



ABOUT FORT DOBBS

- ***Fort Dobbs is North Carolina's only French and Indian War (1754–63) State Historic Site.***
- Fort Dobbs State Historic Site is located in present-day Statesville, North Carolina and provides a window into the tumultuous period of history known as the French and Indian War (1754-1763) or Seven Years War. It represents North Carolina's link with a global war for empire between England and France that crossed five continents, lasted nearly a decade and sowed the seeds for independence.
- Fort Dobbs is owned by the state of North Carolina and is administered through the Department of Cultural Resources' Division of State Historic Sites and Properties.
- The Friends of Fort Dobbs, a 501(c)3, not-for-profit volunteer organization with more than 1000 members nationwide, provides additional financial assistance for educational programs, special events and other needs not covered by the state budget.

MISSION AND VISION

Mission: "To preserve and interpret North Carolina's only French and Indian War fort" *Adopted by the Division of State Historic Sites, June 15, 2007*

Vision: "To be the premier French and Indian War site in the United States."

STRATEGIC PLAN

Fort Dobbs's Strategic Plan, completed in January 2008, includes two central features 1.) Reconstruction of the 1756 Fort; and 2.) Quality educational and interpretive programs

EVENTS PROGRAM, OUTREACH PROGRAM AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

By sponsoring events, outreach, and education programs your company will help Fort Dobbs inspire visitors of all ages to learn from the past through interactive and engaging programming! In 2007 Fort Dobbs saw 15,000 visitors, including 7,300 school children through daily programming and living history weekends. Staff and volunteers reached over 50,000 participants during off-site programs in class-rooms, festivals, and special programs. *All Fort Dobbs programs are offered free of cost.*



2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“It was really cool! I learned so much about the French and Indian War and Fort Dobbs. Thank you for teaching us about the soldiers, Indians and settlers. I loved marching like the soldiers did 250 years ago. I didn’t know history could be so exciting and interesting!”

Emily G., Middle School Student

March 8-9: Preparing for the 1758 Campaign. The fort’s garrison will focus heavily on military drill as the spring thaw opens another campaigning season. 10a.m-4p.m.

April 19-20: War for Empire 1758. Fort Dobbs comes alive with soldiers, Indians and civilians as we look at NC’s role in the French and Indian War. Hundreds of Provincial soldiers from NC served under John Forbes during his successful campaign to capture French Fort DuQuesne. The event will feature a recreation of a 1758 skirmish, as well as scholarly lectures from guest speakers. 10a.m.-4p.m. Reservations for free school day April 18, call: 704-873-5882

May 17-18: Fortifying the Post. Provincial soldiers continue to improve the defenses of Fort Dobbs, while sharpening their skill at musket and artillery drill. 10a.m-4p.m.

August 2-3: Guarding the Frontier. The fort’s garrison practices the skills they need to effectively patrol NC’s Western frontier and guard the post of Fort Dobbs. 10a.m.-4p.m.

October 4-5: 18th Century Trade Faire. This event focuses on the civilians whose lives were disrupted by the French and Indian War. Indians, tradesmen, militia, soldiers, and others will set up their camps around Fort Dobbs and allow the public to experience a snapshot of life in the 1750’s. The event will feature a recreation of a 1760 Indian raid, as well as scholarly lectures by guest speakers. Reservations for free school day October 3, call: 704-873-5882.

November 8-9: Food at the Fort. The soldiers of Fort Dobbs enjoy the fruits of the local harvest as they prepare to settle into winter quarters. 10a.m.-4p.m.

December 6-7: Wintering in Wartime. Find out how the garrison of Provincial soldiers lived during the winter of 1755. Visit with the men as they prepare for the coming seasonal festivities. 10a.m-4p.m. Evening program on Saturday from 6p.m.-8p.m.



SPONSORS

Gain visibility and recognition for your business, enrichment for your employees, and unique marketing and hospitality opportunities while you support the work of Fort Dobbs, one of our community's most vital educational institutions. Fort Dobbs is now an essential part of understanding the true scope and magnitude of the French and Indian War. Visitors to the 32 acre site are provided with multi-faceted educational opportunities, including an orientation; presentation by the historical interpreter about Fort Dobbs and North Carolina's role in the French and Indian War; hands on interpretive programming on military history, settlement, and Cherokee history; and diverse events and temporary special exhibitions incorporating school curriculums, community group interests, dramatic presentations, and scholarly seminars.

We need your help to continue the Friends of Fort Dobbs work supporting the educational programming and to ensure that the experience of history will be alive and well for generations to come. Your contribution allows the Friends of Fort Dobbs to continue supporting the events and programs you have come to expect at Fort Dobbs State Historic Site, as well as the many ***new*** programs planned for this year! By supporting Fort Dobbs through sponsorship, your contribution, made payable to the Friends of Fort Dobbs, is tax-deductible to the full-extent allowed by law. More importantly, through the inclusion of your company's logo on our website, in event promotional materials, and in our publications, sponsorships are an excellent way for you to reach thousands of affluent members and Friends of Fort Dobbs, strengthen your corporate image and enhance your visibility in the community. Your company will have the satisfaction of being an active partner in preserving and interpreting this important piece of American history and building a sense of community both locally and statewide.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Colonel: \$5000

- Noted as sponsor with logo on all Fort Dobbs printed, promotional matter and website
- Annual subscription to Fort Dobbs award-winning quarterly publication, *Fort Dobbs Gazette*
- Invitation for 6 to the Friends of Fort Dobbs's celebrated *Annual Reception*
- Invitation for 6 to the Friends of Fort Dobbs prestigious *Holiday Gala*
- Inclusion in the Roll Call within the *Fort Dobbs Gazette*, with distribution nationally to over a 1000 readers
- Advance notice for special events and programs
- Private tour of Fort Dobbs with an interpretive program for your company
- Special off-site program offered to you and your employees
- Complimentary annual rental of Fort Dobbs picnic facilities

Lieutenant Colonel: \$2500

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- Invitation for 4 to the Friends of Fort Dobbs's celebrated *Annual Reception*
- Invitation for 4 to the Friends of Fort Dobbs prestigious *Holiday Gala*
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Major: \$1000

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- Invitation for 2 to the Friends of Fort Dobbs's celebrated *Annual Reception*
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