



RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA—The awe-inspiring power of trains and the fascinating heritage of our nation's railroading will be on display for the entire family to experience during 2010 at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, located in Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA.

“The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is known for family friendly and innovative educational, archival, interpretive and restoration programs,” notes Museum director Charles Fox, “as well as for our premier collection of more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars, and a quarter of a million railroad-related artifacts.”

“We have hosted over three million visitors from every state in the union and numerous countries overseas since the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania opened to the public in 1975. We are the official railroad museum of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and are counted among the top three railroad museums in the United States and among the top five in the world.”

Events, exhibits and other activities currently slated for the Railroad Museum in 2010 are:

- **TRAINS IN MOTION...PICTURES:** Monday, January 18 through Thursday, December 31, 2010. Regular Museum hours. From flickering shadows to Hollywood blockbusters, this exhibit will reveal the starring role that trains and railroads have often played in the magic of motion pictures through video clips, historic photographs and amazing artifacts. Included in the regular Museum admission.

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- **PRESIDENTS' DAY:** Monday, February 15, 2010. Regular Museum hours. School's out! Take advantage of this day to honor our national leaders—past and present—and to view our premier collection of trains, reflecting America's history, growth and development. Included in the regular Museum admission.
- **CHARTER DAY:** Sunday, March 14, 2010. Regular Museum hours. Observe the 329th birthday of the Commonwealth, amid Pennsylvania made and operated historic rolling stock, here at the Keystone State's official railroad museum. Open to the public free of charge.
- **CONRAIL DAYS:** Friday, May 21 through Sunday, May 23, 2010. Regular Museum hours. Behold the big blue engine! Did you know that the Consolidated Rail Corporation arose from a federal bail out of the railroad industry in the 1970s to become a profitable and successful private enterprise? The equipment, history and spirit of Conrail will be highlighted, in partnership with the Conrail Historical Society. Included in the regular Museum admission.
- **PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD "PENNSY" DAYS:** Friday, June 4 through Sunday, June 6, 2010. Regular Museum hours. Discover the rich heritage of the famous Pennsylvania Railroad, the "Standard Railroad of the World." Noted railroad artists, photographers and authors display and sell their works. Special presentations, operating layouts, memorabilia and tours of "Pennsy" equipment are featured. Included in the regular Museum admission.
- **READING RAILROAD DAYS:** Wednesday, June 30 through Monday, July 5, 2010. Regular Museum hours. Enjoy the remarkable Reading Railroad trains of eastern Pennsylvania history through tours of Reading Company equipment, a huge, operating model railroad and special presentations. Included in the regular Museum admission.
- **BARONS & BUILDERS DAY CAMP:** Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily: For ages 9 & 10. Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily: For ages 11 & 12.

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Kids build, create, learn and play as they explore railroads and railroad history through a program of unique tours, innovative hands-on projects, field trips by train and special demonstrations.

Each camp has a limited number of openings on a first come basis. The cost is \$175 per camper (\$125 per camper for Museum members). Registration begins February 1, 2010. Please call after the June 7, 2010 deadline to determine if spaces are still available.

- **RAILROAD FAMILY DAYS:** Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 14, 2010.

Regular Museum hours. Sing along with popular railroad songs, enjoy legendary railroad stories, view operating model railroad layouts and displays, make take-home crafts and learn important railroad safety messages, along with a variety of other activities designed especially for families. Included in the regular Museum admission.

- **HOGWARTS EXPRESS PARTIES:** Friday, August 13 & Saturday, August 14, 2010. This

is where the magic happens! Kids are encouraged to dress like their favorite Harry Potter character for a reading from a J. K. Rowling novel in one of the Museum's historic coaches.

They will be amazed as they create and sample especially horrible potions and fashion a Hogwarts-inspired take-home craft.

Advance registration, with a \$10 per child fee (\$5 per child for Museum members), is required.

Hogwarts Express Parties are offered on a first come basis. Recommended for children ages 8 to 13. Registration begins June 14, 2010. Regular Museum admission rates also apply.

- **MEMBERS DAY:** Saturday, September 25, 2010. Regular Museum hours and evening

banquet. Museum members enjoy special members-only presentations and other great railroad and Museum-related activities. Also held during the day is the annual business meeting of the membership. A not-to-be-missed evening banquet caps off a full day. Advance registration is required.

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- **MODEL RAILROADING DAYS:** Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10, 2010.

Regular Museum hours. The young and young at heart, the novice and the veteran railroader together will enjoy model railroading workshops and activities, as well as numerous operating train layouts. Included in the regular Museum admission.

