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Time to Register?

Call 315-338-7730 and speak with the staff at
the Visitor Center



Come learn with us!

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“You and Your Garrison”



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Welcome to the “You and Your Garrison” Homeschool Event at Fort Stanwix NM!

A day just for you!

“You and Your Garrison” is a program created with the unique needs of homeschool families in mind. Designed to be self-guided, participants may spend as much or as little time at any of the learning stations as their schedule permits. In addition, staff and volunteers are trained to help learners of all ages meet their curricular goals. All you have to do is decide which learning stations meet the needs of your students—we’ll be there to help with the rest!

How Do I Get to Fort Stanwix National Monument?

The park is located in the center of the City of Rome, NY. If you are traveling by the NYS Thruway, use exit 33 or 34. Locally, State Routes 49, 46, 69 and 26 will bring you directly to the site. For more detailed directions, and to see the park’s GPS coordinates, please visit the park website, www.nps.gov/fost.

Where Can I Park?

Parking is available in several places within walking distance of the fort and visitor center. Your options are:

- Along N. James St. adjacent to the fort’s west lawn (limited, free)
- In the Fort Stanwix Parking Garage on N. James St. (fee charged)
- Along W. Dominick St. (2-hr parking)

Where Do I Begin?

You will begin your visit in the park’s visitor center, the Marinus Willett Center, on North James St. At the information desk, please sign in with the ranger on duty where you will receive a packet with additional materials. Please take some time to look these over as there will be important information included for certain learning stations within the fort.

What Will the Day Look Like?

Your day will be arranged the way you’d like it to be! Choose the learning stations that meet your needs and go have fun with hands-on history! Here are a few things to keep in mind when planning your day:

- The **morning session** runs from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
- A **lunch break** will be provided from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm for your convenience. You may eat either a picnic meal with your family on the fort lawn or go out to any of the many restaurants in Rome, many of which are within walking distance to the park. **Please note:** *For those choosing to picnic onsite, the park does not have outside shelter or picnic tables. Feel free to bring a blanket or chairs and be prepared to make alternate eating arrangements in the event of inclement weather.*
- The **afternoon session** runs from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Good to Know!

- Restrooms and water fountains are located in both the Willett Center and in the fort.
- Please note, space inside the buildings is limited. If you arrive at an area and it appears crowded, please move to another learning station and check back later.

Learning Stations

Marinus Willett Center*—The diverse history of the Mohawk Valley comes alive through artifacts and stories of the past.

Willett Center to Fort Walk—Join a ranger for a guided walk through Fort Stanwix history as you journey along the Oneida Carrying Place.

Revolutionary Me! - Live the life of a child at Fort Stanwix! Dress in 18th century clothing, do chores, and play with toys from long ago.

The Amazing Fort Stanwix Race—What can you learn about Fort Stanwix in 30 minutes? Join the race and discover the fort’s role in world history.

Capt. Lt. Savage & His Artillery—Have you ever wanted to learn how to fire a cannon? Join the artillery and put your math and science skills to work!

Crime and Punishment—Rules keep everyone safe, even soldiers. Compare the rules (and consequences) of the 3rd NY Regiment to your home.

Military Music—Music was a part of the soldiers’ daily lives. Learn how musicians at the fort kept order as well as entertained the troops.

Bucket Brigade—Fire! What would you do if you saw the fort burning in 1781? Learn how different fire-fighting in the 18th century was from today.

21 Days—Discover how the siege of Fort Stanwix in 1777 changed the lives of those involved as well as why it is important to American history.

Women of the Army—Why were there women at the fort? Learn how and why the women were so important to the success of the Continental Army.

Our Oneida Allies—Join members of the Oneida Nation for a glimpse into their history and culture!

Archeology—What can we learn from objects left behind? Try your skills as a Jr. Archeologist and unearth the past!

*Become a Fort Stanwix Jr. Ranger!

Learn even more about Fort Stanwix with this self-guided exploration book made for kids!

Pick up your copy in the Willett Center!

