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## **History comes alive at South Park City Museum's Living History Days**

Characters reenact what life was like in the 1880s

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The South Park City Museum became the 1880s on Living History Days Aug. 13 and 14. The museum was filled with costumed characters all over the streets. Each of the characters had their own way of teaching the way life was back when Colorado first became a state.

There were gunfights and bank robberies lead by the Gold Canyon Gunfighters from Colorado Springs; a teacher leading a class on Jefferson's 10 principles of life; and a gambler explaining how to play the card game faro.

The saloon was filled with sarsaparilla, and at the drugstore you could order ice cream and root beer floats from the soda fountain. There were spinning and cooking demonstrations. Father Dyer explained what life was really like back in his time.

The SPCM brought history to life in two fun filled days. The Living History Days is one of the largest fundraisers for the museum which operates as a nonprofit and relies on donations, grants and entrance fees to keep the museum running.

There are 40 original buildings to tour and learn how the western settlers lived their lives. The museum depicts a small city of the 1880s and a few times a year they truly bring history to life.

The museum is open every day from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. till Labor Day, after Labor Day the hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. till their closing date of Oct. 15. For more information call 719-836-2387 or email the museum at [southparkhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:southparkhistorical@gmail.com)



### Bank robbery in progress

The Gold Canyon Gunfighters perform for the crowd at South Park City Museum's Living History Days, Aug. 13 – 14. (Photo by Bill Bruner/The Flume)



### The Gambler plays the game faro

The gambler explains the rules to the game faro at South Park City Museum's Living History Days. (Photo by Bill Bruner/The Flume)



### Cooking Demonstration

Carla shows how they started a fire for cooking back in the 1880s. (Photo by Bill Bruner/The Flume)



### Annie Oakley arrives

Susan Scott plays the character of Annie Oakley at South Park City Museum's Living History Days. (Photo by Bill Bruner/The Flume)