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Gold Rush Days Celebration in Julian

The Julian Merchants Association (JMA) is organizing a town-wide celebration of Julian's historic past with Gold Rush Days on June 14 and 15, 2008. A rare and very fine grade of gold was discovered in nearby hills in 1869 which caused a quick population of the back country and creation of the picturesque town of Julian.

The gold mining boom in Julian ran from 1870 to 1900. The most prolific years were in the early 1870s when more than \$500,000 in gold was mined each year and Julian rivaled the Yukon as one of the most boisterous gold mining towns of the late 19th century. At that time, Julian was bigger than San Diego and almost became the seat of the County.

To experience a bit of those historic days on June 14th and 15th, The Julian Merchants Association is encouraging shopkeepers and restaurateurs to dress in period clothing. Old-fashioned games with prizes will be hosted by Mountain Top Antiques and In the Pines country décor store at the Julian Trading Post, one mile south of Julian on Hwy. 79.

In addition to self-guided and guided History Walks in town past dozens of turn-of-the-century buildings, the Eagle Peak Gold Mine and Pioneer Museum will be open for tours. Other activities include Gold Panning at the Julian Bookhouse, Hunt for a Nickel in a Haystack at Cabbages & Kings, face painting at the Julian Pie Company and Burro Races at Wynola Junction. The Doves and Desperados reenactment group will perform historic skits on Sunday at 1, 2 and 3 p.m.

More information and schedules will be posted at www.juliangoldrushdays.com.

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