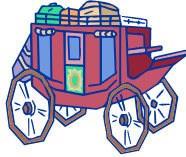


Educational Tour



Sacramento

Dingeman Elementary School Friday, May 28, 2010

Today you will embark on a full day of discovery of Sacramento. We will explore the history of Sacramento from the first settlement by John Sutter through its period as a transportation and information center and finally to its modern day role as our state capital.

AM: We will be meeting at the **San Diego Airport**. A scheduled **Southwest** flight will take us on a non-stop flight to **Sacramento**. A member of the *Discovery Team* will be with you to assist on your tour for the entire day. Including on the flight.

When we arrive our **Luxury Motor Coach** will pick us up from the Sacramento airport and we will be heading straight for the **Gold Country**.

Coloma, California will be our first stop. In Coloma we will have a chance to visit the **James Marshall State Park** and visit the fabulous museum both the inside museum and the outside portion showing some of the equipment that was used to mine the gold. The student will also see how the miners worked and lived during that exciting development of California's great history. We will be walking the Trail down to the **American River** and visit the actual site that **Gold** was first discovered by **John Marshall**. Another important stop will be at the site of **Sutter's Mill** and learn how and what the mill was used for.

Panning for Gold will be the next stop where the students will have time to learn the basics of panning for real gold. We will also learn how to make a pouch to keep our valuables in. After our catered **lunch** we will head back into the **City of Sacramento** where we will be taking a **self guided audio tour** through the restored **Sutter's Fort**. John Sutter, a Swiss immigrant, established a fort on a 76 square mile land grant in which he received from the Mexican Government. Sutter's Fort soon became a vital outpost for trappers and settlers coming west. Inside the thick walls, we will be able to see Sutter's original three-story central headquarters, stables, kitchen, residences and various shops needed to supply visitors and to maintain everyday life. The famous **Donner Party** also visited the fort. Learn what happened at the fort and what is still housed from this historic piece of our history.

Our next stop will be to the **Capitol Building** that began construction in 1869. It would provide a permanent home for the **California State Legislature**. This beautiful gold-dome building took nine years to complete. We will **Tour the Capitol**, which was restored in 1976 to meet the new earthquake safety regulations and to match its original appearance. After leaving the inside of the capitol building our journey will take us through the beautiful gardens surrounding the capitol where we will be stopping to visit the **Firefighters**

Memorial and the **California Vietnam Memorial**. If time allows we will make a stop at the Railroad museum and head back to the airport. Depart for our scheduled **Southwest** non-stop flight to **San Diego** from our "Once in a Life Time Experience" to Sacramento, California.

Itinerary subject to change due to availability, weather conditions, equipment failure etc. 09/09