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Volunteer Opportunities Abound At Sutter's Fort This Spring

Applications Being Accepted Now -- Deadline to Apply is January 21

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) is now recruiting adults (18 or older) who are interested in volunteering this spring to help relate the compelling stories of California's Western heritage and demonstrate some of the hands-on activities to the delight of Fort visitors. The volunteer orientation will begin on Saturday, February 19, but interested volunteers must apply and be interviewed in advance. Volunteer applications are being accepted now through Friday, January 21, and involved community members are encouraged to get involved in this worthwhile program. Currently, Sutter's Fort SHP is looking to fill 25 volunteer positions for this year.

As part of their training, candidates are encouraged to consider participating in one or more hands-on Fort activities. For example, volunteers may choose to serve as docents while presenting the events and times of the mid-1800s, John Sutter and his New Helvetia settlement to Fort visitors or may decide on a supporting role behind-the-scenes of the historic site. Either way, becoming a volunteer at Sutter's Fort SHP is both interesting and rewarding and does not require a background in California history.

Volunteer training represents a serious commitment of 84 volunteer hours annually, but the hours are flexible and the rewards can be tremendous. Benefits for active volunteers include an invitation to an annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet, complimentary Fort membership and the chance to meet new and interesting people on a daily basis.

To download an application, interested volunteers are encouraged to visit www.parks.ca.gov/CapitalDistrict or call (916) 324-0040 for more information.

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, 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.suttersfort.org

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