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“Railroad Days” Open House in Fairbanks

Open House slated for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) invites the public to the “*Railroad Days*” community open house in Fairbanks, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

Railroad Days events provide Alaskans with a unique opportunity to interact with railroaders and to learn about the state’s railroad. The open house features popular FREE train rides, along with static displays of railroad locomotives, railcars and other equipment that afford an up-close, hands-on experience. The 9th Army Band ensemble will add to the festive atmosphere, playing popular and upbeat music. Several activities and materials are geared toward children, such as railroad balloons, tattoos and Operation Lifesaver train safety knick-knacks.

The railroad has teamed up to provide a fund-raising activity to benefit a local Fairbanks area Scouting troop that will sell affordable hot dogs, snacks and beverages. The railroad’s depot gift shop and rail ticket counter at the Fairbanks Depot will also be open, and the Alaska Railroad will be offering Open House Specials featuring amazing deals on summer rail travel. A more detailed list of open house activities is included on page 2.

In response to recent financial challenges, the Alaska Railroad’s cost-cutting measures include a decision to organize Anchorage and Fairbanks open house events in alternating years. For the foreseeable future, the Anchorage open house will be held during even-numbered years and the Fairbanks open house will be held during odd-numbered years, beginning in 2013.

The Alaska Railroad is a self-sustaining, state-owned corporation.

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Alaska Railroad 2013 Fairbanks Open House Schedule

**Saturday, May 11, 2013 • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Fairbanks Depot, 1745 Johansen Expressway**

FREE to the attending public:

- Short train rides (loop from the depot)
- Live Music from the 9th Army Band's popular ensemble (11:00 – 11:45 p.m. and 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.)
- Inside the Depot:
 - ✓ Tattoos (kids non-permanent)
 - ✓ Balloons
 - ✓ Operation Lifesaver train safety information
 - ✓ Alaska Railroad travel and vacation information, including amazing deals on summer rail travel.
- Train locomotive and railcars (climb aboard!) and railroad maintenance equipment on static display
- Door prize drawing for round-trip rail travel for 2 Fairbanks-Denali or Fairbanks-Anchorage, and 2013 poster
- Tanana Valley Model Railroad club operating display inside the depot
- Parking (at the depot)

For Sale:

- Alaska Railroad Gift Shop Open
- Alaska Railroad Ticket Counter Open
- Hot dogs, chips and beverages available for purchase (Boy Scouts)

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