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Shop Like An Early California Pioneer

17th Annual Mountain Man Traders' Faire and Historic Pioneer Demonstration Days

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

When: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 17-19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Special Events Admission: Adults \$6.00; Youths ages 6-17 \$3.00;
Children 5 and younger are free.

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Experience outdoor shopping as the early California Pioneers did at Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, April 18-20, 2008. Vendors will sell reproduction merchandise typical of the Pre-Gold Rush Days of the 1800's. Their wares will be displayed in tents inside the Fort's walls.

Shoppers will find quality crafted clothing, house wares, toys, beads, knives and more for sale during this three-day event. As visitors peruse the Traders' Faire they can observe demonstrations of crafts and skills of the era, presented by costumed Sutter's Fort State Historic Park docents and event volunteers. Children will enjoy the festive environment including live traditional music of the pioneers performed throughout the day.

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Mountain Man Traders' Faire is sponsored by the non-profit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, a cooperative association providing financial support for activities and programs at Sutter's Fort SHP. Funds from the event support youth programming such as the Sutter's Fort State Historic Park Mobile Living History Program and the Environmental Living History Program which serves over 10,000 school children each year. Children join their parents, teachers and Sutter's Fort staff to learn what life was like in Pioneer California

Captain Sutter along with those immigrant families, carpenters, bakers, spinners, trappers, Mexican soldiers, and others housed in the protective walls of the fort, will bring early California's rich history alive. All characters and historical figures are portrayed by the Sutter's Fort State Historic Park Docents. Re-live the sights, smells and sounds of the past! Contact Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, one of 278 California State Parks, at 916-445-4422 for further event information or for information on volunteer and education programs.

***Note to editors:** digital photos are available. Costumed docents are available for pre-event on-air appearances.*

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About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Sacramento Historic Sites Association, 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 and living history 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 non-Indian settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/suttersfort .