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Railroad Museum & Foundation Announce New Season of Weekend Excursion Trains on the Sacramento Southern Railroad

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California State Railroad Museum & Foundation are proud to announce a new season of popular weekend excursion train rides on the Sacramento Southern Railroad. While excursion train rides are available starting March 5-6, the official Opening Weekend is planned for April 2-3. Train ride guests have the option to ride in open-air gondolas with bench seating or in comfortable and cushioned enclosed coach cars. Presenting the only train ride experience behind an authentic, historic locomotive in the Sacramento region, excursion train rides depart on weekends at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Operating in compliance with TSA's (Transportation Security Administration) COVID-19 guidelines, masks are currently required on all excursion train rides.

Excursion train ride guests delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, historic locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 50-minute roundtrip excursion. Appealing to all ages, the experience offers guests the chance to enjoy train travel from an earlier era.

Weekend excursion train ride tickets are limited and interested riders are encouraged to book online in advance. If still available, train ride tickets can be purchased in-person starting at 9 a.m. the day of the train ride. Weekend excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot (on Front between J & K Streets) every 90 minutes.

Regular/coach excursion train tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages five and under ride free. Beginning Opening Weekend on April 2, a total of five train rides will be available, departing at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. each weekend day. For passengers desiring a first-class train ride experience (also starting April 2), tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$18 for youths and are free for children five and under. First-class train tickets often sell out early so guests are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance. All California State Railroad Museum Foundation members receive free regular/coach train rides, based on space availability.

To purchase weekend excursion train ride tickets or for more information about the California State Railroad Museum or Foundation in general, please visit

www.californiarailroad.museum.

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The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum.