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## **Railtown 1897 Seeks Interested Volunteers** *Applications Due June 11 With First Day of Training on June 13*

**JAMESTOWN, Calif.** – Are you looking for something meaningful to do with your time? Do you enjoy meeting new people and sharing your enthusiasm for the community with people from all over the world? Does working on projects as part of a dynamic team interest you? California State Parks and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) are now accepting volunteer applications to help communicate the fascinating railroading history of the “Movie Railroad” in the beautiful Sierra foothills. Interested volunteers are encouraged to submit applications by Thursday, June 11 and the first day of training will begin on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Community members are encouraged to join this worthwhile program that offers an opportunity to support the local state historic park while learning more about California’s rich history, meeting new people and developing friendships with those who share similar interests.

While no previous experience with trains or public service is required, recruitment is currently underway for tour guides, car hosts, Roundhouse hosts, greeters and shop maintenance volunteers. Railtown 1897 SHP is known for its century-old steam maintenance shops and train rides, including popular rides behind the famous Sierra No. 3, also known as the “Movie Star Locomotive.” In addition to weekend excursion steam trains (season runs through October), Railtown 1897 SHP offers daily tours, roving interpreters and many special events.

Benefits for Railtown 1897 SHP volunteers include membership in the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, free admission to and train rides at Railtown 1897 SHP and at the California State Railroad Museum, a variety of social activities, interesting training opportunities and guest speakers, discounts at the Depot Store, and participation in an annual volunteer recognition dinner. Interested volunteers can download a volunteer application at [www.railtown1897.org](http://www.railtown1897.org) or call 209-984-4408 for more information.

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