

Mustering the Militia

On the 7th of May, 1776 the bulk of the American Northern Army retreated from Quebec City. Warner's Regiment (aka the Green Mountain Boys) was the last Regiment to begin the retreat, leaving 2-4 days after the main body of the Northern Army.

Along the supply lines in the Champlain Valley, the mouth of the Onion River was a temporary depot and major logistics and personnel transshipment point. General Schuyler, Commander in Chief of the Northern Department, was calling up the Militia as a temporary reinforcement of the Northern Army until Continental troops could be sent north, in order to try and maintain a foothold in Canada.

This weekend is a recreation of an encampment of colonial militia who were training to reinforce the American forces in Canada in 1776. This event will feature a lifestyle educational presentation, with ongoing lifestyle, tools and crafts displays and presentations (both home-life and military camp-life).

In honor of this weekend, we will make the Homestead come to life with 18th Century activities, crafts, and lifestyle demonstrations.

Saturday

Ongoing Activities:

Tours through Ethan Allen's House, Speak to the re-enactors, ask them what they are doing!.

Planned Demonstrations- Sewing, Carving, Spinning, Flax into Linen, Lace Bobbin Spinning,

Colonial Era Toys and Games on display for you to try on the Hackberry Tree Stump! Try your hand at the popular stick and hoop game, ninepins, draughts and many other games!

Carrying Water using the yoke,

“Ethan Allen: His Life and Times” New documentary available for viewing in the Tavern Theater!

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Visit the Curmudgeons in Neg8ni An8baakik- **See the impressive Layout of weaponry used by militiamen through the 1830s.**

Ongoing Drill and Maneuver Practice- Filmed by the Regiment

Scheduled Events

10:00 -11:00: Tour Camp speak to the re-enactors

11:00- 11:30 Tactical Demonstration

Under The supervision of the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of Col. Seth Warner's Recreated Regiment, The militia will demonstrate basic drill and fire/maneuver tactics. A representative of the Regiment will instruct you on what they are being taught.

11:30- 12:00 You be the Militia

Sign the articles of enlistment, take an oath, and learn the basics of Military drill yourself! Find out if you had what it takes to serve in the Continental Army!

12:00- 1:00 Garden Tour?

While the militia enjoys their "nooning" you are invited to learn more about Fanny's garden and the plants being grown in it!

1:00 p.m.- 4:00 : Ongoing Demonstrations

1:30- 2:00 You be the Militia!

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Sunday:

Ongoing Activities:

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10:00 am Camp opens

10:30 – 12:00 Issuing clothing and Tactical demonstration

Under The supervision of the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of Col. Seth Warner’s Recreated Regiment, The militia will demonstrate basic drill and fire/maneuver tactics. A clothing “issue will arrive and be distributed to the Soldiers. A representative of the Regiment will instruct you on what they are being taught.

12:00 -1:00 p.m. **Garden Tour**

1:00- 1:30p.m. **Various Demonstrations**

1:30- 2:00 **You be the Militia!**

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2:00 Camp Closes – Re-enactors can break camp!

While Touring the Camp: Dos and Don'ts

DO Take photos! Capture the memories of this fun day!

DO Talk to the Re-enactors and ask them lots of questions!

DO Stay around for the activities

DO Stand where staff asks during tactical demonstrations for safety!

DON'T look into the Tents without Permission if the flaps are closed! They are like a private home!

DON'T touch the muskets! While they are **NOT** loaded with projectiles of any kind, they are still firearms, and must be handled safely!

Re-enactor Information

- Please park in the back lot to leave room for guests and customers, car need to be out of the camp before opening.
- Facilities are the vault toilets near the picnic shelter, the portalet in the parking lot, or the staff bathroom (key required). Visitor Center restrooms still unavailable.
- Drill area can be the Orchard, or the lawn in front of the Allen House. I have not secured permission to use the VIHC dance grounds (Field behind the garden)
- Water Spigot is located near Fanny's Garden, if not turned on, then go to the spot marked "Water point 2" on map to turn it on.
- Allen House chimney has a crack and is not currently safe to light, I hope to have it repaired beforehand, but be prepared to not use it.
- **Burlington is using Universal precautions, which means masking is not required though it is recommended that unvaccinated people mask up.**

Camp Layout

