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PLP exists to "Represent and assist outdoor user groups and individuals interested in keeping public and private lands open to prospecting, mining and outdoor recreation through education, scientific data and legal means."

August 2022

FallFest Mining & BBQ is Back!
TWICE as long and TWICE the fun!
September 27 - October 2, 2022
This Year's Theme: Hard Rock Mining

Due to popular demand, we have extended FALLFEST from three to SIX DAYS! We understand fuel has gotten expensive so this way you can stay longer and have twice the fun for the same cost! We are holding the admission price down to the same as last year too.

We will again have the big BBQ Potluck and Raffle Saturday evening. We've got some big prizes in the raffle including a Mad Mining Drywasher, and of course, or should we say COARSE gold Nuggets, gold bags and more!

Come share in the fun, fellowship and mining knowledge! Sign up soon as registration closes several days before the event. We close registration early to purchase and cook the right amount of BBQ.

New this year!

Hard rock crushing demonstrations and How-To talk given by a hard rock miner with over 30 years' experience. Come and learn how to get started hard rock mining! We will also have a drilling/blasting class by licensed blaster John Norman! Come and learn how to get started in hard rock mining!

On Thursday we will be hosting an Historical Rand Mining District and Owl Museum tour by Dan Stanton!

All attendees will get a new PLP membership or, for existing members, we'll extend your membership another

year. Each paid attendee receives a dozen 2023 GRAND RAFFLE tickets and free access to the kids metal detector hunt, common dig and Saturday night BBQ/ potluck!

We are gathering at a great mining claim and sharing the gold (keep all you find!), food, fellowship, drywasher common dig, detector hunts, huge raffle (including gold nuggets, mining equipment and more!), plus we will be sharing more updates about the success PLP members have had with suction dredge reclamation.

Cost is still only \$60 per person, or \$60 plus \$15 per person for families, kids under 12 are FREE! Bring your kids and their friends, they can learn to pan, drywash and they even have their own detecting area!

SIGN UP here: <https://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/fallfest-2022/>

We will be gathering on a very large private mining claim in the historic Stringer Mining District just south of Randsburg, CA. The claim is a short distance from Highway 395, south of Red Mountain. The claim is RV accessible with an area for RVs to park, and tent camping is allowed most anywhere except the main area where we will be hosting the potluck dinner, panning area and group campfire. We will have PLP logo signs on wooden stakes to help guide you to the claim from Highway 395. The PLP registration table will be near the entrance to the claim which is less than a mile and a half from the highway on paved and good unpaved road. Our volunteers will be wearing bright yellow PLP Volunteer shirts and vests. Flag one of us down if you have any questions.

This historic gold and tungsten mining claim is still yielding gold in the washes, on the flat ground and even in the huge dirt piles. Rumor has it the piles were never processed, just sampled by the government contractor looking for tungsten during World War II. There have been nuggets found by attendees...they never get them all! Bring your metal detector and drywasher and keep all the GOLD you find!

It is a dry, high desert claim with ample area for dry camping. Be aware there is wildlife living on the claim, we are visiting their home (in the part of the desert that the claim is in, we've seen foxes, coyotes, snakes, lizards, jack rabbits, etc.). Do not dig near their homes. We have clean porta-potties on site, extra drinking water. There will be a group campfire with famous Brad the Juggler! (conditions permitting), Friday night and Saturday evening after the potluck dinner, and Miner's Church and Fellowship on Sunday morning at 8:30am. Please bring your own camp chairs and a folding table if you want to eat on a table, we are short on tables and will be using ours for serving the Saturday potluck/ BBQ dinner and for hosting the raffle. Please bring your favorite side dish and or dessert to share! After dinner we'll once again update you on what PLP has been working on regarding the PROVEN ways you can now exercise your legal right to mine and perform dredge reclamation. We will have the new PLP DREDGE Cards on hand that spell out exactly what to do to legally participate in suction dredge reclamation in CA. We will also be handing out our new and very useful PLP Forest Service green cards specifically designed to keep the Forest Service working within their actual jurisdiction and not overstepping onto your legal mining rights.

It can be hot and cold, but usually not too windy this time of year, so be prepared for any weather. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with the group! PLP will be providing the main course of yummy BBQ. Home-made sourdough bread made by one of our volunteers was so awesome we are providing it once again.

You can check in beginning NOON on Tuesday, September 27th, and stay until Sunday afternoon, October 2nd. Be sure and show off the gold you find; we all enjoy seeing that freshly dug up gold!

We want this to be fun and educational for experienced prospectors and newbies too. Once again, experts will be on hand to share tips and tricks to improve your gold recovery skills.

- Adult detector hunt only \$20! Details at check-in along with published schedule of events.
- FREE Kids hunt is back! The kids really enjoy the honing their metal detecting skills in the area prepared just for them. The smiles on their faces showed that they sure liked what they found!
- If you are new and need help learning how to set up and run your equipment; we've got you covered. Need gear? The mining community is always willing to share. We will have some loaner equipment available, and there will be experienced folks willing to help you.
- The best option is to join the common dig (learn how a drywasher works and pan the concentrates). Reach out to one of our volunteers on site.
- There will also be a panning station set up to use anytime.

It's here! As seen in the May 2021 Mining Journal: Professional XRF analyzer which can provide instant assay results for your mineral specimens and gold nuggets. Find out the purity of your placer gold on the spot! What minerals are in that piece of hard rock ore you found? Bring it and find out!

Another HUGE shout out and thank you to all those who volunteered last year! You guys made it a successful outing! We are ever grateful! If you would like to volunteer to help us with chores, please email or call us, we could use your help - we appreciate you! Many hands make for a fun outing for everyone.

A big THANK YOU to the Mining Journal for publishing the 'PLP UPDATE' article every month. They are planning to be at FallFest again and will have complimentary magazines available. A huge thank you to the Mining Journal! www.icmj.com

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends at our big gathering. Remember, we are still committed to "Exercising our granted Rights while we Make Mining, Reclamation and Multiple Use on Public Land Great Again!"

Your PLP Board of Directors look forward to meeting you all out there!

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