



Kit Carson Mountain Men Wagon Train

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To All Wagon Train Enthusiasts

Spring is just around the corner (we're all hoping!) and it's time to start thinking about the **9th Annual Kit Carson Mountain Men Wagon Train and Days of 49 Celebration**. Mark your calendars as you will not want to miss all the fun..... **April 26 – 30, 2023**.

KIT CARSON MOUNTAIN MEN

The Kit Carson Mountain Men have re-elected their president, James Philips (aka Kit Carson) for 2023. Under his leadership, he and the Mountain Men have established a site in Jackson for club campouts and maybe hosting a future rendezvous with other clubs. The KCMM are now in their 67th year and going stronger than ever!



NEW THIS YEAR →→ REVIVAL OF THE "KIDDIES' PARADE" ←←

With the generous sponsorship by the **Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians** and the **City of Jackson** we will be reviving the popular Kiddies' Parade. Only we "oldsters" will remember this parade as it was a big part of the former Kit Carson Days event held from the late 1930's until 1971.

REMEMBER WHEN, 1948...



THE 2023 WAGON TRAIN ROUTE

The train will run for 5 days providing the public plenty of opportunity to view the wagons rolling. Below is a brief look at the daily route and activities planned:

***** **Wednesday, April 26** *****

The Wagon Train departs from the **Amador County Fairgrounds in Plymouth** and will start with a pass and a wave to the children at the Plymouth Elementary School. We make a short stop on Main Street, Plymouth, and then loop through vineyards of the Shenandoah Valley. On our return to the fairgrounds the public is invited to visit the Wagon Train. BBQ is available from 5-7 pm.

***** **Thursday, April 27** *****

This morning the Wagon Train journey will loop through the 49er Village RV Resort before heading off to **Drytown** via private ranchland. The Wagon Train makes a stop on Spanish Street in Drytown for a visit with neighbors and then heads to a nearby ranch for a private encampment.

***** **Friday, April 28** *****

Old Highway 49 will become the Wagon Train route. Amador City is the first stop for a visit with the Wagon Train. Continuing our drive on back roads, the Wagon Train makes a stop for a late lunch in Sutter Creek before a final hill climb to their encampment site at the **Italian Picnic Grounds**, 581 Hwy 49, Sutter Creek. The public is invited to see the wagons, watch a square dancing demonstration and dance to live music. BBQ is available from 5 – 7 pm.



***** **Saturday, April 29** *****

Today the Wagon Train journey takes us through historic ranchlands off Ridge Road. The trip continues through Jackson and then stops for a visit with residents at Oak Manor Retirement Complex, next to the Amador Senior Center. Tonight’s encampment is at **Laughton Ranch**, (90 Clinton Road, Jackson, across from Raley’s). The public is invited to visit this delightful working ranch, see the wagon train and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, living history, vendors and music. BBQ is available throughout the day, from 1 – 7 pm.

***** **Sunday, April 30** *****

Parade Day! Head to **Main Street, Jackson**, early this morning for a 9 am pancake breakfast and some pre-parade entertainment spotlighting campfire music and a crafty magician. The **Kiddies' Parade** begins at 11:00 am. The parade finale is the **Kit Carson Mountain Men Wagon Train**. The train will stop for about 30 minutes on Main Street to provide parade goers the opportunity to check out the wagons, horses & mules and take photos with the Kit Carson Mountain Men. Pioneer fun will continue on Main Street with activities for kids of all ages... historical interpretive exhibits, vendors, music, face painting, pony rides and kid-friendly activities – from 9 am – 4pm.

PROMOTIONAL POSTER

Ron Scofield has completed another fabulous poster. The posters have become quite collectible and iconic to our event. Poster sales help raise funds to support all the administrative costs to keep us rolling. At \$10 each they are quite a bargain. Ron is more than happy to personalize your poster if you catch him on the train.



SPONSORS

Sponsors are a big part of the Wagon Train backbone. We continue to receive commitments from our past sponsors along with expressed interest from many new sponsors. For as little as a \$200 donation for the Wagon Train and/or \$100 for the **Kiddies' Parade** you can help in a large way to enable us to keep this living history program rolling now and in the future, free to the public. We expect that the Days of 49 will receive regional attention and your organization will be recognized as a supporter through signage, programs and/or promotional materials. The **Kit Carson Mountain Men** are a recognized IRS 501(C-3) non-profit organization, coordinating the Wagon Train and Days of 49 Celebration. Fed id: 94-2797225

MORE TO COME... Stay tuned for updates on the event via Email, my preferred method of communication. But we are also on Facebook and have a shared website with support of the Amador Council of Tourism: **49erWagonTrain.com**

Thank-you and Wagons Ho! --Dianne

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