

## News Release

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## Railroad kicks off 2020 Catch the Train Photo Contest

Alaskans get to show off their state through the camera lens

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The popular *Catch the Train Photo Contest* is back, and this year lets Alaskans share their images of what they capture onboard the Alaska Railroad with the chance to win cash and prizes. To participate, passengers can submit a photo via the Alaska Railroad <u>Facebook page</u> or by using the hashtag **#CatchTheTrainAK** on Twitter or Instagram. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 6, 2020.

Following the submission period, 12 finalists will be selected, all of whom will be featured in the Alaska Railroad's 12-month 2O22 calendar, appear in the Railroad's onboard magazine *Panoramas* and receive round-trip rail fare for two. The grand prizewinner will have their photo featured on the cover of the calendar; win \$1,500 cash; get rail fare for four people on the *Denali Star Train* along with one overnight for four in a room at Denali Bluffs Hotel overlooking the Nenana River.

"We are hoping that Alaskans will take advantage of their local railroad this summer and enter photos that highlight adventures on the rails. With outside travel limited this year, it's the perfect chance for locals to hop on the Alaska Railroad and sightsee. The photo contest always shows off such unique perspectives of the Alaska Railroad and I can't wait to see this years' submissions," said Dale Wade, vice president of marketing and customer service at the Alaska Railroad.

The railroad will announce 12 finalists on or around Jan. 6, 2021, which will also kick off the online voting period for the grand prizewinner. The winner will be announced on or around Jan. 22, 2021.

Entry for *Catch the Train Photo Contest* is free, and individuals may submit an unlimited number of photos. The 12 finalists will be chosen on the basis of artistic merit, originality, subject, and style. Entrants must be 18 or older as of Dec. 6, 2020. Submitted photos that are not in line with the Alaska Railroad's safety protocols will be disqualified.

For additional rules and regulations, visit <u>www.alaskarailroad.com/catchthetrain</u>.

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