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Electricity Fair Returns to the Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

The Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park will be hosting the 2nd annual Electricity Fair on Saturday, September 7, 2013, highlighting one of the world's oldest hydroelectric facilities. The Electricity Fair – an interactive family celebration will host a variety of exhibits and demonstrations intended to highlight this extraordinary historic site.

The Fair is open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature children activities, park staff and volunteers welcoming to explore the many exhibits and displays inside the visitor center, along with special, docent guided, tours of the Historic Powerhouse.

“We are very excited for the return of this event. The Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park is an incredible park that showcases one of California’s historic gems,” State Park Superintendent Richard Preston said. “The Visitor Center exhibits provide an overview of the historic site, interactive exhibits that explain the science of electricity and magnetism, California’s water use, and the state’s energy future; while the Historic Powerhouse provides visitors with a snapshot in time of what it was like in 1895 when fully operational.”

On the morning of July 13, 1895, the Folsom Powerhouse sent electricity to Sacramento and changed the history of California. This major event was celebrated on September 9, 1895, “California Admission Day” with a Grand Electric Carnival. People from all over attended the event to witness the brilliantly lighted streets, the State Capitol outlined with glowing lights and electric trolley cars pulling floats with lights displayed in various arrangements all powered by the electricity being sent from Folsom Powerhouse.

Admission to the park and the event are free. Limited parking is available on site. Additional parking is available in the City of Folsom lots on Scott Street.

The Electricity Fair is presented in partnership with California State Parks and Friends of the Folsom Powerhouse Association.

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