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SARATOGA COUNTY ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO EXPERIENCE VICTORY SEASON AT SARATOGA THIS OCTOBER

BALLSTON SPA, NY – This fall, Saratoga County invites you to experience "Victory Season at Saratoga," presented by America's Turning Point, a series of events commemorating the 247th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga culminating in the surrender of the British on October 17, 1777.

Highlights of the 2024 "Victory Season at Saratoga" include:

- **"Saratoga Siege" Living History Weekend October 12 at 13** with Saratoga National Historical Park at locations throughout the towns of Saratoga & Stillwater. This free, family event features both military and civilian reenactors with hands-on activities, cannon firing demonstrations and a family passport challenge. Events run 10AM to 4PM each day.
- **The "American Revolution Experience,"** a national traveling exhibit produced by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Battlefield Trust. It showcases diverse perspectives of common people on the lead up to, and during, the War for Independence. It will be on display at the Champlain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center, 30 Ferry Street, Schuylerville, NY from October 13 - October 27, 2024.
- **"Surrender Day," October 17** celebrating the surrender of a British Army for the first time in world history, marking the Turning Point of the American Revolution, features multiple events.
 - **Surrender Day Ceremony** at Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville, 10AM. This free, family event features a reenactment of the surrender by British General Burgoyne to American General Gates by the banks of the Hudson River, interactive music, and cannon firing. This annual event is a favorite of families with young children and elementary school classes. (weather permitting)
 - **Siege and Surrender Tour** – Join licensed battlefield guide Pat Niles for a tour of key sites tied to the siege and surrender at Saratoga. The tour departs from America's Turning Point Heritage Center at 30 Ferry St. Schuylerville. This is a ticketed event from 1PM - 3:30PM with limited seats on private coach. Visit www.saratoga250.com to purchase tickets.
 - An inaugural **Surrender Day Benefit** co-presented with SPAC and Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library/Saratoga Book Festival at Spa Little Theater from 6:30PM to 8PM featuring Dr. Kevin J. Weddle, US Army Colonel (Ret.), author of the award-winning recent book, *"The Compleat Victory: Saratoga and the American Revolution"* and County Historian, Saratoga 250 Chair and NYS 250 Commissioner, Lauren Roberts. Local students will also be featured in the program. All proceeds benefit Campaign for Saratoga 250 & Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library. Visit www.saratoga250.com to purchase tickets.

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As part of the 250th commemoration of the Battles of Saratoga, Saratoga County will transform space at the Chaplain Canal Region Gateway Visitor Center in Schuylerville to be used as its information hub for America's Turning Point activities and to promote heritage tourism in the area. Planning is currently underway to develop the "America's Turning Point Heritage Center," which will feature interactive exhibits funded in part through a [recently announced grant](#) from the American Battlefield Protection Program.

America's Turning Point events commemorate our revolutionary history both on and off the battlefield, including lesser-known perspectives from all sides of the conflict and life in the area. Events will feature interactive civilian living history, unique national exhibits, cannon and military demonstrations, award winning author presentations, music and more over a series of free and ticketed events suited to all ages. These events aim to educate, engage, and preserve the world-changing impact of Saratoga on the American Revolution.

Don't miss out. Learn more at <https://saratoga250.com/news-events/events/>.

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