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24th Annual Sutter's Fort Living History by Candlelight —An Evening at the Fort, 1846

Where: *Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, 2701 L Street, Sacramento*

When: Saturday Evening, November 15, 2008

Tours run every 10 minutes from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Special Events Admission: \$15.00 per person, by reservation only.

Reservations and Information: Reservations accepted beginning October 15, 2008 by calling 916-375-5966. Rain or shine.

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It's a November evening, you quietly "eavesdrop" on the conversations and tales of the pioneers occupying Capt. John Sutter's fort in New Helvetia. The hustle and bustle of midtown Sacramento melts away and in its place the soft glow of candlelight welcomes you to life in the 1840's.

This once a year theater-like program takes place, November 15, 2008, at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park in Sacramento. Tickets currently are on sale for 2008 for the *24th Annual Sutter's Fort Living History by Candlelight – An Evening at the Fort, 1846*. Reservations may be made by calling 916-375-5966.

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The adventure begins when guests enter the candlelit fort, circa 1846. (Indoor lighting won't be a reality for years!) All the contemporary electric lights have been doused to enable visitors to truly feel the atmosphere of the past. Tall tales, gossip, rumors and evening work take place as visitors follow their lantern-carrying guide through the fort's rooms and courtyards.

A continuously evolving play unfolds as visitors to the fort peer into the fort's rooms for short 5-minute "acts" that provide glimpses of life on the frontier. At the conclusion of the hour-and-a-half tour, visitors join Captain Sutter in the Distillery Building to enjoy pie and hot cocoa or coffee in a souvenir tin cup.

California State Parks, with support from the Sacramento Historic Sites Association, presents the Sutter's Fort State Historic Park Living History Program. Evening candlelight tours begin every 10 minutes from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. rain or shine. Tickets are \$15 per person, and non-refundable. Space is limited and tours sell-out early.

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About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26th and 28th Streets, the Fort offers special events and living history programs throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first non-Indian settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort.