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Coloma's Gold Rush Lives

COLOMA - The California Gold Rush and the 1850's will come to life in Coloma on October 11th, 12th and 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

Take a walk into California's history at the site where gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill during Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park's premier interpretive event "Coloma Gold Rush Live!"

For two days Coloma brims with images, sounds, and hands-on experiences that bring the Gold Rush back to life. Merchants hawk their wares, the Coloma Cemetery Players bring historical figures back to life, miners tell tales from the goldfields, and all weekend visitors rub shoulders with adventurers and historic figures, such as James Marshall, who found the first nuggets that started the California Gold Rush.

A live history tent encampment recreates Gold Rush history in this authentic setting under the huge oaks and sycamore trees along the south fork of the American River. Volunteers interpreting history in period dress cook over open fires, show visitors how to pan for gold, make rope, and demonstrate trades such as historic timber frame construction, blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, basket making and more. Children's hands on activities and games from the 19th Century entertain, as musicians play period instruments and sing songs of the early California immigrants. It's a lively and colorful way to learn and enjoy the history that is unique to California – and Coloma. You can learn to pan for gold and read and write actual Gold Rush letters at the General Delivery tent.

Lastly, don't miss the opportunity to meet current-day authors who write about California's wild and fascinating history, and on Sunday at 11 a.m. "the Rev. Freedom Hawkins", accompanied by Joan Cook on the historic Emmanuel Church organ, calls all visitors to an 1850s church service.

"Coloma Gold Rush Live!" is presented by Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and the Gold Discovery Park Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the interpretation and conservation of the park. Parking is \$7 per vehicle. For more information call (530) 295.2162. Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park is located in Coloma on Highway 49 between Placerville and Auburn, only one hour from Sacramento. # # #