

**WHAT: MINERS' PICNIC**

**WHERE: Empire Mine State Historic Park  
10791 East Empire Street  
Grass Valley, CA 95949**

**WHEN: Saturday August 29, 2009  
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**ADMISSION: \$3.00 for adults 17 and over  
\$1.00 for children 6 – 16  
Free for children under 6**

**INFORMATION: 530-273-8522  
HYPERLINK "<http://www.empiremine.org>"  
[www.empiremine.org](http://www.empiremine.org).**

The Empire Mine Park association invites you to attend the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Miners' Picnic on Saturday, August 29<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Empire Mine State Historic Park. The Miners' Picnic was once a fund-raiser for miners injured or killed in the gold mines. Now it is a community-wide event and is enjoyed by all ages.

This is a family-oriented day with frequent activities such as cake walks and ladies slipper kicking contests. For a small fee guests can pan for gold. There are also free old-fashioned children's games, with prizes, such as three-legged races, gunny sack races, and egg on spoon races, beanbag toss, and a clown with lots of balloons for the children.

A Silent Auction will be held in the Clubhouse starting at 10:30 am with all bidding stopped at 2:00 pm. A variety of special items are available to bid on. All proceeds remain at the Park and are used to restore the historic buildings and grounds, or to enhance educational opportunities for the public. This year we are also going to have 50/50 raffles that will also benefit the Park.

There will be live entertainment in the afternoon with various groups and lots of old time music. Our schedule is.. Noon: Begin Family

with fiddles, mandolin, guitar, bass & vocals; 1 PM Goodtime Jazz Band consisting of piano, trombone, bass, banjo & vocals; 2 PM Dan Wiles a magician, juggler, unicyclist & balloon artist plus at 3 PM Heather & Rose playing scotch fiddle & guitar. These are all local residents willing to share their talents on a volunteer basis to help The Park.

Living history presentations in the Bourn Cottage and the Clubhouse will be ongoing. Volunteers portray members of the Bourn family and their friends as they take you back to the year 1905. Mine yard living history volunteers portray workers in the shaft, blacksmith shop, and office will also re-enact a mine disaster with the rescue afterwards. Guests are encouraged to gather in the mineyard at 10:45 am for this enactment since it is a very popular event at the Miners' Picnic.

Food including Cornish pasties, hotdogs, and ice cream will be available for purchase, or you may bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy on the lawn. Beverages will also be on sale.

Empire Mine State Historic Park is open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information call (530) 273-8522 or log on to [www.empiremine.org](http://www.empiremine.org).

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