- **GARDEN RAILWAYS TOUR:** Sunday, October 10, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a self-guided tour of several private homes which feature beautiful and unique garden railways, operating layouts and special model train collections. Garden Railways tour tickets are \$10 per person for ages 6 and over and go on sale at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania beginning July 12, 2010 and at all Stauffers of Kissel Hill locations in central Pennsylvania on September 1, 2010.

- **TRAINS & TROOPS:** Saturday, November 6 & Sunday, November 7, 2010. Regular Museum hours. Greet our guys and gals in uniform, experience many splendid railroad and military archival displays, enjoy patriotic music and learn the significant role railroads played time and again in the defense of our nation. Included in the regular Museum admission.

- **TAKING THE SWING TRAIN 1940S DANCE:** Check the Museum's web site for all the details as they become available. Jump, jive and swing to the sounds of a live band. Come dressed in military uniform or 1940s clothing, if you like, to revive the past!

- **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Saturday, December 4 & Saturday, December 11, 2010. Regular Museum hours. Take a nostalgic glimpse at holiday rail travel and meet costumed engineers, conductors, ticket agents and passengers representing the past century. Enjoy seasonal music and festive decorations among our world-class collection of trains. Send a telegram to the North Pole and, who knows, Santa may come to town! Included in the regular Museum admission.

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• **POLAR EXPRESS PARTIES:** Saturday, December 4 & Saturday, December 11, 2010. The conductor calls all aboard for a reading of Chris Van Allsburg's new classic holiday story in an authentic, historic passenger coach. Kids who believe are welcome to dress in their pjs and will delight creating their own seasonal take-home craft and receiving a small bag of goodies.

Advance registration, with a \$10 per child fee (\$5 per child for Museum members), is required and is offered on a first come basis. Recommended for children ages 3 and over. Registration begins October 18, 2010. Regular Museum admission rates also apply.

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM RAMBLES:** The Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania annually sponsors trips to great destinations of railroading, historical, scenic and general travel interest. Don't wait. Register soon! Rambles planned so far for this year are the:

- Historic Trains of California: Sunday, May 30 through Tuesday, June 8, 2010.
- Canadian Rockies: Monday, July 26 through Wednesday, August 4, 2010.
- Colorado Rockies: Friday, September 17 through Thursday, September 23, 2010.
- New England: Wednesday, October 13 through Sunday, October 17, 2010.

Call for Ramble brochures—also available on the Museum's web site—and join us for one or more of these memorable excursions to take in the sights and sounds of railroading!

The more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars in the collection of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania chronicle the heritage of a society on the move. From classic woodburners and mammoth steam locomotives to sleek, electric-powered and diesel engines, visitors discover the colorful history and technology of the industry that built our nation.

You can take the throttle on a simulated run in a real freight locomotive cab, sit in an engineer's seat, climb aboard a caboose, explore an early 20th century replica passenger station, inspect a 62-ton locomotive from underneath, view restoration activities in real time via closed circuit TV, enjoy interactive, educational exhibits and programs and browse the Whistle Stop Shop museum store. A number of historic engines and railroad cars are open for inspection.

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Regular admission prices for the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania are: Adults 12 to 64, \$10.00; seniors 65 and over, \$9.00; youth 3 to 11, \$8.00; and children 2 and under, free of charge. Most special events and exhibits are free of charge to members of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Proceeds from events benefit the Friends of the Railroad Museum's important restoration, education and archival and interpretive programs.

Information on Museum reserved group tours—including special Restoration Shop tours, Children's tours and Curator's tours—facility rentals, education programs, school groups, merit badge programs, outreach programs, membership, volunteering, business partnerships and charitable giving is available on the web site or by calling the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Hours, admissions, programs and activities scheduled may be subject to change without notice and additional events may be slated throughout the year. Please call ahead or visit the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's web site for information and confirmation.

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania scheduled hours of operation for the year 2010 are:

- January through March, November and December: Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- April through October: Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania will be open to visitors on Presidents' Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Black Friday and the Monday after Christmas in 2010.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania will be closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day in 2010. The Museum also will be closed Mondays from January through March and in November and December.

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The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is located on PA Route 741, Strasburg, ten miles east of historic downtown Lancaster in the heart of the beautiful, Pennsylvania Dutch Country of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. For information on area lodging, dining, shopping, entertainment, historic sites and other attractions, go on line at www.strasburgpa.com, www.padutchcountry.com or www.visitpa.com or call (800)PADUTCH or (800)VISITPA.

Additional train-related attractions, all within a mile of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, include the legendary Strasburg Rail Road—just across the road from the Railroad Museum—the captivating National Toy Train Museum and the engaging ChooChoo Barn. The official railroad museum of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the non-profit Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

For more information on Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania programs, collections or operations, call (717)687-8628 or visit the Museum's web site at www.rrmuseumpa.org.

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