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Time to Plan for Christmas Trains on the East Troy Railroad!

Reservations are needed for the popular trains to Santa's Workshop

EAST TROY, WI – September 17, 2019 – It may seem too early to make plans for the 2019 run of Christmas Trains from East Troy to Santa's Workshop at the Elegant Farmer, but tickets are selling fast, according to Executive Director Becky Schoonover. "We've already sold more than 40% of our tickets and we haven't even started advertising yet," said Schoonover. "If families want to come, they should make their plans and make their reservations soon."

The fastest and best way to make reservations is online at the railroad's website, via the "WhistleTix" link found here: easttroyrr.org/christmas-train. Tickets can also be purchased at the depot in East Troy during the railroad's regular operating hours. There is no additional convenience fee for purchasing the tickets online.

Christmas Trains at the East Troy Railroad Museum begin running again on Saturdays and Sundays starting November 30th and run through Sunday, December 22nd. These fun, family-friendly rides take passengers from the East Troy Depot at 2002 Church Street to Santa's Workshop at the Elegant Farmer and back. The rides are just under two hours per round-trip and they include Christmas carols on the trains and hot chocolate and cookies at the Elegant Farmer, where kids can visit with Santa and have their photos taken.

"Santa's Workshop will be better than ever and kids will receive a small gift that is fitting for the occasion," according to Schoonover, who joined the railroad in June. "The depot will also be warmer this year, since we installed new doors that will keep the wind and cold outside."

The historic railroad cars are always heated and rest rooms are available at the East Troy depot. Tickets can be purchased online anytime. Adults are \$19.00, children (ages 3-14) are \$16.50, and toddlers are \$8.50. Everyone needs a ticket to board and advance reservations are required.

Trains will depart at 9:00am, 10:30am, Noon, 1:30pm and 3:00pm on the following Saturdays and Sundays: November 30 & December 1, December 7 & 8, December 14 & 15, and December 21 & 22. Three evening trains, leaving at 5pm Saturdays, have already sold out.

The East Troy Railroad Museum operates regular 14-mile round trip excursions from its historic East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli. This not-for-profit railroad is operated and managed by over 130 volunteers committed to the preservation of historic trolleys and interurban railcars. For more information, visit www.easttroyrr.org or call 262.642.3263.