

“There’s Gold in Them Thar Hills” ---Julian’s Hills, That Is Old Fashioned Mining Camp Provides Family Fun

On April 7th and 8th 2018, Julian will, once again, celebrate the discovery of gold in their mountain community and invite visitors to learn more about the town’s history while being entertained with such things as gold panning, tomahawk throwing demonstrations, hayrides, archery, candle dipping, children’s pioneer games, and more.

Gold Rush Days commemorate the historical events of the winter of 1869 when former slave Fred Coleman discovered gold in a small creek just outside of Julian. Within weeks of that discovery more than 800 prospectors from all over the country were headed to Julian in search of gold, setting off a frenzy that became San Diego’s own gold rush. The first producing gold mine, the Washington Mine, was discovered in February 1870 and within days over 40 other claims were registered. The gold rush lasted off and on for about thirty years, producing almost \$2 million in gold (about \$150 million in today’s market). While other nearby gold mining town such as Banner City, Branson City, Cuyamaca City, and Eastwood disappeared over time, Julian continued to thrive after the end of its mining days with the production of a new “gold”—apples.

Sponsored by the Julian Chamber of Commerce, the *Gold Rush Days* celebration is held at the Julian Farm, operated by Julian Mining Company at 4381 Highway 78, just three miles west of Main Street, Julian. The site is an old-fashioned mining camp rich in history and authenticity.

“Julian Gold Rush Days is a great opportunity to ‘turn back the clock’ and give visitors an idea of what Julian was like in its early days,” says Tracy Turner of the Julian Chamber of Commerce. “It’s entertainment for the whole family!”

For more information, call 760-765-1857 or visit www.juliangoldrushdays.com .