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Sutter's Fort to Present "Hands on History: Trappers, Trades & Treaties" on January 16

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) are proud to present an interactive and fun "Hands on History: *Trappers, Trades & Treaties*" event on Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fort visitors will be delighted to see the recently completed restoration of the historic walls and gates plus have the opportunity to step back in time to the 1840s to learn why trappers were considered "jacks of many trades" and experience how they lived, worked, explored new territory and traded with local Native Americans. Fort visitors will see, handle, and hear about many items that were commonplace in the middle of the 19th century but seem strange now. Guests will also learn about many fascinating aspects in the life of a trapper, see examples of game traps and how they work, plus learn about the important "barter process" Sutter used to hunt and trap on Native lands. Fort visitors will also have the opportunity to examine fur pelts, create souvenir documents with a quill pen and oak gall ink, string trade beads and watch how flint and steel can be used to start a fire. As a special treat, Fort guests will also see how the kitchen at a Trapper's Camp was set-up, how they cooked, and sample beef jerky dried over an open fire. And, of course, popular demonstrations of black powder weaponry in action will take place including the crowd-favorite firing of Sutter's cannon.

Admission costs for this special "Hands on History: *Trappers, Trades & Treaties*" event at the Fort are as follows: \$7 per adult (18 and older), \$3 per youth (ages 6 to 17) and free for children 5 and under. For more information, please call 916-445-4422 or visit www.suttersfort.org

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