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Gold Fever in El Dorado County ... where it all began!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2016 WORLD'S GOLDPANNING CHAMPIONSHIP

Placerville, CA June 10, 2016 – Registration to compete in the 40th Annual World's Gold Panning Championship is now available on line for both experienced and novice panners.

"The Olympics of Gold Panning" - will take place in Placerville, just miles from where the California Gold Rush began, during a county wide, week-long celebration to be held September 11-18, 2016, competitors from all over the world as are participating in this unusual sporting event held at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds.

"We have so much interest in this event, we have added categories for beginners, children, and those who just want to have some fun," explained Kara Adema, co-event coordinator. Kara was one of the 12 US delegates who traveled to the 2015 Championship in Navelgas, Spain last summer to gather information for planning this historical event.

For the seasoned competitors, there are nine categories open to enter in the competition which includes men's and woman's singles, veterans (experienced gold panners over 60), two to five person teams, and a junior division for ages 15 and under.

The "fun" gold panning categories include "pixies" for ages five and under, children six to ten, and beginners – men or women who have never competed in a world championship before. The two person teams include "anything but a gold pan competition" and "Oh Say Can You See", which requires one person to be blindfolded and, the other serving as a voice guide.

Competitors will be panning native sand and gravel to find placer gold in record time! It's a gold panner's dream to win a GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE medal in a World Championship Competition.

If competition is not your forte, there is plenty of room for spectators, as well as a full schedule of entertainment, excursions, and events. Visit eldorado2016.com or call 530-334-6531.

