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Electricity Fair Re-energizes Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park

The Folsom Powerhouse State Historic Park visitor center will open its doors to the public on Saturday, September 8, 2012, highlighting one of the world's oldest hydroelectric facilities. The Electricity Fair – an interactive family celebration is intended to re-energize the public about Powerhouse.

The Fair is open to all from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature children activities, docents welcoming the public to the new exhibits and displays inside the visitor center, along with special tours of the historic powerhouse.

"We are very excited to finally be welcoming the public into this incredible new visitor center, showcasing one of California's historic gems," State Park Superintendent Richard Preston said. "The new exhibits in the visitor center will 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."

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. A food vendor will be on site selling hot dogs, hamburgers, kettle corn, drinks and other snack food items. Free ice cream will be served at noon by the Friends of Lakes Folsom and Natoma. Parking is available at the City of Folsom lots on Scott Street.

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

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