



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SARATOGA SIEGE WEEKEND 2025

October 11 & 12

## FORT HARDY PARK, SCHUYLerville SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

Event takes place at the park and Gateway Visitors Center, 30 Ferry Road, Schuylerville, NY \*\*\*Please note specific times for some activities\*\*\*

**We All Scream “Huzzah” for Ice Cream!** Thanks to Stewart’s Shops for offering the newly revealed Henry Knox commemorative ice cream flavor! Come grab a scoop while supplies last! \*\*\*Saturday 11am – 1pm

**Siege Field Guided Tour** Join Saratoga Town Historian Sean Kelleher, Vice Chairman of Saratoga 250, for a one-mile guided walk across the Siege Field, a crucial site of the Battles of Saratoga. Using original maps and first-hand accounts, this tour brings the 1777 Siege of Saratoga to life. Discover where fog, fire, and resolve shaped America’s freedom. Meet in front of the Gateway Visitor Center. \*\*\*Saturday 1pm

**Dogs in the Revolution?** Were there dogs in the American Revolution? Join local author Megin Potter inside the Gateway Visitor Center as she shares stories about dogs in this nation’s revolutionary beginnings from her new book, Saratoga Dogs: Past to Present. Books will be available for purchase and signings. \*\*\*Saturday 11am

**SAR Knox Memorial Bench Dedication** Join members of the Sons of the American Revolution as they dedicate a Henry Knox Memorial Bench at the Gateway Visitor Center in Fort Hardy Park. \*\*\*Sunday 10am

**U.S.S. Saratoga Silver Service** In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the United States Navy, come visit the Presentation Silver Service which graced the U.S.S. Saratoga until it was decommissioned in 1994.

**Traveling Forge** Interested in blacksmithing? Visit the Traveling Forge, a military piece of equipment to act as a traveling repair shop to fix tools, wagons, cannons, or whatever an army on the move needed. Two of these traveling forges were surrendered by the British at Saratoga, along with their cannons and other artillery equipment.

**Draft Animal Rides** Draft Animals were the engines of the 18th century! Take a ride behind one of the draft horse teams that will be pulling cannons on sleds as part of our 250th Anniversary of Henry Knox’s Noble Train of Artillery in December \*\*\*Saturday Only 11am-3pm

**Shoulder Your Firelocks!** Do you know how to “Shoulder Your Firelocks” or “About Face!?” Calling all young recruits to report to Fort Hardy Park where you are invited to practice the Manual of Arms with wooden muskets and learn the commands continental soldiers would have lived by during the American Revolution. \*\*\*Saturday 11am, 1pm and 3pm

**Come Play with Us!** Any age group is invited to participate in this interactive presentation of period toys and games. Learn about the origins of 18th century games, toys, and activities and then try them out!

**Saratoga250 Tent** Come visit the Saratoga250 tent to learn more about our revolutionary past and view our new displays on Henry Knox’s Noble Train of Artillery. See if you have what it takes to deliver cannons through the wilderness by trying out our new Henry Knox Board Game! Try your hand at quill writing or candle dipping. Pick up a Siege Weekend Passport to take with you as you explore the sites. Turn it in at the Saratoga250 Tent or Fort Hardy Park to receive a prize.

**Follow our Sled Tracks!** Check out our replica 18th century sleds made by WSWHE BOCES students that will be used in the 250th Commemoration of Knox’s Noble Train of Artillery beginning in December 2025.

**Healing in the 1770s** What might it have been like to be a nurse in an army hospital, or at home? Discover the vital role that midwives, nurses, watchers, and bonesetters played in their communities and on campaign. Join us on the kitchen porch of the Schuyler House to learn more.

**Feeding an Army** What foods would you eat during the spring, summer, fall, and winter in the 1770s? Learn how food was preserved on local farms as well as how food fueled both armies during the Saratoga Campaign.

**What’s on Your Feet?** Do you know who made your shoes? In the 1770s, you might have lived next door to the cordwainer who made your pair. What tools and materials were used in this trade? Chat with our shoemaker to find out!

**Military Encampments** Continental soldiers from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont will encamp within the American defenses, ready to defend against any British invasion. New York’s Continental artillery corps will ensure that no Redcoats pass the high bluffs and march on to conquer Albany. British soldiers of His Majesty’s 24th Regiment will be on hand to restore legitimate government to the rebellious American colonies.

**Cannon Demonstrations** Hear the thunder of an authentic 18th-century cannon during these live demonstrations and get a glimpse into the sights and sounds of the Battles of Saratoga! Saturday at 11am, 1pm 2pm and 4pm and Sunday at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.

## STILLWATER BLOCKHOUSE

**The Stillwater Blockhouse** Take a short drive to see new displays, learn about Stillwater’s history and enjoy some family activities. Kids who participate in the Blockhouse scavenger hunt will receive a special prize. 692 Hudson Ave, Stillwater, NY

