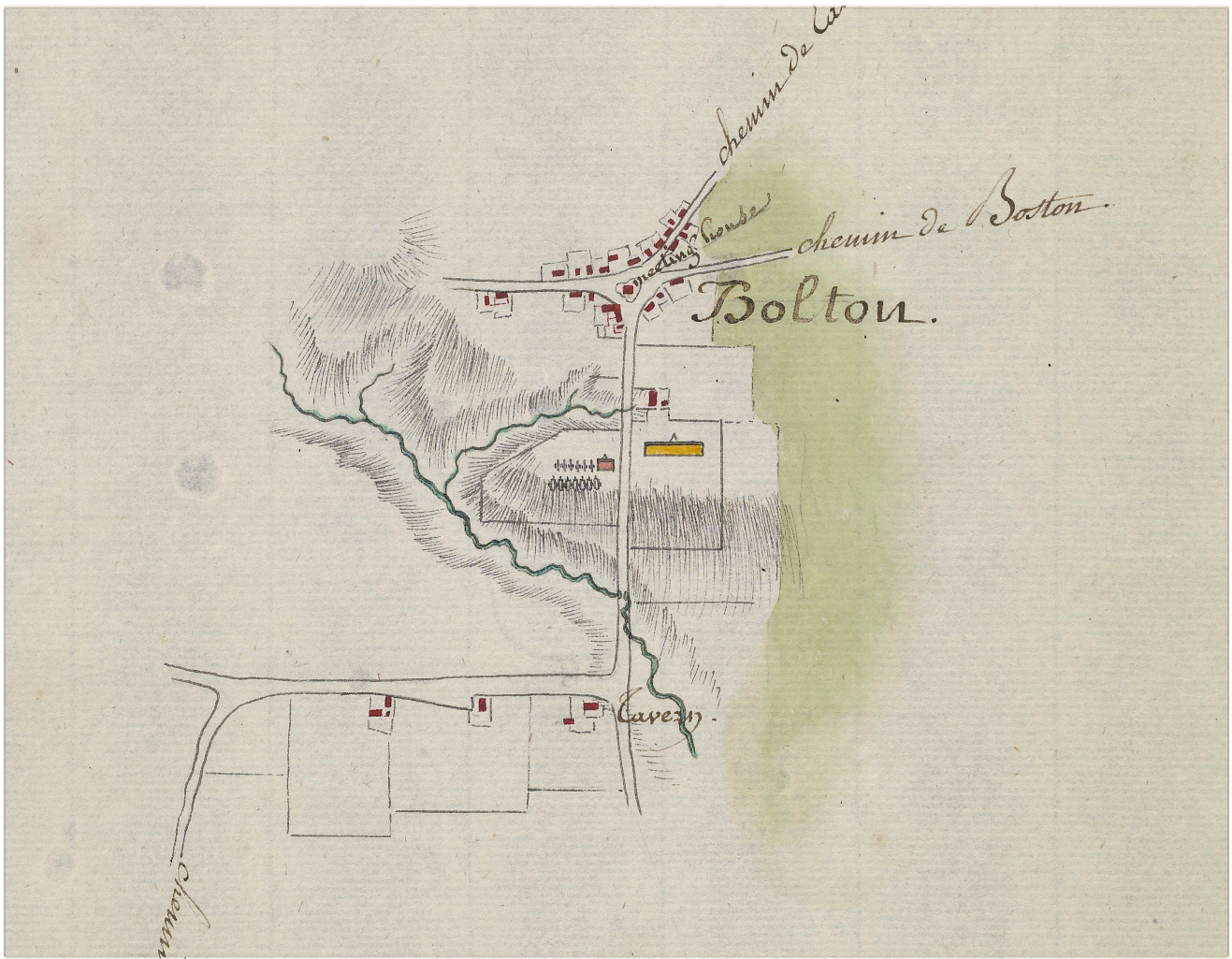


DIGGING INTO HISTORY: ON THE ROAD WITH ROCHAMBEAU



An award-winning experiential education program
created and run by the Museum of Connecticut History,
a division of the Connecticut State Library

Why Support Digging Into History: On the Road with Rochambeau?

Your support of this award-winning experiential education program will help high school students across Connecticut connect with history in a way that no book or classroom can do.

