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“Acorn Day” at State Indian Museum Offers Fall Family Fun

- Who/Where:** *State Indian Museum, 2618 K Street, Sacramento*
(Located next to Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park)
- When:** Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Event Admission:** Adults (Ages 18 & Older) \$4.00
(includes museum admission) Youth (Ages 6-17) \$3.00
Children (5 and under) Free
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SACRAMENTO – Fall is in the air, and a great way to celebrate this autumn season is a visit to the California State Indian Museum in midtown Sacramento. Join us for an educational and fun-filled day for the entire family for Acorn Day on Saturday, October 17th, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. featuring the acorn, a traditional dietary staple of California Indians.

Diana Almandariz, renowned Maidu interpreter and traditional skills specialist, will be on hand to demonstrate the time-honored practice of acorn mush preparation at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The acorn, a seed of the oak tree, was plentiful and nutritious food for California Indians living throughout the state of California. Acorn mush and flat breads will be available for sampling. Children can participate in Native games, traditional arts & crafts, and hands-on table activities.

Artifacts on display in the museum include basketry, beadwork, clothing, and exhibits about the ongoing traditions of various California Indian groups. The museum hosts special events throughout the year including the upcoming Arts and Crafts Market, November 27 and 28, 2009.

About the California State Indian Museum

The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-

guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State Historic Park. The museum displays exhibits and artifacts illustrating the cultures of the state's earliest inhabitants, from the traditions of the ancestors to contemporary Native artists. For more details please call (916) 324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.

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