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Military Camp on the Plains of Abraham **Come and meet soldiers and militiamen** **ready to brave the winter and the colony's enemy**

Québec, March 3, 2010 – Next Saturday March 6th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Plains of Abraham will welcome a military camp worthy of New France. The National Battlefields Commission, in collaboration with the Quebec Garrison and the Bombardiers-Gunners, offer to take you on a time-travel jaunt with some ten militiamen and soldiers dressed in period uniforms who made up the forces of the colony. These volunteers – history buffs – will exchange with visitors on their equipment, on the tactics used to face the colony's enemy and their living conditions during a winter campaign in New France. The purpose of this free event is help visitors learn more about the situation during the Battles of the Snowshoe war and the battle of Sainte-Foy (April 28, 1760).

During the Seven Years' War (1756-1763), the North American winter led to two confrontations between the French and the British: the Battles of the Snowshoes. These clashes occurred on January 21, 1757 and March 13, 1758 on the shores of Lake Champlain (currently straddling the United States and Canada). During the first confrontation, a group of Rogers Ranger scouts fell into an ambush set up by French, Canadian and Amerindian troops, forcing the scouts to withdraw to Fort William Henry, a major British post located in the south of New France. The second face-off led to two ambushes: the first, laid by British forces, put to flight one of the two French interception units; the second one, however, orchestrated by Ensign de Langy and some Amerindians, decimated the British troops, who were forced to flee.

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