



Gold Rush Education Day

September 2, 2016
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mark your calendars for the 18th annual Gold Rush Education Day event in Old Sacramento! This year's event will feature several museums and activities and is offered at no cost to fourth grade classes that make reservations in advance.

Reservations will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis and space is limited. Reservations will only be taken for fourth grade classes. Due to high demand and limited space, please choose two activities per class. If you are bringing multiple classes, we ask that you choose different activities so that one school is not booking all available spaces at one activity. Reservations will be held on the hour, beginning at 10:00 AM and continuing until 2:00 PM.

Please remember to allow ample time for your class to get from one venue to the next and try to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your first scheduled activity to check in. Descriptions of the available museums and activities are included with this letter.

Reservations can be made beginning June 1st. Reservations will not be available after August 15th. To make a reservation, please contact Kristin Ryan at 916-808-4980 or kryan@cityofsacramento.org.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Gold Rush Education Day Activities

California State Railroad Museum Tour

111 I Street, Old Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 50 people maximum; 1 adult for every 8 students is required

Throughout the main Railroad History Museum building, 21 meticulously restored locomotives and cars and numerous exhibits illustrate how railroads have shaped people's lives, the economy, and the unique culture of California and the West.

Crocker Art Museum Tour

216 O St, Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 70 people maximum; 1 adult for every 8 students is required

At the Crocker Art Museum, the first public museum west of the Mississippi, students get a broader view of California history, natural beauty and art. It is the ideal location to explore the emergence of California as a diverse and innovative state.

Gold Panning

101 I Street, Old Sacramento

Length: 30 Minutes

Capacity: 50 people maximum; 1 adult per 8 students is required

Try out the life of a miner and search for the elusive gold in our gold troughs under the trees in Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

Gold Rush Experience Tour of Old Sacramento

Visitor Center, 1002 2nd Street, Old Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 25 people maximum; minimum 1 teacher required

Gold Rush era buildings serve as the backdrop as costumed tour guides lead students throughout the historic district of Old Sacramento. Learn about the Gold Rush, Pony Express, miners and merchants as well as the challenges that our city faced in its early years.

Old Sacramento Scavenger Hunt

101 I Street, Old Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 50 people maximum; 1 adult per 8 students is required

Students will explore Old Sacramento as they look for historic markers, statues and monuments, all while learning about our city's past. All materials are included.

Old Sacramento Schoolhouse Lesson

1200 Front St, (916) 939-7206

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 35 people maximum; minimum 1 teacher required

Boys and girls pretend they are students in the 1850s. Students are divided between boys and girls and stand up and "make their manners" before they speak, "toe the line" to read and recite and do a little ciphering (math) or a spelling bee.

Pony Express Association

Pony Express Statue, Second and J Streets, Old Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 35 people maximum; 1 adult for every 8 students is required

Bring in the mail with the legendary Pony Express riders! Take part in a history mystery and become an honorary youth member of the Pony Express Association.

Sacramento History Museum Scavenger Hunt

101 I Street, Old Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 35 people maximum; 1 adult per 8 students is required

Students will explore the exhibits and galleries looking for clues as they learn about the Gold Rush, visit the historic print shop and glimpse into Sacramento's past. All materials are provided.

Wells Fargo History Museum

1000 Second Street, Old Sacramento

Length: 1 Hour

Capacity: 40 people maximum; minimum 1 teacher required

Interact with a docent in period attire; see a telegraph and a scale model of a Wells Fargo stagecoach complete with gold nuggets and coins! Learn about the Gold Rush and its effects on westward migration and discuss the travel conditions aboard the stagecoach.

Newly remodeled and now even more interactive for students!