

Gold panning event looking for contestants

Registration to compete in the 40th annual World's Gold Panning Championship is available online for 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 countywide, weeklong celebration Sept. 11-18. Competitors from all over the world will be participating at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds.

For the seasoned competitors, there are nine categories.

The "fun" gold panning categories include "pixies" for ages 5 and under, children 6-10, and adult beginners.

For more info, call 530.334.6531.