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Say 'I Do' at Calico Ghost Town this Halloween



Calico, CA – The historic Calico Ghost Town is delighted to announce a special collaboration between the Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk's Office and the Regional Parks Department to offer exceptional marriage services in a one-of-a-kind setting. This exclusive opportunity allows couples to exchange vows and celebrate their union in the charming, rustic ambiance of Calico Ghost Town.

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00AM to 3:00PM
- Location: Calico Ghost Town, 36600 Ghost Town Road, Calico, CA

The Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk is offering this service at Calico on Halloween to shine light on the holiday's popularity for marriage ceremonies, as it ranks as the second busiest day for the County Recorder-County Clerk's office, allowing couples to celebrate their special day in a uniquely themed setting. This event not only enhances community engagement but also adds a festive twist to a significant occasion for many.

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"Don't miss this rare opportunity to celebrate your love in a historic and enchanting setting," **said Assessor-Recorder Chris Wilhite.** "We look forward to welcoming you to Calico Ghost Town for a spooktacular wedding experience that blends the charm of the past with the joy of your future."

The Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk's Office will be on site to facilitate all necessary paperwork, perform the ceremony and ensure a seamless and stress-free process for couples. Meanwhile, the Regional Parks Department will enhance the experience with their expertise in creating beautiful and memorable events in the great outdoors.

"Regional Parks is excited to partner with the County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk's office by offering Calico Ghost Town as the premiere and historic backdrop for couples to enjoy and celebrate their special occasion. Along with the picturesque location of the town, Calico is also rich in California history and provides the perfect ambiance for a Halloween day ceremony," said Beahta Davis, Director of Regional Parks.

Highlights of the Event Include:

- **Personalized Ceremony:** Our teams have designated a scenic location within Calico Ghost Town for your ceremony, that captures the rustic mining camp and charming old-time streets.
- **Historic Setting:** Immerse yourself in the rich history of Calico, a well-preserved old west ghost town that offers a nostalgic backdrop for your special day.
- **On-Site Services:** Convenient access to county services, including marriage licenses and officiating; and there will also be special Calico Ghost Town vendor amenities available.
- Family and Friends: Invite your friends and family to witness your special event.
- **Admission:** Daily admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for Youth (4-11), Under 3 Free.
- **Camping:** Camping and rental units subject to availability and can be reserved at https://www.sbcountyparks.com/

Interested couples are highly encouraged to RSVP by Friday, October 25th to ensure availability. For more information and to reserve your time spot, please visit: <u>https://arc.sbcounty.gov/marriage/</u>. Regular marriage services will continue to be offered at the Hall of Records and High Desert Government Center on this day.

About Calico Ghost Town:

Calico Ghost Town is a premier historic attraction located in the Mojave Desert. Established in the 1880s, it offers visitors a glimpse into the Old West with its well-preserved buildings, interactive exhibits, and special events. The town is managed by the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department and continues to be a beloved destination for history enthusiasts and families alike.

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