment commissioners sent by the Continental Congress arrive at Fort Ticonderoga. Discover the important mission Benjamin Franklin, Charles Carroll, and Samuel Chase undertook in the spring of 1776.

12:30 p.m. The Apostle of the Revolution: John Carroll and the Catholic Church in 18th-Century America (Mars Education Center Great Room)

The influence of Roman Catholicism, and at times the fear of it, impacted the very cause of liberty itself. Join Father Alan Bridges of St Joseph Roman Catholic Church to explore the Jesuit influences in Maryland, to the beginnings of religious freedom in Pennsylvania, and the upheaval of the Quebec Act. Discover individuals like Father--and later Bishop--John Carroll, who blazed the trail for Catholics in a new nation that upholds religious freedom as one of its cornerstones.

1:15 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour *See 10:15 a.m. description.*

2:00 p.m. Cannon for Canada (Demonstration Area)

A month after Henry Knox's Noble Train of Artillery freed the City of Boston, more guns were needed by the Continental Army in Canada. Discover the process of cleaning cannons with gunpowder and how Ticonderoga's guns were loaded onto carts and wagons to be sent north to aid the fledgling army outside of Quebec.

2:30 p.m. The Emissaries depart for Canada (Begins on the Parade Ground)

Follow Benjamin Franklin and the other congressional commissioners down to their boat as they depart Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. Wish them a safe journey to Canada and success in securing Canada for the cause of liberty.

3:00 p.m. Key to the Continent Guided Tour *See 10:15 a.m. description.*

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

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

Officers' Quarters (Second Floor of the Officer's Barracks)

See the comforts of officer's quarters that welcomed Benjamin Franklin, during his stopover at Fort Ticonderoga. From olives and claret to raisins & limes, see the imported foods that General Schuyler stocked for entertaining.

Carpentry (Officers' Barracks)

As the ice thawed on the lake, supplying the army in Canada by boat became possible once again! See shavings fly as carpenters shape oars to keep bateau moving northward filled with barrels and soldiers.

The Power of Oxen (Around Fort Ticonderoga)

Watch as oxen deliver supplies from Lake George landing into stores at Fort Ticonderoga. Discover the trek along portage roads, that brought each barrel of food northward to feed the army outside Quebec.

Beds, Bolsters, and Beyond! (Soldiers' Barracks)

From making new mattresses to laundering old ones, see the work it took to outfit the barracks with proper bedding. Learn how women of the army provided this vital service to keep the Continental garrison at Ticonderoga in good health.

Powder Magazine (Ground Floor Officers' Barracks)

From kegs of gunpowder to the many types and weights of cannon shot, explore the ammunition stored in Fort Ticonderoga's Powder Magazine.