

**SUTTER'S FORT STATE HISTORIC PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL LIVING PROGRAM APPLICATION**

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

Please designate if your school is PUBLIC _____ or PRIVATE _____
Grade Level(s): _____ Number of Students: _____

APPLICATION FORM (Only one application per teacher will be accepted.)

Teacher's Home Address:

Street: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Home Phone #: _____
Teacher's e-mail address: _____

School District: _____

School Address:
Street: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
School Phone #: _____

Name of Teaching Partner (if applicable): _____

Teaching Partner's Contact Information:

Send completed application to:

**Sutter's Fort SHP
Environmental Living Program
2701 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95816**

or Fax: (916) 442-8613

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY
AND MARCH ONLY!!!**

Questions? Call (916) 323-8112 or e-mail at elp@parks.ca.gov

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**Sutter's Fort State Historic Park
Environmental Living Program (ELP)**

**Steve Beck and Tracy Carter-Lynch
ELP Coordinators**

Thank you for your interest in the Environmental Living Program at Sutter's Fort State Historic park. This is a special program that allows California school children to "live" history. The participants, along with parent helpers and their teacher, spend 24 hours portraying characters of the 1840's and partake in various trade activities and entertainment of the era. Due to our limited overnight facilities, a maximum of 40 students may stay overnight. However, arrangements can be made to allow more students for the daytime portion of the program.

Participation in the program requires that each teacher submit a separate application. Only one application per class will be accepted, and **applications are not transferable – every teacher must send a separate application!** Applications are accepted during the months of February and March only. In May we hold a random drawing to choose participants. If your application is chosen but you are unable to participate, then a teacher from the waiting list will be chosen instead. Your school may not send another teacher in your place.

Sutter's Fort ELP is a self-supporting program. Staff wages are paid by the program participants, ensuring that the program will continue regardless of state funding levels. The fee charged to each class is \$400. There are other costs (eg., food, program supplies, etc.) that you will incur, but the exact amount will depend upon what YOU want to do during your program. Some classes choose to pay musicians to entertain in the evening, while other classes are fortunate to have talented parents who can play instruments, or tell stories and sing around the campfire.

All teachers must attend a mandatory training workshop in August, designed to provide an overview of the program. ELP dates will be selected at this time. Program days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from November through May. An additional training workshop will be held at a later date for both parents and teachers. It is mandatory that **a minimum** of one parent be trained for each station you will have during your program, with **no exceptions**.

A "Pre-Visit" (not mandatory but recommended) normally occurs about three weeks before the overnight and introduces students to the Fort. The students study the Fort intensively, then return to their classroom to study those parts of the Fort's history that most interested them.

The program day starts at 8:00am on Tuesday or Thursday morning, and ends at 9:00am the following day. Students arrive dressed in costumes similar to the clothes worn by people visiting or working at the Fort in the 1839-1849 historic period, and perform many of the historic activities accomplished at the Fort. Carpentry, bread baking, butter churning, spinning and weaving, and candle making are just a few of the activities you may choose to perform. At night, groups take turns keeping night watch, while the others sleep in sleeping bags or "bed rolls".

The program offers students a better perspective of history (and historic sites) than any book or movie can portray. In this program students learn through firsthand experience.

We welcome your interest in our Environmental Living Program and invite you to call if you have further questions. Applications are available December 1st at Sutter's Fort SHP, or you may call to have an application sent to you. To receive an application or for more information, please call (916) 323-8112 or e-mail us at elp@parks.ca.gov.

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