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Juneteenth at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park

Earlimart CA.— On Saturday June 14, 2014, [Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park](#) will host its annual Juneteenth Celebration commemorating the end of the Civil War and slavery. Visitors will include guest speakers, musical guests, and theatre entertainment, arts, crafts, and food vendors. Docents in period attire will give tours of some of the 22 historic buildings in the Park.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is the site of the only California town to be founded, financed, and governed by African Americans. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery.

On June 19, 1865, two-and-a-half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers landed in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended, and that all slaves were now free.

The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The park entrance fee is \$8.00 per passenger vehicle, \$50.00 for a bus with 24 passengers and less, and \$100.00 for a bus with 25 passengers and more. Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, located approximately 42 miles northwest of Bakersfield.

For more information and directions to the park, please call or email Jerelyn Oliveira at 661-849-3433 or Jerelyn.Oliveira@parks.ca.gov.

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