



Third Annual Colonial America Conference for Educators at Fort Ticonderoga Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center May 20, 2011, 9:00am to 3:30pm

Fort Ticonderoga hosts the Third Annual Colonial America Conference for Educators on Friday, May 20, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center. This day-long conference focuses on the period 1609-1783 and features presentations by classroom teachers, museum educators, and archivists. Archaeologist Michael Coe delivers the conference keynote address.

The conference takes place on the Friday preceding Fort Ticonderoga's Sixteenth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War, a weekend-long seminar focused on the French & Indian War (1754-1763). Educators attending both the Conference and the War College receive a discount on conference registration.

Conference registration fee of \$40 (\$35 for educators also attending the War College) includes a box lunch.

Conference Schedule

8:30-9:00—Registration and Coffee

9:00-9:15—Welcome and Introductions

9:15-10:00—Keynote: Michael Coe, Yale University (Emeritus). Dr. Coe is an internationally-known

archaeologist famous for his research and publications on the Maya, the Olmec, and many other archaeological topics. His archaeological collections from the site of San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan are housed at the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale. He will talk about the relevance of archaeology to the study of colonial history.

10:00-10:30—Building Bridges: Making Historical Records Relevant in the Classroom

As educators strive to meet the needs of their students, state education standards, and testing goals, New York's cultural institutions are working to develop resources that are relevant to the classroom. This session helps connect teachers to the treasure trove of Colonial American documents and artifacts held within the state's museums, libraries and archives. **Catherine Gilbert**, is the Executive Director of Museumwise, a non-profit service organization which provides support, advice, and training to historical societies, museums, historians, archivists, and other heritage organizations in New York State.

10:30-10:45—Break

10:45-11:15—Historical Fiction for the French and Indian and American Revolution

This session is based on a guided reading approach where leveled historical fiction books are used to integrate with Social Studies content at the elementary and middle school

levels. The books for this workshop will center on the Lake George-Lake Champlain corridor. Lesson plan ideas and book information will be shared at this session. **Tim Potts** teaches at Robert J. Kaiser Middle School in Monticello, New York.

11:15-12:00—1776: Building of the Lake Champlain Fleet

This presentation will provide an introduction of the history and a hands-on demonstration of techniques employed in the construction of the American fleet that fought in defense of the lake at the Battle of Valcour. **Rich Isenberg** pursues his passion for all things nautical as Director of Education at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum following a 30 year career in the public schools.

12:00-12:45—Lunch

12:45-1:15—Living History: More than the Gleam of Bayonets

Tired of two by four education (two covers of a book and four walls of the classroom)? Join us and bring history alive for you and your students. **Joe Ryan**, a 32-year veteran of the middle school classroom, is the president of the Living History Education Foundation, recipient of the Valley Forge Teacher's Medal, and was the first national winner of the Outstanding Teacher of American History award.

1:15-1:45—Strategies and Techniques for Using Early American Documents with Students

Early American documents are fantastic educational resources, but they can be very difficult to read and interpret. S's look like F's; cursive handwriting can be daunting; vocabulary may be unfamiliar; and the use of

symbols may be confusing. In this presentation participants will examine copies of documents, such as: broadsides, political cartoons, and written records, and discuss techniques and strategies for successfully introducing this material to students. **Julie Daniels** is the coordinator of educational programs for the NYS Archives, Albany, NY.

1:45-2:00—Break

2:00-2:45—African-Americans in the French & Indian War to the American Revolution

Come prepared to learn the long neglected role of soldiers of African descent in the Revolutionary War. Through a series of case studies teachers will be able to put into context the lives of soldiers who were free or enslaved that fought in the American army. Participants will receive biographical profiles, corresponding primary sources, and the use of historical paintings to infuse in their lessons. Much of the work and lessons for this session comes from a Gilder-Lehrman summer seminar with Dr. Gary Nash at UCLA. **Tim**

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2:45-3:30—George Washington and Building Patriotism, Character, and Leadership in our Schools through Living History

Washington’s character, courage, and leadership inspired his ragged army to win the War for Independence against all odds. The story of this “Indispensable Man” can be an inspiration for future leaders of America through lessons in the classroom and living history activities beyond the classroom. **Bill Wienecke** teaches at Somers Middle School (Somers, NY), reenacts with the 5th New York Regiment, and is a member of the Brigade of the American Revolution. He is also an active participant in the Living History Education Foundation.



The Deborah Clarke Mars Education Center is equipped with an Assistive Listening System.

Teacher Scholarships

Since 2001, Fort Ticonderoga has provided scholarships for 47 teachers to attend the War College of the Seven Years’ War. Teachers interested in applying for a scholarship should download an application from the website at:
<http://www.fort-ticonderoga.org/events/Teacher-Scholarship-Form-WC-11/pdf>
Applications are due by March 15, 2011.

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Colonial Conference for Educators Registration Form

Complete the registration form below and return to: Educator Conference, Fort Ticonderoga, PO Box 390, Ticonderoga, NY 12883

Registration Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

School District (if applicable) _____

School address _____

Confirmations will be sent by email.

Fort Ticonderoga may include my name and contact information on a handout listing participants?

Registration Fee

- Attending just the Colonial Conference, \$40
- Attending the Colonial Conference and the War College, \$35 (War College Registration Form and fee submitted separately)

Payment

- Check made out to “Fort Ticonderoga” enclosed
- Purchase Order enclosed
- Please bill my credit card

Credit Card # _____

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