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“Railroad Days” Open House in Anchorage *Centennial mustn't-miss event is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites the public to the “*Railroad Days*” community open house in Anchorage, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. This must-not-miss Centennial Year (1923-2023) event features FREE entrance, FREE parking, FREE train rides and many more FREE family-friendly activities.

Take advantage of a unique chance to interact with and learn about Alaska’s iconic railroad. Beyond train rides that showcase the comfort of rail travel, the open house features static displays of locomotives, railcars and huge track maintenance equipment. When folks climb aboard the static passenger train – the *Alaska Travel Train* – they will discover ideas for exploring the state’s railbelt communities, with tips from reps of community/regional-promoting organizations. And, everyone can enter a drawing for fabulous 2023 summer rail travel and 2023 poster-pin prizes.

Several activities are geared toward children, such as a magician, balloon artists, temporary tattoos, train safety giveaways, a kids’ gold spike drawing, and life-sized mascots, such as a spike-and-maul wielding character with more giveaways and Visit Anchorage’s critters. Food and beverages will be on sale by a PTA-operated booth and the depot’s coffee cart. The railroad’s depot gift shop and rail ticket counter will also be open, and the Alaska Railroad will be offering Open House Specials featuring amazing deals on rail travel. A more detailed list of open house activities is included on page 2.

The Alaska Railroad is state-owned corporation providing year-round inter-city public rail transportation from Seward to Anchorage to Fairbanks. More information about railroad passenger service schedules, fares and depot locations is available at www.AlaskaRailroad.com. An open house is also scheduled in Fairbanks on Sept. 23, 2023.

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Alaska Railroad 2023 Anchorage Open House Schedule

Saturday, May 6, 2023 • 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Anchorage Historic Depot, 411 W. Ship Creek Avenue

FREE to the attending public:

- 20-minute train rides (offered between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.)
- Magician (in and around the depot and along the line to the train rides, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)
- Inside the Depot (11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.):
 - ✓ Tattoos (kids non-permanent)
 - ✓ Giveaways and Rail Travel Door Prize Drawing
 - ✓ Historic Steam Engine 557 restoration project info
 - ✓ Operation Lifesaver train safety information and giveaways
 - ✓ Alaska PhotoBooth station - get your photo taken and an instant printed souvenir
 - ✓ Alaska Railroad travel and vacation information, including amazing deals on summer rail travel
- Locomotives, passenger and freight railcars, and railroad maintenance equipment on static display
- “Alaska Travel Train” - Climb aboard the static passenger train and get the scoop on exciting rail belt travel opportunities from folks and displays representing communities along the rail line. We’ve invited community visitor bureaus, forests, parks and public lands.
- Drawing for round-trip rail travel during summer 2023 (mid-May to mid-September) for:
 - Two (2) family packages, each with FOUR (4) tickets for travel between Anchorage and Spencer/Grandview
 - One (1) package with TWO (2) tickets for travel between Anchorage and Seward
 - One (1) package with TWO (2) tickets for travel between Anchorage and Denali
 - One (1) package with TWO (2) tickets for travel between Talkeetna - Hurricane (flag stop train)
 - PLUS, drawing for several 2023 *Historic Locomotive Line-up* posters with matching pin.
 - Need NOT be present to win.
- Invited: life-sized mascots from community visitor bureaus and the Forest Service
- Free Parking (across from depot on 1st Avenue and across from Comfort Inn on Ship Creek Avenue)

For Sale:

- Alaska Railroad Gift Shop Open - featuring pre-season deals and new centennial designs on merchandise
- Alaska Railroad Ticket Counter Open - Nab deep-discount specials just for open house goers
- Baked goods, picnic snacks, candy, popcorn and beverages from the Government Hill Elementary PTA
- Coffee drinks and related from Polar Expresso, the depot’s regular coffee cart

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