

Holiday Activities in the Parks 2013

(Friday November 29 to Tuesday December 3)

- **November 29-30: Native American Craft Show: California Indian Museum:** Artisans from all over California offer unique, Native-made items - just in time for the holidays. Enjoy shopping for artwork, jewelry, soapstone, handmade ornaments & dolls, textiles, gourds, and more. Our onsite store boasts the best selection of California Indian books just about anywhere. Get here early for best selection. The event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November is Native American Month. All events are free with regular Museum admission. The museum is located at 2618 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Call (916) 324-0971 or see http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=486 for information.
- **November 29-30: Small Train Holiday: California State Railroad Museum - Old Sacramento State Historic Park:** As an alternative to the post-Thanksgiving shopping rush and to help you get into the spirit of the season, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to present a two-day "Small Train Holiday" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Visitors of all ages will be dazzled by a magical assortment of trains, hundreds of feet of track and an array of buildings and accessories. They will marvel at the variety of locomotives that pull pretend passengers and scaled-down shipments through all kinds of scenery, whether modeled on real places or created in the imaginations of devoted collectors. In addition, guests will enjoy rides aboard the Museum's iconic Interpretive Handcar, story time with Mrs. Claus, a discovery-filled scavenger hunt and more. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. For more, call 916-445-6645 or visit www.csrnf.org.
- **November 29: Candy Cane Making (By Reservation):** Participate in making traditional candy canes on the weekends during the holidays. Must send a request to the store by postcard before Labor Day to enter lottery for reservations. Hosted by Nelson's Columbia Candy Kitchen. For information, call 209-532-7886. Also Saturday, November 30, and Sunday, December 1, Saturday, December 7, Sunday, December 8, Saturday, December 14, Sunday, December 15, Saturday, December 21, and Sunday, December 22.
- **November 29-30: Holidays at the Empire Mine: Empire Mine State Historic Park:** All are invited for a special tour through the beautiful Bourn Cottage and Clubhouse from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday adornments and volunteers in period dress provide a warm glimpse of Christmas yesteryears. Visit Santa and his helpers at the Clubhouse, then call upon the Bourn's and staff at the Cottage for cookies and hot apple cider. Delight in the spectacular fall colors as you stroll on the picturesque grounds and gardens. Visit the historic mine yard as volunteers portray workers of the past and enact a working day at the mine. Tour the Machine and Wood Shop, the Blacksmith Shop, the Compressor House, the Hoist House and the mine shaft.

- November 30: Coloma's Historic Holiday Houses: Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park:** A dozen historic houses at the park will be open for a rare tour of these gold rush era buildings. Docents will be at each house to interpret the history of the dwellings. At some of the houses we will be handing out treats and hot drinks. We will also have wreath making and cookie decorating. Tickets cost \$5.00 per person, children 5 and under are free. This cost is in addition to the \$8.00 day use fee for the park. For more information please call our museum at (530) 622-3470.
- December 1: State Capitol Holiday Music Program: California State Capitol Museum:** Get ready for some holiday fun on your next visit to the California State Capitol. To set a festive stage and spread holiday cheer, beautiful vintage decorations create a lovely backdrop for a variety of diverse and amazing live holiday musical performances in the Capitol Rotunda each day. Visitors will enjoy live musical entertainment that includes a Salvation Army brass quintet, Caltrans and CalPERS choir (made up of spirited group of state workers) world and baroque music, bell-ringers, a harp circle, Broadway-style song and dance, Argentine tango, talented school choirs and many more. The performances are free and are in the first floor Capitol rotunda 10th Street between L & N Streets, Sacramento. This special holiday experience is made possible by the State Capitol Museum and California State Parks in association with the California State Legislature Joint Rules Committee, the Governor's Office and the Department of General Services who have worked collaboratively to preserve holiday traditions inside the Capitol. For more information about scheduled performances, call (916) 324-0333.

12/1 (Sunday)

1:30 Girl Scouts Sierra Creek

12/2 (Monday)

11:00 TBA

12:00 California Veteran's Home Bell Choir (Ding-A-Lings)

12/3 (Tuesday)

11:00 Ibaraki Christian High School (from Japan)

11:30 Forest lake Christian School Chamber Choir