

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Subject to change—based on reenactors planning to attend.

**9:30 AM** Event begins! Throughout the day, visitors may observe demonstrations and displays of colonial crafts and trades as well as the lives of soldiers. Reenactors mingle with visitors and answer questions.

Children's "militia" marching and drills with wooden muskets scheduled throughout the day.

**10:00 AM** Proclamation issued by Don Lowe (Colonial First Selectman) Opening remarks by Roger Sherman (10-15 min or less). 10:30 AM Ye Old Lebanon Towne Militia: Demonstrates 18th century irregular militia drills to defend its town against the oppression of English rule.

**11:00 AM** 5th CT Regiment: Signals, Spirit, and Sound: A Fife and Drum Experience (Dillon Johnson)

**NOON** Ye Old Lebanon Towne Militia: Cannons fire to announce nooning – time for lunch!

**1 – 4:00 PM** Reenactors mingle and answer questions, children's musket drills continue

**1:00 PM** His Majesty's 38th Regiment of Foot: British redcoats drill, demonstrate battlefield maneuvers

**2:00 PM** Ye Old Lebanon Towne Militia presents a 1776 Fashion Show – Clothing of the Revolutionary War era, featuring authentic styles for men, women, and children.

**2:45 PM** SKIRMISH: British 38th Regiment of Foot, engage 5th CT Regiment and Ye Old Lebanon Towne Militia

**4:00 PM** Closing remarks

## **ALL DAY ACTIVITIES**

- **Ask Us!** Camps and reenactors will be available throughout the event to answer your questions. Enjoy conversations about colonial daily life, as well as duties and experiences of both American and British soldiers during the Revolutionary War.
- **Bread Baking** in the 18th Century Bread was a staple food in many households. Baking was a daily or weekly activity, often done at home or in communal village ovens.
- **Spies and Clandestine Communications** in 1775 During the American Revolution, espionage played a vital role in the war. Spies—on both sides—secretly gathered information about troop movements, plans, and supplies, which helped forces make strategic decisions.
- **Blacksmithing** Experience a vital and highly skilled craft essential to so many facets of

everyday life in colonial America

- **Shoemaker** See the traditional tools, materials, and watch the time-honored technique and craftsmanship at work behind colonial footwear. Shoemakers—called cordwainers—were vital tradesmen in every town.

Learn how shoes were sized, made for left or right feet (or not!), and repaired to last over time

- **Children's Wooden Musket Drills** During the period, young children learned basic military drills and discipline as part of their early training or community involvement. Since real muskets were heavy, expensive, and dangerous, children used wooden muskets—simple replicas made of wood—to practice.

- **Colonial flags display** This presentation features various flags used during the American Colonial period and the Revolutionary War. Each represents a different colony, militia, or important symbol from the 1700s.

- **Photo Op in Cobbler Shop** Visitors can dress up in period-appropriate colonial clothing and have an “old style” picture taken

- **Revolutionary War Cannons** Display. Step up and feel the power and craftsmanship of these replicas of historical artillery pieces, which played a crucial role during the American fight for independence.

- **Beekeeping** in the 1700s Learn how early colonists and farmers kept bees for honey, beeswax, and even medicinal uses.

- **The Art of 18th Century Food Preservation** Learn how colonists kept their food fresh without refrigeration!

- **Surgeon of 1775** Learn about medicine, medical equipment, and how injuries and illnesses were treated during the Revolutionary War.

- **Native American Trader** Native Americans shaped regional economies and cultural exchange—an essential part of early American history

- **Colonial Loom Work** Skilled weavers bring history to life, demonstrating traditional techniques used to create cloth.

- **Leatherworking** See how raw hides were transformed into everyday necessities—belts, cups, bowls, cartridge boxes, satchels, and more.

- **Weapon Smithing** From musket parts to bayonets, learn how these essential items were crafted by hand in the 1700s for both civilian and military use.

- **Calligraphers** Watch a demonstration of the delicate art of colonial penmanship, featuring quills and homemade inks crafted just as they were in the 1700s.

- **1600 – 1800 Rifles Exhibit** of rifles and weaponry from the late 17th to early 19th century.