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“Candlelight Tours: Sutter’s Fort after Dark”

Who: *Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park Living History Program*
Where: *Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park, 2701 L Street, Sacramento*
When: *Saturday November 21, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*
Admission: *\$15.00 per person, Advance reservations recommended.*

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MIDTOWN SACRAMENTO—Beneath the glow of candlelight, “eavesdrop” on the conversations and tales of the pioneers living at Captain John Sutter’s fort in New Helvetia (midtown Sacramento) in 1846. Evening visitors to the fort will be guided through the candlelit rooms and courtyards of Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park . This once annual theater-like program takes place on November 21, 2009. Evening candlelight tours depart every 10 minutes from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. rain or shine from the entrance gate.

The adventure begins as guests enter the candlelit fort, circa 1846. All the contemporary lighting has 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 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 Friends of Sutter's Fort has, present unique candlelight tours annually. The Sutter's Fort Living History volunteers create ambiance and enliven history through their first-person interpretation of California's history.

Reservations are available for tickets beginning October 15, 2009 by calling (916) 375-5966. Space is limited and tickets are non-refundable. Visit the park web page at: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort> .

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About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friends of Sutter's Fort,, 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 .