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# Friends of Allensworth Calendar of Events 2013



## Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park



# Alpensworth 2013

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is very unique and extra special because it preserves for us now and for our future American citizen generation the historic site of the only

town in the State of California completely founded, owned and developed in 1908 by an ex-slave, Colonel Allen Allensworth, and four of his friends. This African American self governed town grew rapidly and prospered. It ultimately experienced a decline when America entered World War II but the town of Allensworth refused to die.

The story of its rich history will be provided by volunteers of the Friends of Allensworth Interpretive Association (FOA) at the following special events in cooperation with California State Department of Parks and Recreation. Come, visit the park and take your free tours; enjoy the excellent entertainment and programming. Give yourself an outstanding day with your family and friends just as Colonel Allensworth would like you to.

### ALL SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY:

The Friends of Allensworth Interpretive Association  
California State Department of Parks and Recreation



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 23, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Focusing on providing educational and fun-time experiences, visitors receive guided and/or self paced tours of the park's historic buildings. Speakers provide soul touching lectures on the history of the African American self governed town and their living environment to achieve the goal of living free from the discriminatory laws and practices of the time.

### May JUBILEE

MAY 18, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is the time of year when the carnival came to town! The FOA provides a great family festival atmosphere with entertainment featuring gospel, jazz and drama. There are even special activities for your children. In addition to the free self-paced tours of the historic buildings, you can talk to pioneers and their heirs. This is the best family bargain in the state because there is more for you to enjoy. You can shop at our open air arts and crafts market and eat some of the best varieties of ethnic food in the country.

### JUNETEENTH

JUNE 8, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. It was on June 19<sup>th</sup>, that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that all slaves were now free. This was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had become official on January 1, 1863. This day is celebrated by African Americans in honor of their ancestors who received notice of being set free from slavery on June 19, 1865. There's great entertainment, great speakers and, of course, fabulous free tours of the historic buildings, given by the Friends of Allensworth docents for your educational enrichment.

### ANNUAL REDEDICATION

OCTOBER 12, 2013 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This special Annual Rededication is presented to renew the commitment of the citizens of California to help the Department of Parks and Recreation preserve the history of the ethnically diverse contributions made in the development of the state of California and our nation. Our children get to have an enjoyable history education day with horses and wagons, square dancing, tour of the historic buildings including the two room school house and games with prizes for the winners. Adults also get free tours and great entertainment in a fabulous outdoor event. There are also arts and crafts and food vendors for your enjoyment.