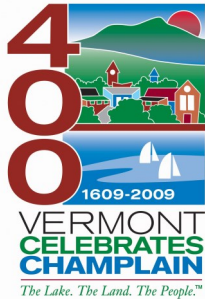


2009 Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Grants

Festival of Nations Signature Event



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Project Summary

A 2009 Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration grant from the CVNHP/LCBP grant helped fund the Vermont portion of the joint Vermont and New York Quadricentennial signature event, the Festival of Nations. Programs were held Friday September 18 through Sunday September 20, 2009 at Chimney Point, Vermont, and Crown Point, New York. It was the sole bi-state Champlain Quadricentennial event and the only one held on historic ground where world-changing history happened. Chimney Point is one of the earliest, intensely settled, and most strategic sites in the Champlain Valley with human habitation dating back as far as 7,500 years.

Through rich and diverse programming of art, athletics, song, and storytelling, the Festival of Nations made the region's cultural and natural history accessible to participants. Exhibits and special events covered the three early cultures in the Chimney Point area – Native American, French colonial and early American. Entrance fees were waived for the park and over 1,400 people joined in the activities at Chimney Point during the Festival's duration – a nearly 14-fold increase from previous years.



Part of the programming included lessons on how to throw an atlatl spear at prehistoric targets



Folk music was provided by Atlantic Crossing

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