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Advance Tickets on Sale Now for Holiday-Themed Train Rides With Santa at Railtown 1897 **“Santa’s Starlight Express” and “Santa By Daylight”**

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – Santa is taking some time out of his busy schedule to make special daytime and nighttime appearances at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) in Jamestown this holiday season! Special train rides with Santa will operate over the three-day Thanksgiving weekend (November 29, 30 & December 1) and again the weekend of December 14 & 15.

Nighttime Rides Aboard “Santa’s Starlight Express”

For two nights only -- on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30 -- visitors are encouraged to bundle up and join Santa and his musical friends for two lighted Christmas trains departing at 5:30 and 7 p.m.

The special train rides -- lighted and filled with the music and magic of Christmas – are sure to get visitors in the holiday spirit with live holiday music and caroling aboard the train. Santa will join riders on a train of festively lit cars pulled by a vintage diesel locomotive. Every child will have plenty of time to whisper their wishes to Santa as he and his elves make their way through the train, accompanied by entertaining live music. Also, free hot chocolate will be served on board the trains. And, as another special holiday treat, Sierra No. 3 -- known as the “Movie Star Locomotive” -- will be all decked out and on special display as well.

Tickets for the nighttime rides aboard “Santa’s Starlight Express” are \$24 for adults, \$12 for youths, and free for children 2 and under (traveling on a lap). New this year, first-class tickets are available for \$33 for adults and \$15 for youths. Discounted train ride tickets are available to members.

Rides Aboard “Santa by Daylight”

Popular “Santa By Daylight” train rides also continue this year on November 29, 30 & December 1, and again on December 14 & 15. With Santa on board, a holiday-lit vintage diesel locomotive will pull the trains on November 29 & 30 whereas Sierra No. 3 will do so on December 1, 14 & 15. Trains run hourly from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths, and free for children 5 and under (and for members).

Advanced tickets are strongly recommended and are available online at www.railtown1897.org or by calling the depot store at 209-984-3953.

About Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Operated by California State Parks with assistance from the nonprofit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park offers year-round tours plus train rides weekends April-October (selected dates only November-December). Known as “The Movie Railroad,” the Park and its trains have been featured in hundreds of feature films, TV shows, and commercials. The Park is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Reservoir Road in Jamestown, reached by highways 49/108. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park is open daily (except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day) and the Park’s operating hours vary by season: April-October, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; November-March, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call Railtown 1897 State Historic Park at (209) 984-3953, or visit our Web site at www.railtown1897.org

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