

Senate House State Historic Site Calendar of Events 2017



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Yesterday's Gatorade



Opening Day – Wednesday April 19, 10 am. The site opens for the 2017 season. Guided tours by costumed interpreters. Prices: \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, 12 and under are free.

Opening of new exhibit – Kingston's Stockade: New Netherlands Third City – Saturday April 8 10:30am. Come see the unveiling of this exciting exhibit complete with interactive media, which explores the earliest settlement in Kingston's history, the 17th century stockade.

Sugaring Off: 18th Century Style – Saturday April 8, 11am-3pm. Demonstrations of boiling maple sap down to maple syrup, hearthside cooking, making jackwax candy, whittling spiles, hewing a log into a trough, making wooden buckets. Music by Mark Rust who plays a variety of instruments including banjo, guitar and the spoons.

Preparing for a New Year – Saturday May 13 11am-3pm. Planting an 18th century –inspired vegetable and herb garden, demonstrations of sheep shearing, beekeeping, making kites, spinning demonstrations, 18th century toys and games, 18th century style magic show with "Levram: the Colonial Conjuror"

Let Freedom Ring: Celebrating America's Independence – Saturday July 1, 11am-3pm. Patriotic Ceremony with dramatic readings and music, concert by the Phoenicia Festival of the Voice Choir, Ben Franklin will be visiting with his science experiments, re-enactors depicting 18th century camp life, free hot dogs and lemonade while they last.

History Camp – August 1, 2, 3 (Tues, Wed, Thurs), 10am-2pm for children ages 8-12. Various hands-on activities include churning butter, making wampum, hearthside cooking, writing with a quill pen, making "delft" tiles and more. Registration fee required.

18th Century Autumn Festival – Saturday October 14, in conjunction with "The Burning of Kingston," 11am-3pm demonstrations of apple cider pressing, meat smoking, candle dipping, hearthside cooking, making dried apple wreaths and cornhusk dolls, re-enactors depicting 18th century camp life. Music and 18th century games.

Festival of Lights – December 1-Friday, 5-8pm, as part of Uptown Kingston's Snowflake Festival. The grounds of Senate House will be all decked out for the holiday season. Roasted chestnuts and hot apple cider will be served.

Senate House is located on Fair Street in uptown Kingston, NY. Guided tours of Senate House are \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 seniors, children 12 and under are free. For more information please call the site at (845) 338 2786 or visit nysparks.com



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