This summer the New-York Historical Society celebrates Revolutionary Summer. The festivities kick off on July 4, with Free Admission for kids 17 and under. A Museum-wide exploration of Revolutionary War times, Revolutionary Summer presents outdoor events every weekend featuring characters from the era; 18th-century art and artifacts; a diorama of the Continental Army; and a host of programs for all ages, including trivia nights, a DJ evening, and a Revolutionary Drag Tea Party. On select weekends, visitors can explore a replica of George Washington’s Headquarters Tent at an outdoor Continental Army encampment, meet Living Historians portraying soldiers and spies, and learn about the many facets of camp life during the War for Independence.

The centerpiece of Revolutionary Summer is a replica of George Washington’s Headquarters Tent, on display in New-York Historical’s outdoor courtyard on select weekends. Image courtesy of Museum of the American Revolution

Often called the “first Oval Office,” the Headquarters Tent was where Washington and his most trusted staff plotted the strategy that ultimately won the Revolutionary War. Image courtesy of Museum of the American Revolution
On loan from MoAR, this painstakingly detailed, hand-sewn replica—made of custom woven linen and wool fabrics—was created as part of a collaboration between MoAR and Colonial Williamsburg. Image courtesy of Museum of the American Revolution

Judith Kalaora of History At Play portrays Deborah Sampson—the woman who disguised her gender to enlist in the Continental Army. Image courtesy of History At Play

Fife musicians from the 22nd Regiment Foot parade outside New-York Historical. Image courtesy of New-York Historical Society

Various summer events explore fascinating Revolutionary topics at New-York Historical. Image courtesy of Ponvishal Chidambaranathan.

Throughout the summer, millennial-focused programs dive into the past as guests drink and mingle. Image courtesy of Ponvishal Chidambaranathan.