

## FOR SCHOOL GROUPS AND OTHER SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

### Programs Available at Fort Loudoun State Historic Area

**Fort Loudoun Tour and Life at the Fort-** This is our recommended program and designed to meet the needs of most groups. It covers the history of the fort and the lives of the soldiers who called it home from 1756-1760. Additionally, this experience covers topics Anglo-Cherokee trade, diplomacy, and participation in the French and Indian War. The park staff can slightly modify this program to cover other topics. For more information, call the park office at 423-884-6217.

Unaltered, this program consists of the following:

- a tour of the fort and park museum (20 minutes)
- discussion of the life of a soldier (15 minutes)
- soldier's uniform and kit (15 minutes)
- musket demonstration (10 minutes)
- viewing the Fort's interpretive film (15 minutes)

With time for questions and a chance to peruse the gift shop this experience takes approximately 1.5 hours.

As far as customization of your group's experience, we can offer our 18<sup>th</sup> Century Medical program as an additional program on top of our conventional tour. Should you choose to do this, it will add approximately 15 minutes to the overall tour. Additionally, if you have a group over 30, please add additional time to allow for rotation through the infirmary.

### Stand Alone Programs

The following is a list our stand-alone programs we can do for groups. If you are scheduling a fort tour, keep in mind that this program includes many key elements of these experiences already. Also, please keep in mind that some the demonstrations listed below may be unavailable at certain times due to staffing patterns/ availability. However, even if we cannot offer some of the demonstrations listed below, we can often discuss them.

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine-** This program covers different medical procedures performed and medications used by physicians in the 18<sup>th</sup> at Fort Loudoun. This program includes demonstrations of medical treatments, as well as discussions of the various medications commonly used to treat various ailments. Additionally, this presentation discusses developments in medicine throughout the period. On average, this program lasts approximately 30 minutes when done as a stand-alone program (20-minute presentation, 10 minutes for questions).

**Life of a Soldier-** This program covers the ways 18<sup>th</sup> century soldiers enlisted in the army, their daily routines in garrison and on campaign, training, their equipment, experiences in battle, and general life experiences. Since the Independent Company of South Carolina garrisoned Fort Loudoun, this program also covers experiences and events unique to their unit. This program lasts approximately 30 minutes when done as a stand-alone program (20-minute presentation, 10 minutes for questions).

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**Wall gun Demonstration-** The wall gun is a weapon that bridged the gap between artillery and small arms. Essentially a .94 caliber musket, this weapon acted as the smallest form of artillery while maintaining most of the mobility of a small arm. This program demonstrates the steps taken by soldiers to fire this small piece of artillery. Additionally, it discusses the development of the standard arms and the different ways the British Army incorporated into infantry tactics during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. When done as a stand-alone presentation this program typically lasts approximately 20 minutes (15-minute presentation, with 5 minutes for questions).

**Musket Demonstration-** This program demonstrates the steps taken by soldiers to fire their muskets. Additionally, this presentation discusses the development of the standard arms for the British Army in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the tactics for employing them successfully during battle. When done as a stand-alone presentation this program typically lasts approximately 20 minutes (15-minute presentation, with 5 minutes for questions).

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Military Drill (Infantry) –** Discipline in the ranks was the key to success on the 18<sup>th</sup> century battlefield. Professional soldiers relied on training to keep them working together during the chaos and confusion of battle. Daily practice at marching and drill were keys to overcoming this confusion and successful deployment in the field. This interactive program introduces participants to the 1757 infantry drill and marching commands used by the soldiers at Fort Loudoun. Additionally, it allows participants a chance to understand what it was like to be a part of the military on the battlefields of 18<sup>th</sup> century. This program lasts approximately 45 minutes when done as a stand-alone program (35-minute presentation, 10 minutes for questions).

**Gunnery in the British Army-** Artillery in the 18<sup>th</sup> century required a special kind of soldier that could not only follow orders, but also read and do math. This program will introduce your group to the special challenges faced by these gun crews. You will get a chance to learn the commands to fire the guns, and discuss the math and necessary steps for accuracy. This program lasts approximately 30 minutes when done as a stand-alone program (20-minute presentation, 10 minutes for questions).

### **Other Topics and Demonstrations for Consideration**

**The following is a list of topics and demonstrations we can cover in a custom program, but do not currently have an established program in place: (In order to cover each topic we can work with you to make a custom program that covers your needs. For each topic, allow, approximately 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for questions. Please keep in mind that some the demonstrations listed below may be unavailable at certain times due to staffing patterns/ availability. However, even if we cannot offer some of the demonstrations listed below, we can often discuss them.):**

- 18<sup>th</sup> century military tactics
- Military Architecture and Construction
- Colonial construction
- Blacksmithing
- Tinsmithing
- 18<sup>th</sup> Century Carpentry

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- Laundry
- Domestic Arts
- Women in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century
- Global Conflict in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century
- Diplomacy
- Trade in the Colonies
- International Trade and Global Empire in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century
- Southern Colonial Conflicts
- Southern Native and Colonial government interactions
- Prelude to the American Revolution
- Impacts of the Deer Skin trade
- Impact of the Colonial Economy on Southern Ecosystems
- Early American Western Expansion
- Early American Military
- Early Naturalists/ Scientist in the Region
- 18<sup>th</sup> Century Medical Sciences

### Fort Loudoun Living History Events

Additionally, ask the staff about our living history garrisons. If your group's schedule allows, these events offer educational opportunities typically not available at the park. Typically, on these days the park will have numerous living historians on the site, as the park staff brings the fort back to life for the weekend. These events will usually feature the routines of soldiers, civilians, and tradesmen who lived at the fort during its four-year existence. These events usually last from 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM on Saturdays, and 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM on Sundays.