

# CAMP PLYMOUTH

## MILITARY VEHICLE SHOW & SWAP MEET

April 17 through 20\*, 2024

49er Village RV Resort & Amador County Fairgrounds  
Plymouth, CA 95669

### BASIC TRAINING

*effective 11/16/2023*



\*Event is through Saturday evening. Sunday is not a show day. See the Daily Briefing document on our website for **NEW SATURDAY ACTIVITIES**

#### INTRODUCTION

The Military Vehicle Collectors of California has been the promoter of a large, Spring, ex-military vehicle (MV) show and swap meet since the late 1970s. Plymouth is the fifth venue. It has always been the largest annual MV event in the western half of North America, drawing participants and visitors from many states and often from several foreign countries. They have always been camping oriented at RV campgrounds with many staying in hotels.

The MVCC is a non-profit, IRC 501(c)(7) corporation of members dedicated to the acquisition, preservation, restoration, safe operation, and public education of historical military transport and related equipment. It is the largest regional MV club in North America, with members in 22 states and Canada as of 2023. Most events are in Northern and Central California. MV ownership is not required for membership. A large, printed monthly newsletter covers past and future events. Members can place free classified ads. The newsletter is also available electronically. Members who elect that pay lower annual dues.

The address of the MVCC is currently the address of our secretary:

MVCC c/o Johnny Verissimo  
850 Elm Street  
Gustine, CA 95322

These events are **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. No membership to any club is required.

#### PLYMOUTH VENUE OVERVIEW

This venue has two sides, separated by a fence, with a campground in each. The show and swap meet are on both sides with most activity taking place at peoples' campsites and cabins:

49er Village RV Resort is at 18265 Highway 49, Plymouth, CA 95669. Rental cabins, RV and travel trailer camping

Amador County Fairgrounds is adjacent to the 49er, our gate is approximately at 18343 Empire Street. Tent Sector camping village (mostly dry camping), display arena, free visitor and trailer parking.

#### CAMPSITES AND CABINS

1. Annually the MVCC negotiates a discount for a block of sites at the 49er. Our rates are valid 3 days before and 3 days after the event on a space available basis.
2. No tent camping is allowed at the 49er per their policy. It is for RVs, travel trailers, and rental cabins only.
3. All 49er RV sites have water, electric, and dump hookups, with paved parking pads generally 40 feet long, some up to 70 feet. Pad width 12 to 15 or more feet. There is lawn next to it and usually at least one shade tree.
4. Roads there are paved.
5. Pull-through sites are limited and at the south end only.
6. The 2023 49er facility map is here: [49er-village-site-plan-23.jpg \(5100x3300\) \(sunoutdoors.com\)](#)
7. Tent or truck camping is available at the adjacent fairgrounds. We call this campground the Tent Sector. RVs or travel trailers allowed unless there is no space at 49er.
8. Fairgrounds sites are mostly dry with a limited number having water and power available. A few have shade. In 2023 this area has been covered with packed, ground asphalt to minimize dust and eliminate mud. Tent pins can pierce this material.
9. 4-night minimum reservation at the 49er (may be waived by 49er management).
10. No minimum reservation for sites at the fairgrounds.

