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FOR 33 YEARS: *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."*

Still some time to register! – NEW EXCITING LOCATION!!

Registration closes as soon as it fills up, no later than Oct. 2nd.

A good friend of PLP has offered to let us use his FIVE contiguous Patented mining claims for FallFest! They are very close to our original location and it has been private property for over a hundred years! These claims need YOU to come find the placer gold deposits! They are hard rock mines, but placer gold has been found in the area very close to them, so some undiscovered deposits may exist. Some nice chunky quartz/gold nuggets might be found close to the sources!

Those lucky folks that sign up will be emailed directions to the new location by Oct. 3rd.

FALLFEST Mining education and BBQ time is here! More educational than ever! Did we mention fun? Thursday Oct. 5th

through Sunday Oct. 8th, 2023

Four jam-packed days of Fall Mining and Learning how to do it responsibly and environmentally friendly. There will be a variety of prospecting and mining classes, including a drilling & blasting class!

*We will have the delicious BBQ Potluck and Raffle Saturday evening along with fiddle music by world famous Fiddlin' Farley. We've got some big prizes in the raffle including Spin-It-Off Tool, GEO Sluice, ROYAL Manufacturing Sluice, a Mad Mining Drywasher, a classic Whites GM3 Metal Detector and of course, or should we say **COARSE** gold Nuggets, high dollar AKAU Gold Bag, silver bullion and more!*

Come share in the fun, fellowship, and mining knowledge! Sign up soon before registration fills up. We close registration early to purchase and cook the right amount of sourdough and BBQ.

Once again, we have hard rock teaching/demonstration presented by a hard rock miner with decades of experience. We will have a licensed blaster sharing his knowledge with you, including dummy samples and a LIVE DEMONSTRATION of how the samples work. Come and learn how to get started hard rock mining or take your hard rock game to the next level! We will be hosting a Historical Rand Mining District and Owl Museum tour by Historian Dan Stanton - No fee to participate, but you are encouraged to donate to the Owl Museum in Red Mountain when the tour stops there.

The Panning Contest was so much fun we are organizing another one. Will last year's champion retain the title of "Fastest Panner in the West"? You know who you are... 😊

Also back is Marcia Betz with at least one special ladies craft event, maybe more! It was super popular last year! The ladies made some cool items, several of which they donated to the raffle!

Saturday Adult detector hunt still only \$20 Details at check-in along with published schedule of events. Lots of 100+ year old coins will be in this hunt along with real gold

nuggets!

FREE Kids hunt is back! The kids really enjoy 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!

We plan to have a group campfire every night. We'll have miner's traditional musical entertainment Thursday, Friday and Saturday night like they had during the gold rush. PLP will be updating you on our activities fighting for your rights at the campfire gatherings. Please bring firewood to donate if you are able. Campfire mining talk with fiddle music, juggling and maybe a tall tale or two is always a good time!

Back again is retired-from-Disney's Frontier Town, famous Fiddlin' Farley and Brad Allen the World Class Juggler performing at the campfire in the evenings. Remember the knives and fire juggling? The bowling pins that light up in wild patterns and colors? Well come back and see the latest and coolest! Ok these aren't historical, but we're starting new traditions!

Thanks again to the Lepper's, the Betz', Susie, Roger Sims, Kim Holmes and many, many others who have volunteered to help make this a successful event. We couldn't do it without you! We really appreciate you!

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 2024 GRAND RAFFLE tickets; tickets to the Saturday night raffle; can partake of the common dig; all the classes and Saturday night BBQ/potluck! We are gathering at FIVE PATENTED mining claims and sharing the gold (keep all you find up to one ounce, but all artifacts belong to the owner and stay on the claims), food, fellowship, drywasher common dig, detector hunts, huge raffle (gold nuggets, mining equipment, silver and more!), plus we will be sharing more updates about the success PLP members have had with suction dredge reclamation.

Cost is only \$70 per person, Families \$70 plus \$20 per person after the first one, kids under 12 are always FREE! Bring your kids and your kid's friends, so they can learn to pan, drywash, PLUS the kids even have their own free metal detecting area!

