



RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

Real Trains. Real History. Real Excitement.

Education Programs 2014-2015

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Our mission is to collect, interpret and preserve significant objects related to Pennsylvania's railroading history and to educate the public about that history through exhibits, special events, research and other programs.

Our education programs align with specific Pennsylvania Academic Standards in many subject areas beyond simply history, including civics and geography, language arts and literature, as well as mathematics and science.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission with the active support of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

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Guided Walking Tours

Primary Level (15-20 students per guide and a maximum of 3 guides per session; 90 minutes)

Workin' on the Railroad (Preschool-Grade 4/Ages 3-10)

Through hands-on interaction and role-play, students will begin to explore basic railroad jobs. Students visit the station, build a section of track, shovel coal into a locomotive's firebox, and board a vintage passenger coach. Alternate stops for older students include sorting mail as railway postal clerks, inspecting trains as freight conductors, using flag signals as a brakeman, and loading and unloading baggage from a vintage passenger train.

Middle Level (15-20 students per guide and a maximum of 3 guides per session; 60 minutes)

Trials & Triumphs (Grades 5-8/Ages 10-14)

Students use primary sources, vintage vehicles and historic artifacts to explore the trials and tribulations of railroading in Pennsylvania, including how trains and travel evolved over time, as well as the dangers of riding and working on the railroad.

Secondary Level (15-20 students per guide and a maximum of 3 guides per session; 60 minutes)

Parade of Power Tour (Grades 9-12/Ages 15-18)

Students investigate the evolution of locomotion, from the humble beginnings of steam locomotion in the early 19th century through the diesel-electric and electric trains of today and tomorrow. At the same time, they will learn about the people who used that technology and what it was like to work on the railroad.

Pricing – Guided Walking Tours

\$5.00 per student

One adult chaperone is admitted free with every five paid student admissions. Additional adult chaperones are \$9.00 each.
The above fees include basic museum admission, plus access to *Stewart Junction: The Railway Education Center*.

Traveling Programs

Workin' on the Railroad (Various Audiences; 20-25 participants maximum; 60-90 minutes)

Instructors use a trunk filled with railroad artifacts, as well as a small, portable model train layout, to explore various railroad-related concepts like locomotion, safety, timekeeping, etc.

Live Steam Demonstration (Various Audiences; 20-25 participants maximum; 60-90 minutes)

This program uses a working model on rollers to demonstrate the physics of steam locomotion and all its applications and to explain the evolution of locomotion, from steam to maglev.

K'NEX Rail Lab (Various Audiences; 20-25 participants maximum; 60-90 minutes)

Working in small groups, students use K'NEX building kits and other learning aids to explore various themes related to railroading, including: bridges; levers and pulleys; wheels, axles & inclined planes; and gears.

Railroad Slideshows (Various Audiences; 100 participants maximum; 30-60 minutes)

Do you need a guest speaker for a dinner, meeting or special event? Our popular railroad-themed slide lectures are designed for the enjoyment of those attending business meetings, banquets and other social gatherings. Several titles are available. Please call to inquire.

Pricing – Traveling Programs

\$75 per show

A distance fee may be assessed beyond a 30-mile radius of the Museum.

Special Programs

Self-Guided Walking Tours (Various Audiences)

For groups with limited time or who would rather walk around on their own, another option would be to schedule a self-guided walking tour. Optional scavenger hunt sheets are available. For more information, please contact the Museum Educators.

Railroading Badge (Ages 12-18; 6-15 participants maximum per program; 7.5 Hours)

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is the perfect setting for boys and girls involved in scouting to earn badges in railroading, working with historic artifacts and model trains. Classes are held on Saturdays, except holidays and special-event weekends. All requirements are fulfilled in a single day.

* Arrangements can also be made to ride the Strasburg Rail Road. Fees for the train ride are separate from Railroading Badge fee with the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. You must make arrangements on your own to schedule a ride. The train does not run January through mid-February.

Other Programs (Various Audiences)

In the past, we have worked with educators to tailor an existing program to fit their needs or to use one of our other, less-frequently requested programs, like our electronic fieldtrips (distance learning) or teacher workshops. Please call for prices and additional details.

Pricing – Special Programs

Self-Guided Walking Tours.....\$4.00 per student

One adult chaperone is admitted free with every five paid student admissions. Additional adult chaperones are \$9.00 each. The above fees include basic museum admission, plus access to *Stewart Junction: The Railway Education Center*.

Railroading Badge.....\$15 per scout

Program fee includes basic museum admission, plus access to *Stewart Junction: The Railway Education Center*, for a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 scouts. One adult chaperone is admitted free with every five paid scout admissions. Additional adult chaperones are \$9.00 each.

Other Programs.....Call for Prices

Additional Resources

Stewart Junction: Railway Education Center

Groups who make group reservations may feel free to explore this exhibit area following their tours. Stewart Junction features many challenging and interactive exhibits relating to Pennsylvania's fascinating railroad history, including model railroads, radio-controlled trains, LEGO building zones, storybooks, puzzles, videos and more. For more information, please contact the Museum Educators.