11. All reservations for cabins and RV sites in our discount block at the 49er, and reservations for tent sites at the fairgrounds, will be coordinated by the MVCC's Jen Tanis at email [mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com).
12. A campsite reservation form is available on the event page on [www.MVCCNews.net](http://www.MVCCNews.net).
13. For 49er sites and cabins in our discounted block, Jen assigns names then gives the camper list to the 49er office staff for input into their system. She instructs campers to contact the 49er office to pay for their reservation.
14. For fairgrounds sites, payment in full must be made payable to "MVCC" at the time of reservation. It is expected there will be a new credit card payment option for renting fairgrounds sites, starting in December 2023 or January 2024.
15. People who booked sites for the April 2023 event are on Jen's list for that same site or cabin number. Please confirm you want that site or cabin for April 2024, by the deadline published on the reservation form and elsewhere. If this is not received, the site or cabin will become available to others. The Spring and Fall events at Camp Plymouth are separate. A site rented in September is not "saved" for the April event and vice versa.
16. If the 49er removes any sites from our old block, Jen will assist the affected person in choosing another site.
17. Due to the new surface at the Tent Sector requiring the MVCC to mark not only the sites but the roads, some sites will not be in the exact space where they were in the past. MVCC management believes the new layout will be superior to the old one.
18. Campfires are permitted in above-ground fire pits at the 49er and at the fairgrounds. Wood and rental pits are available from the 49er office for use there.
19. The 49er and the Fairgrounds are pet friendly. Dogs must be kept on a leash in public areas.

### **ADMISSION, DAY USE, PARKING, REGISTRATION, DRIVING**

20. **No admission fees** for this event. **The public is welcome. No parking fees. No vendor fees** but all sellers must rent a campsite or cabin.
21. **No MV registration fee or pre-registration required.** All MVs are welcome in any condition and country of former service. We ask the themed showcase participants for their name and vehicle information for post-event newsletter, national magazine, and social media articles.
22. Visitor parking and trailer storage is at the fairgrounds. The parking lot is just inside the Empire Street entrance, with the display arena and Tent Sector beyond it. There is very little visitor parking in the 49er Village. To visit the 49er by foot from the fairgrounds, go out to Empire Street and walk on the shoulder south to the 49er entrance. Vice versa for those staying at the 49er. There is an opening in the fairgrounds fence by the baseball field which shortens the walk. See the golf cart rental program elsewhere.
23. Visitors parking at the fairgrounds should not forget to visit the 49er to see more MVs and vendors!
24. Driving on roads at both sides of the event is authorized. Five mile per hour maximum in campgrounds. No steel grousers or worn tracks that will scrape pavement. All roads in the 49er are paved. Most of our fairgrounds areas are not.
25. Vehicle insurance is required per California DMV requirements.
26. Driving without a driver's license is not allowed at the event.
27. No parking along roads in the 49er or you may be towed. Park in YOUR campsite only.
28. No parking in vacant campsites because they will not be vacant for long.
29. No vehicle parking on lawn areas at the 49er due to the presence of sprinklers and underground pipes.
30. No parking on Empire Street between our fairgrounds gate and the 49er entrance. This will be used by golf carts and pedestrians.

### **SWAP MEET and DISPLAYS**

31. Swap meet is event-wide at 49er and fairgrounds campsites. Anyone who reserves a site or cabin may put out sales goods or displays.
32. No vendor fee but all sellers must rent a campsite.
33. Pop up canopies are allowed at the 49er but camping in them is not, per 49er regulations. Rules say no tent pins.
34. Military-themed displays are encouraged at campsites or authorized display-only spaces, not in common areas.
35. Displays deemed by the MVCC Board to be excessively controversial or disruptive might be prohibited, such as the vertical display of SS or Gestapo uniforms with Nazi arm bands including wearing them, and Nazi flags. However, these items may be offered for sale if displayed flat on tables or the ground. Further, display of other items such as shirts, hats, flags, posters, etc. with symbols and/or verbiage that are commonly deemed offensive in this country is not allowed. Common sense and due regard for the feelings and experiences of others is expected of all event attendees.
36. Other than the exclusion mentioned above, the wearing of obsolete military uniforms and vintage clothing is welcome.

37. Special displays will be accommodated free of charge at the fairgrounds, at designated places, if space is available. Ask our camping coordinator Jen at [MVCCCampmistress@yahoo.com](mailto:MVCCCampmistress@yahoo.com).
38. A normal campsite rental fee is required if sleeping or vending in a fairgrounds display site unless waived by the MVCC.