What do we mean by experiential education? This program is designed to take students out of the classroom and not just *into* history, but *experiencing* history. Our 2019 program brought Connecticut high school students together with French students to restore a line of trenches once occupied by Connecticut soldiers during the first German offensive against American troops during WWI. Through this work they gained a whole new perspective on the war and life on the Western Front, and a deep understanding of the relevance of history in their own lives.

This summer we're traveling back 250 years to the American Revolution. We'll be examining the role of the French Army in the war through an archaeological excavation of one of comte de Rochambeau's French Army camps in Bolton, Connecticut. We'll be bringing French students here to Connecticut to live and work side-by-side with Connecticut students to gain a deeper understanding of the Revolutionary War and the impact the French Army had on our nation. It may be a little harder to imagine what life for these soldiers was like in 1781, but we're going to try!

Experiential education programs like this are especially important for the generation that started high school in the Covid lockdown. With recent studies showing 40% of eighth graders in the United States scoring "below basic" in U.S. history last year, and only 13% were considered proficient, programs like Digging Into History are essential to ensure students learn about our nation's history. Getting students engaged in history through hands-on-learning is an important tool to help us preserve our shared history!

It isn't just the kids taking part in this program that will benefit. Our communities become more engaged when they see students, families, individuals, businesses, and institutions taking an interest in state and local history. This program engages the public by highlighting the hard work of our students, and our state's contributions to our national history. Will you help support this program and bring history alive for your community and state?

Please visit [Digging Into History](#) to learn more about this program, or for questions please contact Christine Pittsley at christine.pittsley@ct.gov

Sponsorship Options

There are six levels of direct sponsorship with varying levels of benefits, some even include the ability to come and spend time with the program. If direct sponsorship doesn't sound like the right choice please consider providing an item for a "Welcome to Connecticut" gift bag that our French students and chaperones will receive.

Sponsorship Level	Cost	Benefits
Régiment Deux-Ponts	\$5+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Digging Into History</i> magnet • Listing on sponsor/donor webpage(s)*
Régiment Saintonge	\$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited Edition <i>Digging Into History</i> T-shirt • + Régiment Deux-Ponts level benefits
Régiment Soissonnais	\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum of Connecticut History and Connecticut State Library • + Régiment Saintonge level benefits
Régiment Bourbonnais	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-year subscription to <i>Connecticut Explored</i> magazine • + Régiment Soissonnais level benefits
Légion de Lauzun (Limited availability)	\$2500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tickets to join us aboard the Adirondack II out of Newport Harbor on 15 July 2023 • Dig-for-a-Day – the opportunity to roll up your sleeves and take part in the archaeological excavation • 2-year subscription to <i>Connecticut Explored</i> magazine • + Régiment Bourbonnais level benefits (minus 1-year subscription to <i>Connecticut Explored</i> magazine)
Comte de Rochambeau (Limited availability)	\$5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tickets to join us for a New England Lobsterbake at Hammonasset Beach • Inclusion in press releases and marketing materials** • + Légion de Lauzun level benefits
Soldat Level	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation of items for "Welcome To Connecticut" gift bag for French students and chaperones • Listing on sponsor/donor webpage(s)*

*Webpages will include ctstatelibrary.org, museums ofcthistory.org, and ctinworldwar1.org

** Sponsor will be acknowledged in press release from Museum of Connecticut History/Connecticut State Library.

Digging Into History: On the Road with Rochambeau Sponsorship Form

I would like to make a contribution or become a sponsor at the following level:

- ☐ \$2500 Légion de Lauzun
- ☐ \$1000 Régiment Bourbonnais
- ☐ \$500 Régiment Soissonais
- ☐ \$250 Régiment Saintonge
- ☐ \$_____ Régiment Deux-Ponts

Interested in being our premier Comte de Rochambeau level sponsor? Want to donate items for the “Welcome to Connecticut” gift bags?

Please contact: Christine Pittsley at christine.pittsley@ct.gov or 860-757-6517

Organization Name(s): _____

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Please indicate desired T-shirt size: S____ M____ L____ XL____ 2XL____ 3XL____
(*Régiment Saintonge and higher only*)

To submit payment electronically please visit: <https://bit.ly/DiHDonate> (Please use note field to indicate sponsorship level and desired t-shirt size)

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