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Old Sacramento is Where it's At over Easter Weekend!

SACRAMENTO – Searching for something fun and unique to do over Easter weekend? Look no further than Old Sacramento State Historic Park, which will be offering a number of family-friendly events and activities such as weekend excursion train rides, underground tours and even a Spring Ball & Promenade, just to name a few.

California State Railroad Museum & Weekend Excursion Train Rides

The California State Railroad Museum – North America's most popular rail museum -- is open as usual from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday over Easter weekend, April 19 & 20, 2014. In addition, the Museum is offering a full schedule of excursion train rides over the holiday weekend, departing hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Excursion train ride guests delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, working locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 45-minute roundtrip excursion.

Railroad Museum admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. Regular excursion train tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages five and under ride free. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car *El Dorado*, tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youths and are free for children five and under. Excursion train ride tickets are available to book online in advance at www.csrnf.org or can be purchased in-person starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride (based on availability) at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office located on Front Street between J and K Streets. Note: there is a per-ticket service fee when booking online. All excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets).

More information about the weekend excursion train rides or the California State Railroad Museum is available at 916-323-9280 or www.csrnf.org

Sacramento History Museum & Old Sacramento Underground Tours

Offering insight and interpretation into the city's fascinating past, the Sacramento History Museum is open as usual from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. over Easter weekend, April 19 & 20, 2014. Plus, the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation invites the community to dress up in their favorite Easter finery -- or other

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historic apparel -- to celebrate in high style during the 19th Annual "Living History" Easter Bonnet Promenade on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 11 a.m. Visitors of all ages will take a leisurely one-hour stroll through the historic boardwalks and cobblestone streets of Old Sacramento. Then at 2 p.m., "promenading" guests are invited to enjoy a special – and free -- Spring Ball featuring 19th century ballroom and period music.

Also, popular Old Sacramento Underground tours are available on Saturday, April 19, at 11 a.m., noon, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 20, three tours are offered at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. New this year, Old Sacramento Underground Tour guests have a special, hands-on opportunity to learn what it was like to raise and level a building by operating "mini-jacks" during the tours. The hands-on experience allows guests to gain an understanding of and appreciation for the ambitious yet painstaking process successfully completed by Sacramento property and business owners in the 1860s and 1870s.

Sacramento History Museum admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for youth (ages 6-17), and children ages five and under are free. Underground tours cost \$15 for adults, \$10 for youths (ages 6-17), and children five and under are free. All underground tours check-in at the Sacramento History Museum located at 101 I Street in Old Sacramento.

More information about the Sacramento History Museum, the Spring Ball & Promenade or the Old Sacramento Underground tour program is available at 916-808-7059 or www.historicoldsac.org

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, please visit www.csrnf.org or call (916) 323-9280.

About the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation

The Historic Old Sacramento Foundation (HOSF) is a 501(c)3 public benefit corporation. Old Sacramento is a living historic district. The mission of HOSF is to convey the importance of historic Sacramento as a place that connects our past to our present and future through engaging and entertaining events, activities and programs. More information is available at www.historicoldsac.org or by calling 916-808-7059.