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Coincides With 25th Anniversary

CEREMONY SET FOR WORK ON ALLENSWORTH HOMES

EARLIMART, Calif. – Work begins this weekend on the largest restoration project to date at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park in Tulare County, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the park that commemorates the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African-Americans.

Colonel Allen Allensworth founded the town in 1908 with four other black men who were dedicated to the principle of improving the economic and social status of blacks.

Ceremonies will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to both rededicate the park on its 25th anniversary and officially start restoration work at the Hackett house, Ashby house and Carter house, and their outbuildings.

The projects constitute the most ambitious reconstruction and restoration activity seen at Allensworth in its 25-year history as a state park. The work is part of a \$4 million capital outlay project for the park that is intended to restore and/or reconstruct many of the historic structures that were present when the town was thriving in the early 1900's.

The rededication event Saturday will include entertainment, speakers, tours of the park and other activities. The park charges an entry fee of \$2 per passenger vehicle and \$10 - \$20 per bus, depending on the number of passengers.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is located in Tulare County, approximately 75 miles south of Fresno and 38 miles north of Bakersfield, off Highway 99.

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