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The Fourth of July Celebration at Old Fort Tejon

FORT TEJON CALIFORNIA STATE HISTORIC PARK presents a unique living history experience this Fourth of July. The *Fort Tejon 1856 Fourth of July Celebration* offers visitors a unique opportunity to take a step back in time to commemorate the birth of the United States at a western U.S. Army outpost of the 1850's. The celebration will begin at noon sharp with a 31 gun salute from the fort's cannons in honor of each state in the Union (in 1856) for the national holiday. Period games and contests such as three legged sack races, pie eating contests, tug-of-war battles, egg toss competitions, and a game of town ball will follow.

Starting at 10:00 AM living history displays such as blacksmithing, Army horsemanship, period laundry, open hearth cooking and butter churning, candle making, Army barracks life, etc. will be available to partake in and enjoy. Turn your Fourth of July into a whole day of celebration. Come join us during the day for historic and patriotic fun before you head home for the fireworks show in the evening!

The fort is located at 4201 Fort Tejon Road, in Lebec, right off of the Interstate 5 freeway at exit 210 in the Grapevine. For more information, telephone the park at (661) 248-6692 or visit our website at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=585.