SIGN UP here: <https://www.publiclandsforthepeople.org/fallfest-2023/>

We will be gathering on five patented private mining claims in the historic Stringer Mining District near Red Mountain, CA. The claims are a short distance from Highway 395, just south of Red Mountain. Follow the 8.5"x 11" PLP logo signs on wood stakes (you will be emailed specific directions). The claims are RV accessible with an area for RVs to park, and tent camping is allowed almost anywhere except the main area where we will be hosting the potluck dinner, panning area, and group campfire. The blasting demo area will be far away from camp areas and marked off limits.

The PLP registration table will be near the entrance to the claims which is less than a mile 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.

Bring your metal detector and drywasher and keep all the GOLD you find, up to an ounce per participant! Nuggets over an ounce will be bought by the owner. 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 and a group campfire every evening, plus Saturday is the potluck dinner and raffle. Our Miner's Church and Fellowship is on Sunday morning at 8:30 am.

For Potluck, please bring your own camp chairs and a folding table if you want to eat on a table. We have a limited number of tables that we will be using for serving the Saturday potluck/BBQ dinner and for hosting the big 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, not just CA but Oregon too. 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 main course or side dish and dessert to share with the group! PLP will be providing the main course of smoked BBQ and sourdough bread/butter/jam.

You can check in beginning at 9 am Thursday and stay until Sunday afternoon. Be sure and show off the gold you find, we all enjoy seeing that freshly dug up gold! Volunteers get to come in a day early and stay a day after FallFest ends.

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 prospecting and mining skills.

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, but the best option is to join the common dig (learn how a drywasher works and pan concentrates). Reach out to one of our volunteers on site. There will also be a panning station set up to use anytime and the classes will be there.

Another HUGE shout out and thank you to all those who volunteered last year! You all made it a successful outing! We are ever grateful! If you would like to volunteer to help us, 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 and our Grand Raffle ads. They will be here with complimentary magazines for you. 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 seeing you all out there!

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Public Lands for the People FALLFEST 2023 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

Sign up at Registration Table for Common Digs. Times/ Days of classes and digs subject to change as conditions change/please be patient we're all volunteers!

FALLFEST RAFFLE TICKETS, PLP Shirts, PLP gold bags, 2024 Grand Raffle tickets, etc. for sale at Registration Table every day.

Happening Every Day:

- **Kids metal detecting & Scavenger Hunts**
- "On your Own" Drywashing/ Metal Detecting most places on the claim
- Panning Booth in the lower meeting area south of the campfire
- Free **Miner's Swap Meet** near registration area
- **Common Digs organize at 8 am Fri. and Sat.** (sign up and meet at Registration Table).
Thursday Common Dig meet up at 2 pm
Sunday Common Dig meet up at 10 am

10/5 Thursday: Check-in starts at 9am!

- **1 pm Ladies Craft Event** at Marcia's trailer (Meet at Registration table)
- **2 pm Thursday Common Dig** meet at the Registration Table
- **3 pm Panning Contest** at the panning station in the lower area
- **Campfire at dusk: PLP Introductions/ Mining Q&A/ Live Entertainment**

10/6 Friday:

- **8 am Friday Common Dig** Meet at Registration Table
- **9 am Randsburg Mining District and Owl Museum Tour** with Dan and Arlene Stanton, meet at Registration booth and carpool. Donations appreciated for Owl museum.
- **1 pm Fine Gold Recovery Class** at Panning Station
- **3 pm Ladies Crafts** at Marcia's Trailer (Meet at Registration table)
- **4 pm Metal Detecting Class** at Panning Station

- **Campfire at dusk: PLP Updates/ Mining Q&A / Live Entertainment**

10/7 Saturday:

- **8 am Saturday Common Dig** Meet at Registration Table
- **10 am Placer Mining/ Drywashing Class** start at Panning Station
- **NOON** Introduction to **HARDROCK Mining Class**: Drilling and Blasting How-To and Demo with John Norman, meet at Panning Station
- **2 pm Adult Metal Detecting Hunt** meet at Registration booth, **\$20 to participate**
- **4:30 BBQ/ Potluck! Dinner starts at 5pm** at the Campfire Area. Bring your chairs and a salad, side or dessert. **Entertainment/PLP Legal Updates/RAFFLE DRAWING, more entertainment after the raffle!**

10/8 Sunday:

- **8:30 am - 9:45 am** informal **Miner's Church** at the firepit, bring a chair, a prayer and a prayer request - *EVERYONE WELCOME*
- **10 am Sunday Common Dig** - Meet at Registration Table