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ACC to Offer Archaeology Field School at Fort Edward Again This Summer

QUEENSBURY - Adirondack Community College will once again offer students the opportunity to uncover more history this summer at Fort Edward, which was used as a main base of encampment by the British throughout the French and Indian War.

ACC will host an Archaeology Field School from July 7 through August 15 at Fort Edward, NY. The dig will be supervised by Dr. David Starbuck, who has extensive experience in excavating military sites of the 18th century.

Two-week sessions of three credits each are being offered, and students may take a maximum of six credits. Classes will meet at Fort Edward from July 7 through July 18, July 21 through August 1, and August 4 through August 15.

Tuition for New York state residents is \$131 per credit hour. Tuition for out-of-state residents is \$262 per credit hour.

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Construction on Fort Edward began in 1755, at which time it was one of the first well-made British forts in North America. By the late 1750s, it was the centerpiece of a complex of huts, barracks and hospitals occupied by 16,000 British and Provincial soldiers including the famous Major Robert Rogers and his Rangers.

Adirondack Community College has conducted excavations in Fort Edward since 1991.

Excavations in 2008 will continue work in the sutlers' (merchants') area of the encampment on the east bank of the Hudson River, and students will also search for earlier British settlements that flanked the Hudson River in the 1730s.

Photographs chronicling the previous digs and artifacts recovered at that time are on display at the Rogers Island Visitors Center in Fort Edward.

For more information, please call ACC's Office of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at 743-2236.

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