Research Services

For excellent primary source material, you may also wish to consult our **Library & Archives**, which houses one of the largest collections of railroad-related print and photographic materials in the United States. Public access is by appointment only. Please contact our Library & Archives Collections Manager, at 717/687-8628, ext. 3010, or on the Web: www.rrmuseumpa.org.

Whistle Stop Shop

Following your tour, make tracks to our museum store, the Whistle Stop Shop, which features a whole range of great souvenir items, including toys, shirts, hats, umbrellas, socks, gloves, posters, picture frames, special gifts, videos, books, gifts and more! A portion of every dollar spent goes to support our education programs and activities. Feel free to contact the shopkeepers at 717/687-8628, ext. 3005, or visit our e-store: <http://www.whistlestopshop.org/>.

Reservations & Information

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Have the following information when you call:

- Preferred date of your visit, as well as 2-3 alternate dates
- Number of students and chaperones (Be aware of our group size limits for each program you choose.)
- Age or grade level and any special needs of students
- Time of arrival
- Length of time allowed for your visit
- Program(s) of choice
- Do you have reservations to ride on the Strasburg Rail Road? Have you scheduled visits with other area attractions? If so, please let us know when you must depart the Museum.

Keep in mind:

- ✓ Prices in this guide are subject to change.
- ✓ A minimum of 10 paying visitors is required to qualify for group discounts. (Groups may be combined.)
- ✓ Museum membership does not apply to group education programs.
- ✓ We require *at least* one adult chaperone for every ten students at all times.
- ✓ Every effort is made to adhere to the schedule, so please arrive on time. If your group is more than 30 minutes late, we reserve the right to cancel the program, offering a self-guided option instead.
- ✓ Leave enough time for restroom breaks, as well as visits to the Whistle Stop Shop, our museum store.
- ✓ Reservations cannot be made on days when the Museum is closed. See "Hours of Operation" below.

HOURS OF OPERATION

April through October:

Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, 12 PM to 5 PM

November through March:

Tuesday through Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, 12 PM to 5 PM

OPEN: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day

CLOSED: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and Mondays, November through March

DIRECTIONS TO THE MUSEUM

From Baltimore & Washington, DC:

I-95 north to I-83 north to Route 30 east (Lancaster) to Route 896 south (Strasburg) to Route 741 east.

From Metro NY, New Jersey & Philadelphia:

New Jersey Turnpike to Pennsylvania Turnpike west to Route 222 south (Exit 286) to Route 30 east (Lancaster) to Route 896 south (Strasburg) to Route 741 east.

From Pittsburgh:

Pennsylvania Turnpike east to Route 283 east (Exit 247) to Route 30 east (Lancaster) to Route 896 south (Strasburg) to Route 741 east.

OTHER AREA RAILROAD ATTRACTIONS

For visits to these other local railroad-themed attractions, you must make your own reservations with them:

The Strasburg Railroad
717/687-7522

The Choo Choo Barn
800/450-2920

National Toy Train Museum
717/687-8976



EDUCATION PROGRAMS
REQUEST FORM

Please submit a separate Request Form for each program requested. This form may be photocopied.

Group's Name: _____			
Address: _____			
Contact person(s): _____			
Phone number: _____	Email: _____	Fax: _____	
Choice of Dates: 1 st : _____	2 nd : _____	3 rd : _____	
Arrival Time: _____	Title of program: _____		
No. of Students: _____	No. of Chaperones: _____	Age/Grade: _____	Special Needs: _____

PROGRAM FEES
 (Valid through 6/30/15.)

PLEASE REMIT THESE FEES PRIOR TO OR ON THE DATE OF YOUR VISIT:
 (Place an "X" next to the program you have requested.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Walking Tour | \$5 per student* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Guided Walking Tour | \$4 per student* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traveling Programs (Road Show!) | \$75 per show** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Railroading Badge | \$15 per scout* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | \$ _____ |

ADDITIONAL FEES:

*Adult chaperones are admitted one free with every five student admissions. Additional adult chaperones are \$9.00 each.

**A distance fee may be assessed beyond a 30-mile radius of the Museum.

To complete the registration process:

- ✓ Please mail or email this request form to us **no later than 15 days in advance**. Requests will be processed in the order received, and reservations are made on a first come basis. Requests are not guarantees. We will contact you if we are unable to accommodate your group. Otherwise, we will mail confirmation of your reservation(s) to the address listed above.
- ✓ Payment must be made prior to or on the date of your visit. Checks and credit cards (VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER or AMERICAN EXPRESS) are accepted as payment. Checks should be made payable to: Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ The group's program fee must be paid as a SINGLE TRANSACTION. Individual payments at the ticket desk may be charged full fare per person; discounts will not apply.
- ✓ For an additional \$50.00, the Museum's Auditorium may be reserved as a lunch facility. Arrangements must be made prior to your visit, as availability is very limited and is first come, first served. A separate check should be made payable to: Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.
- ✓ If you need to cancel a tour, or if you are delayed in your arrival, please call (717) 687-8628 as soon as possible. Please cite the school name, tour date and time in your message.

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