### **THEMED VEHICLE SHOWCASES AND OTHER DISPLAYS**

39. As of 11/16/23 there are three showcases planned: M38 and M38A1 and Variant Jeeps on Friday morning April 19, and Big Trucks & Service Vehicles plus a M274 Truck, Platform, Utility (Mule) showcase on Saturday. All will be at the display arena at the fairgrounds between the parking lot and Tent Sector. See the Daily Briefing document to confirm location and times. Showcases will run for two hours each unless extended by the coordinator.
40. Typically, the coordinator for each showcase will ask participants for his or her name and vehicle information for a follow-up newsletter, national magazine, and/or social media article.
41. Usually there is no formal MV judging but People's Choice Contests and awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places are planned.
42. MVs driven by commuters from home or hotel who have not secured a parking spot at someone's rented campsite, can normally be accommodated at a fairgrounds display location. This will be at no charge. Ask our camping coordinator about a location and for what type of MV.

### **LIVING HISTORY MILITARY OR HOME FRONT REENACTOR ENCAMPMENT**

43. For 2024 we are inviting living history reenactors to set up an encampment and displays inside the arena at the fairgrounds. This can include military tents and vehicles. This can be for multiple days and camping within these displays is authorized with no camping fee required. As of this writing, equipment that is not to the theme of a display will not be allowed to be in view. This includes modern vehicles, pop up tents, civilian ice coolers, etc. Our goal is to have a "period" look in the area for photographers. Modern conveniences will be allowed inside closed tents.
44. This encampment and display area will either be at one end of the 90-yard-long oval arena, with the themed vehicle showcases on Friday morning and Saturday happening at the other end, or it will be along a long fence with the MV showcases happening in front of those displays.
45. The surface of the arena is primarily decomposed granite that drains well. It is normally not dusty.
46. Neither demonstration battles nor the firing of blanks will be allowed at the event.
47. See detailed information elsewhere, and firearms rules in the next section.
48. Coordinator for this display is MVCC Secretary and Newsletter Editor Johnny Verissimo. He would like to hear proposals from units and individuals for what they would like to do and how much space is desired. Contact him at [istanbull@sbcglobal.net](mailto:istanbull@sbcglobal.net) or 209-918-0388.

### **FIREARMS, PYROTECHNICS, EXPLOSIVES, ORDNANCE**

49. Live guns are not permitted at this event. Parts that are not considered by the Federal government to be firearms plus fake, dummy, dewat, demilled, airsoft, and similar non-guns or ordnance, may be offered for sale and be displayed.
50. Live ammunition, pyrotechnics, explosive devices designed to injure people or property, are not permitted.
51. Discharging blanks is not permitted. This includes firing "gas guns."

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE, RAFFLE, MEETINGS, WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES, OFF-SITE EXCURSIONS**

52. The Military Vehicle Collectors of California (MVCC) is the promoter and normally will have an event headquarters and merchandise sales tent in operation Thursday through Saturday. This is where souvenir T-shirts and other merchandise can be purchased and MVCC memberships can be purchased or renewed. Please support this event. For 2024 it will not be by the 49er entrance due to major renovation in that area. Check the Daily Briefing document for the location.
53. A dinner, dance, and fundraising raffle is scheduled for **SATURDAY EVENING**, location will be announced. It will be open to all attendees. A \$20 dinner donation is requested.
54. Raffle prize donations will be received at the event starting Thursday morning at the MVCC & Event Headquarters tent. Prior to Camp Plymouth, prizes may be shipped to the MVCC office at the address at the top of this document. Donors, please enclose item description and donor name so the announcer can describe the item and credit the donor for supporting Camp Plymouth.
55. Raffle proceeds go to the MVCC to support this and future events.
56. A MVCC Board meeting and a MVCC General Membership Meeting will be held at locations shown on the Daily Briefing posted elsewhere. All are welcome to the Membership Meeting including non-members.
57. Information about military vehicle road runs, if any, will appear on the Daily Briefing.
58. Ditto for the Women's Social on Thursday and the Women's Lunch and Shopping Excursion on Friday.

