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**OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA and TENAYA LODGE AT YOSEMITE
PRESENT "YOSEMITE DREAM VACATION" CONTEST**

***VISIT "A WALK IN THE WILD: CONTINUING JOHN MUIR'S JOURNEY"
EXHIBITION IN NOVEMBER, ENTER TO WIN A TENAYA LODGE
AT YOSEMITE "DELUXE GETAWAY"***

*Contest Offers Museum Visitors the Chance to Become
"Modern Day Muirs" and truly take "A Walk in the Wild"*

(OAKLAND, CA) November 7, 2011—The **Oakland Museum of California** (OMCA) and **Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite**SM have forged a first-ever partnership to present a **Yosemite vacation contest** in association with ***A Walk in the Wild: Continuing John Muir's Journey***, OMCA's hit exhibition on view now through January 22, 2012, in the Museum's Great Hall.

Guests visiting OMCA in November can enter the contest by writing and submitting their ideas for a Yosemite dream vacation. The author of the chosen vacation idea will receive a deluxe, two-night Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite vacation including two nights' luxury spa suite accommodations (based on availability) valid December 1, 2011 through February 9, 2012, two 60-minute treatments at Tenaya's new Ascent Spa, a \$100 dining credit, and one complimentary in-house resort activity for two (like guided hikes, snowshoeing, or ice skating). All details of the contest can be found at www.museumca.org/contest.

The contest offers a great chance to "walk in John Muir's shoes" and write one's way into a dream Yosemite vacation. All "Modern Day Muirs" will find that Tenaya Lodge is a magical realm in the winter, with many ways to play, from skiing at Badger Pass Ski

Area to sledding, skating, and snowshoeing—all right at Tenaya.

John Muir's experience in the Golden State led to his becoming a founding figure of the environmentalist movement. In the exhibition *A Walk in the Wild: Continuing John Muir's Journey*, OMCA celebrates the legendary naturalist's life, work, and legacy in California and beyond. Told through OMCA's collections of art, history, and natural science, as well as extensive interactive digital technology that invites visitors to partake in a variety of in-gallery adventures, the exhibition pays tribute to the "Father of the National Parks," whose legacy continues to inspire environmental stewardship in California today.

"This incredible exhibition explores the abundance of California's natural treasures through the lens of John Muir—the radical environmentalist who adopted this state as his own," says OMCA CEO and Executive Director Lori Fogarty. "This is a fitting story for OMCA to tell as it utilizes our multidisciplinary collection focus and reinforces our dedication to telling the many stories of California."

The exhibition features striking large-scale photographic murals by Stephen Joseph that showcase the natural wonders of Muir's explorations, as well as dramatic landscape paintings by William Keith and Thomas Hill that allow visitors to explore the beautiful scenery that inspired Muir. Through original artifacts on loan from the John Muir Papers, University of the Pacific, and the John Muir National Historic Site, visitors can see Muir's journals and manuscripts where he cites the awe and wonder he experienced alone in nature—from the musical qualities of waterfalls, streams and rivers in Yosemite Valley to the majestic glacially sculpted granite landscapes he explored in the highest of the High Sierra.

A Walk in the Wild: Continuing John Muir's Journey continues at the Oakland Museum of California through January 22, 2012. The exhibition is made possible by generous support from the Oakland Museum Women's Board, The Bernard Osher Foundation, Alice and Richard Kulka, the OMCA Natural Sciences Guild, the J.M. Long Foundation, Guy and Jeanine Saperstein, and the University of the Pacific Library, Holt-Atherton Special Collections, John Muir Papers.

ABOUT TENAYA LODGE AT YOSEMITE

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite is an all-season resort framed by noble evergreen forest and a rich range of Sierra recreation. The Four-Diamond lodge, set at Yosemite National Park's South Gate at 5,288 feet, offers luxury guestrooms, suites and secluded cottages. Guests can skate, ski, sled, hike, bike, fish, climb, swim and sightsee within the Tenaya resort realm. Tenaya Lodge's new Ascent Spa features organic treatments, steam rooms, dry sauna and relaxation rooms. Dining options range from casual to candlelit at great resort restaurants: Sierra, Jackalope's, Timberloft, and Embers. Visit www.TenayaLodge.com for more information.

ABOUT THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) brings together collections of art, history and natural science under one roof to tell the extraordinary stories of California and its people. OMCA's groundbreaking exhibits tell the many stories that comprise California with many voices, often drawing on first-person accounts by people who have shaped California's cultural heritage. With more than 1.8 million objects, OMCA is a leading cultural institution of the Bay Area and a resource for the research and understanding of California's dynamic cultural and environmental heritage. Visit www.museumca.org for more information.

OMCA VISITOR INFORMATION

Museum admission is \$12 general; \$9 seniors and students with valid ID, \$6 youth ages 9 to 17, and free for Members and children 8 and under. OMCA offers onsite underground parking and is conveniently located one block from the Lake Merritt BART station, on the corner of 10th Street and Oak Street. The accessibility ramp is located at the new 1000 Oak Street entrance.

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