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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 9

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 9.

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 giveaways.

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 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.

The Alaska Railroad organizes Anchorage and Fairbanks open house events in alternating years, with the Anchorage open house held during even-numbered years and the Fairbanks open house held during odd-numbered years.

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Alaska Railroad 2015 Fairbanks Open House Schedule

Saturday, May 9, 2015 • 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 pm and 12:00 - 12:45 pm)
- 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 people - one set of tickets is Fairbanks-Denali and the other set is Fairbanks-Anchorage. Plus, someone will win a 2015 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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