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Coloma's Gold Rush Lives

COLOMA – The 1850s California Gold Rush comes to life in Coloma on October 10th, 11th and 12th 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 the park's premier interpretive event "Coloma Gold Rush Live!"

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

A live history tent encampment recreates Gold Rush history in this authentic setting under the huge oak 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 early California immigrants. It's a lively and colorful way to learn and enjoy the history that is unique to California. You can read and write actual Gold Rush letters at the General Delivery tent and visit the early exhibit buildings of Coloma that were developed soon after the gold discovery.

Lastly, don't miss the opportunity to meet current-day authors who wrote about California's wild and fascinating history.

On Sunday at 11 a.m. "The Rev. Freedom Hawkins" and an organist on the historic Emmanuel Church American reed pump organ calls all visitors to an 1850s non-denominational 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 \$10 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.

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