



California State Railroad Museum Foundation Offers Special Farm-To-Fork Activities

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (September 2, 2016) –The California State Railroad Museum Foundation is proud to continue its partnership with Visit Sacramento as an official Farm-To-Fork sponsor in 2016 in an effort to showcase the rich history and deep connection between agriculture and the railroad.

To celebrate Farm-To-Fork in rail-related style, the Railroad Museum & Foundation are offering a series of special activities for the community to experience and enjoy. They will have a special booth at the free Farm-To-Fork festival on Saturday, September 24 where children can participate in a fun, hands-on activity. Also that weekend, the Foundation is coordinating a free Bartlett pear giveaway – courtesy of David J. Elliott & Son, Stillwater Orchard in Courtland -- to all guests who take a ride on the Museum's excursion train in Old Sacramento the weekend of September 24-25. To add even more farm-to-fork flair, the pears will be displayed in and given out from a beautiful '39 Chevy Stake Truck courtesy of the California Automobile Museum. Excursion trains depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.* and cost \$12 for adults, \$6 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages five and under ride free. First-class train ride tickets are available on Saturday only for \$20 for adults and \$15 for youths.

While sold out, the Foundation is also offering a special Farm-To-Fork Cocktail Train experience presented by Merchants National Bank on Sunday, September 25 – that was recognized as a finalist in the "Best Train Ride Experience" category in *Sunset Magazine's* Travel Awards -- where ticketed guests can experience what First Class was like during the early decades of the 20th century as developed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Uniformed stewards provide the finest service aboard three of the California State Railroad Museum's First Class cars: the beautifully restored 1920s *El Dorado*, the *French Quarter* that served the famed Southern Pacific "Sunset Limited" service and the *Audubon* that is appropriately named due to its hand-painted reproductions of bird illustrations by artist/naturalist John James Audubon. Two eye-catching locomotives will pull the VIP trains – Western Pacific No. 913 and Southern Pacific No. 6051 – both of which are classic streamlined locomotives representative of the first generation of diesel-electric locomotives.

For more information about the Foundation or to purchase advance excursion train ride tickets, please call 916-445-5995 or visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

**On Sunday, September 25, the regular 3 & 4 p.m. excursion train rides will not be available.*

About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

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. The Foundation and its board of directors is currently laying groundwork for a future California Railroad Technology Museum capital campaign proposed as part of the downtown Sacramento railyard development project. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum

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