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History Comes Alive at Sutter's Fort!

What: History Live

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

When: March 3, 2010 – May 30, 2010: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
June 1- July 31, 2010: Tuesday through Sunday

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Special Event Admission: Adults \$6.00; Youths ages 6-17 \$4.00;
Children 5 and under are FREE

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The 2010 season of "History Live," a vibrant and interactive historical experience, begins anew on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Visitors have the opportunity to meet pioneers who left their homes and braved the journey to Sutter's Fort at the dawn of the California Gold Rush. Hands-on activities led by experienced docents change daily and include blacksmiths, bakers, doctors, vaqueros and more at this midtown Sacramento historic park.

Most people think of a "fort" as a place meant to keep people out, but John Sutter's Fort was a central gathering place for a diverse group of people. Farmers, merchants, weavers, gunsmiths, candle makers, all sought their fortunes in the Sacramento Valley. During the special "History Live" program, visitors are encouraged to meet, ask questions and talk with individuals who made California what it is today.

In fact, talented craftsmen and women started their new lives with very little managed to build thriving homes and businesses from their starts at Sutter's Fort. Experienced sailors ran ships up and down the Sacramento River shipping the bounty of the inland valleys to the towns on the coast.

Special "History Live" characters include those who built California and offer an opportunity for visitors to see, hear and talk with these early pioneers of our state. In addition to the "History Live" activities, visitors are also invited to stay the day and experience all that Sutter's Fort State Historic Park has to offer.

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 Tuesday-Sunday 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, Living History and Demonstration Days 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 European settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/parks.ca.gov.

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