

# The Greenhorn

*Rock-N-Water's one day 49er Fun gold rush adventure for first time schools.*

Teachers: Understandably you tend to like to have an idea of what is happening, and so we give you this rough outline of what *normally* happens. Please keep two thoughts in mind as you read this. One, we strive to customize each trip (based on schools, kids, parents, staff, weather...), so view this as a flexible outline. Two, we feel that there is a certain level of excitement that is lost once kids or parents know what to expect, so please take care to share only what is necessary.

We meet each other at our claim in Coloma California as soon after 9:31 AM as possible, and jump right into the fun we've got planned for the day. We split up into smaller groups (typically 16-20 people per group) and our living history guides begin to help you and your students to learn what life was like in 1854, just after the height of the gold rush. Some things you may get to experience include: gold panning, making rope, making bead necklaces, playing games, learning about Indians and what they ate, and taking a short hike and quiet time devotional. We'll pause mid-day for a fine lunch prepared by our wonderful cook, and after a few more adventures, we gather together for a caravan to Gold Bug Park in Placerville.

At Gold Bug Park we'll split up again into our smaller groups as we explore some restored gold mines, learning about mining, play games, hike, and have an all around amazingly fun time. After we are fully exhausted from a full day of fun and adventure in history and God's creation, we'll gather together for some last thoughts before waving goodbye by 4:00 PM.

THREE important reminders: 1) Arrive as soon after 9:30 AM as possible. 2) The best trips are the trips where parents get involved and seek to have a good time, so please help parents prepare by asking them to be an active part of the adventure. 3) This shortened trip is a great one day adventure, but hardly compares to "The Mother Lode" (our standard one night trip) and is therefore only offered to first time schools that have never done a trip with us, and want to ease themselves and their parents into our living history adventures.

You never know who you might meet in 1854 so come prepared for a journey through history, and along the way to gain a better understanding of the fact that:  
God is more valuable than gold!

More resources online at: <http://www.rocknwater.com/resources/49erfun.htm>