## GOLF CART RENTALS

59. A golf cart rental program will return for the Spring 2024 event. Gipson Golf Carts in Rancho Murieta is the preferred vendor and the MVCC has negotiated a discounted rate. Rentals must be booked directly with this company, and they will deliver carts to the event mid-week and pick up on the weekend. Numbers are limited so first come, first served. See details elsewhere on [www.MVCCNews.net](http://www.MVCCNews.net) and the MVCC newsletter.
60. This two-sided venue is quite large. Driving MVs around is encouraged but parking outside of the site where it comes from, as when shopping or socializing, can be difficult. In the Parking section we stated there are very few parking spaces inside the 49er Village RV Resort. Parking is not allowed in a vacant campsite or along the roads because they are fire lanes and it is a 49er rule. Large RVs and trailers need space. It is a similar challenge on the fairgrounds side. But it is common for a camper to allow the temporary parking of a small vehicle like a golf cart or jeep at their site. This should be done on the paved pad, not on the road. Please ask permission before parking on a camper's campsite.

## RV RENTAL OPTIONS

61. Renting a RV or travel trailer is a way to stay at the 49er Village. There are commercial rental vendors and private owners who will deliver, set up, and pick up a travel trailer. This allows bringing a MV or load of sales items. Unlike renting a cabin, using a RV site means it is possible to camp in other areas of the 49er such as near friends.
62. The websites [www.RVShare.com](http://www.RVShare.com) and [www.Outdoorsy.com](http://www.Outdoorsy.com) are brokers for private owners and these can be searched by area, such as near Plymouth, and if the owner will deliver and pick up.
63. Advantage Caravans in Sacramento is offering a 20% discount on their daily rental rate for Camp Plymouth attendees. They will deliver, set up, and pick up a unit for a reasonable fee. See [www.AdvantageRVRentals.com](http://www.AdvantageRVRentals.com) or call Alex at 916-832-8824.
64. More on this may be found elsewhere on this website.

## AMENITIES AT THE 49er AND IN THE AREA

65. Amenities at the 49er include swimming pool, hot tub, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, playground, Rec Hall with kitchen, amphitheater, terrace, café, store, restrooms with showers, laundry, propane, firewood, very limited temporary parking.
66. Fairgrounds amenities include restroom with showers, portable toilets, parking lot, limited water and power sites.
67. The large Pokerville Market has a deli and is a short walk away. Hotels, restaurants, grocery, hardware, and antique stores, Indian casino-hotel, wineries, historic Gold Rush towns and sites and other attractions are in the region.
68. Onsite food options besides the café, if any, will be mentioned in the Daily Briefing document.
69. Amador County is home for over 40 wineries. Those in the Shenandoah Valley Viticultural Area are outside Plymouth.

## HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

70. Lists will appear on the event page at [www.MVCCNews.net](http://www.MVCCNews.net) and in the MVCC newsletter.
71. Marlene & Glen's Diner is close by, at the traffic circle in downtown Plymouth. The new owners are offering a 10% meal discount for those who identify themselves as Camp Plymouth participants.
72. If you own clothing or hats that will identify you as a military vehicle or militaria hobbyist, such as a Camp Plymouth commemorative shirt, consider wearing them when shopping, dining, or visiting wineries in the area. We want local businesses to know we are in town and are injecting revenue into the towns and Amador County.

## NEAREST AIRPORTS

73. Sacramento International Airport is 52 miles from Plymouth. Those flying in and wanting to stay at the 49er Village might consider renting a discounted RV at Advantage Caravans in Sacramento and booking a RV site. A taxi or Uber ride to and from the rental location is less expensive than renting a car to drive to Plymouth.
74. Closest small airports are Westover Field in Jackson, then Rancho Murieta Airport in Rancho Murieta.

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