

# Garden State Black Powder Association (GSBPA) Encampment



As visitors walk through the exhibit of various tents and tipi, you will see camps of trappers, hunters, Native Americans, and militia as they set them up in colonial days. You will see demonstrations of outdoor living including cooking over an open fire, weaving, dyeing fibers and cloth for clothes making, blacksmithing, fur trapping, woodworking and others.

The tipi in the encampment is typical of the style used by the plains Indians. Stop and see Mike. He's always anxious to discuss the Native American way of life.

Come watch the demonstration of French Militia cannon fire, where a young member of the audience is selected to fire the cannon (of course under strict supervision). The GSBPA artillery team, under the supervision of Captain Henry DiGuilio, explains the conditions and all the steps involved in safely firing the cannon. This is an exact replica of the gun and the team firing it, used in the Revolutionary and French and Indian wars. Other primitive games for the young and old alike are the tomahawk throw, primitive archery and black powder musket fire. These are hands on activities where fun is the objective!

The club requests a small donation (\$1/ticket) for these sports. Tickets and information about our entire Encampment are available at our Headquarters Tent. Just look for the GSBPA banner and remember to ask about their souvenir T-Shirts & Tomahawks! The fees collected help the club support functions like these.

The GSBPA is a not-for-profit educational 501(c)3 club dedicated to promoting education and awareness of American's colonial times. Demonstrations and re-enactments of historical times portray segments of everyday life in the early days of our country.

If you are interested in joining the GSBPA, inquire at the headquarters tent, visit: <http://gsbpa.webs.com/>, or the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GSBPApre1840> or discuss with any member.

**For safety and insurance purposes,  
please refrain from entering tents and tipi unless invited.  
Thank you.**