

The Battle of Brooklyn 250: *The Meaning of Freedom*

Sunday, August 23, 2026



Meadow Activities (10am–12pm)

Continental Soldiers and Camp Followers Encampment

Learn about soldiers' down time and explore women's roles with the army in 1776.

Margaret Whetten's Parlor

Visit a home where spies are welcome and write a secret message.

1st Rhode Island Regiment of Foot

Visit their touch table and learn about this integrated unit.

Presenting the Washingtons

Portrayed by Michael and Maria Grillo and Michael Grillo Jr.

Design a Regimental Flag

With the Fraunces Tavern Museum.

Explore a Continental Army Trunk

Thanks to the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati and the Society of the Cincinnati of Connecticut.

Traditional Games from Europe and Africa

With the Old Stone House.

Reclaiming Hand Spinning: West African Legacies, New World Futures

Presented by Lefferts Historic House.

Battle Map Scavenger Hunt and Tricorn Hat Making

With the Center for Brooklyn History.

Learn about the NYC Revolutionary Trail

With the Gotham Center.

Fort Defiance Tabletop Museum

See 10,000 years of Red Hook history through art, maps and artifacts from Fort Defiance and the Harbor Defense Museum.

Add a Wish to our "Cake Cannon"

At 11:50am, we'll sing "Happy Birthday USA" on the lawn in front of the Modern Chapel.

Check Out a Revolutionary Book

At the BPL Kidsmobile.

Green-House Programs

MAIN GALLERY EXHIBIT

Revisit the Revolution

Presented by New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

CLASSROOM SHORT FILMS

10:15am & 11:00am | *Eelunaapéewi*

Ehaptoonáakanal: Voices of Lunáapeew/Lenape

Presented by the Lefferts Historic House.

10:45am & 11:45am | *Baron von Steuben*

Presented by History UnErased.

ATRIUM PERFORMANCES

Fleets, Flints & Fog – Tales of The Battle of Brooklyn!

With Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk.

- 10:15am | Fleet of 400
- 10:45am | Maryland 400
- 11:15am | Good Fellows to Lose!
- 11:45am | Flint & Fog

Music of 1776, With Balladeer Linda Russell.

- 10:30am | **Songs of Revolution**
Broadside, ballads, and ditties of the American soldiers.
- 11:00am | **Tunes of the British**
Marches and laments of soldiers far from home.
- 11:30am | **Remember the Ladies**
Songs that tell of women's involvement in the Revolutionary cause.

Parade Schedule

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| 12pm | Grab a flag and follow the fife and drum up to Battle Hill! |
| 12:20pm | Remarks and Wreath Laying on Battle Hill near <i>Minerva and the Altar to Liberty</i> , featuring Brooklyn Borough Historian Asad Dandia. |
| 1pm | The Battle of Brooklyn 250: The Meaning of Freedom event ends. |

Thank you for joining us!

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