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Sutter's Fort Mobile Living History Unit Sets up Camp in Red Bluff & Colusa in Early October

Local Community Members are Invited to Visit the Campsites for a Hands-On Historical Interpretation Experience

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Sutter's Fort Mobile Living History unit will soon hit the road and set up camp in Red Bluff (October 1-4) and Colusa (October 8-11) as part of an annual effort to bring high quality hands-on historical interpretation of the exciting and romantic age of the fur trappers to Northern California schools and communities. The Mobile Living History program is a cooperative effort between California State Parks, the City of Colusa, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) and the U.S. Forest Service.

Staffed by a dozen volunteers of Sutter's Fort SHP dressed in period attire, local schools and community members can visit these special campsites that replicate the camps of trapping brigades that John Sutter once sent into the wilderness of the upper Sacramento Valley to make treaties with the Native Americans, and harvest the rich fur and pelt populations of the Sacramento River and its tributaries.

The popular Mobile Living History program started in 1983 when a few volunteers from Sutter's Fort SHP became enamored with the lives of the 19th century trappers and aspired to see how closely they could live like real trappers. The resulting mobile unit turned out to be a wonderful way to bring the educational programming of Sutter's Fort SHP to schools and families outside of the Sacramento region.

In addition to a large number of school groups that have already signed up to visit the camps, local individuals, families and home schooled students are invited to attend a two-hour afternoon session at 12:30 p.m. that is open to the public each day (except Fridays) for a nominal fee of \$4 per person. For more information about the Mobile Living History program, please call 916-323-8112 or visit www.suttersfort.org.

About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is 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 monthly "Hands on History" activities and special events 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.suttersfort.org

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