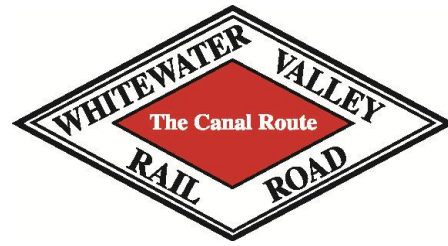


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ALL ABOARD TO METAMORA CANAL DAYS

AVOID THE PARKING HASSLES AND RIDE THE TRAIN TO THE
43rd ANNUAL CANAL DAYS CELEBRATION

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Connersville, Indiana - The Whitewater Valley Railroad is pleased to announce that special passenger train service will be offered for the 43rd Annual Metamora Canal Days.

Enjoy the 43rd Annual Canal Days Celebration on October 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2011 without worrying about parking. Special excursions will depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 10:00 am on Friday October 7th for a two hour layover in Metamora to enjoy the festivities. While on Saturday October 8th & Sunday October 9th, two trains each day will depart from the Connersville's Grand Central Station station. The 10:01 am train departure will give passengers four hours to enjoy the festivities and the 12:01 pm train will offer two hours in Metamora. Ticket fares are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children ages two through twelve. Publicity Officer William Gray states that "The Canal Days Excursions have become a traditional fall time activity for many local and area residents."

Canal Days are not the only exciting events happening this fall at the Whitewater valley Railroad.

- **Fall Foliage Flyer, (FAVORITE)** - Enjoy the beautiful fall foliage in the Whitewater River Valley between Connersville and Metamora on one of our Fall Foliage Flyer Excursions. This special excursion runs every Thursday and Friday during October, departing the Connersville station at 10:01 am. In Historic Metamora, Visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 100 shops and restaurants during the 2 hour layover before your return trip to Connersville. The round trip fares for this train are \$20 for adult and \$12 for children, one way fares are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.
- **Valley Flyer - Connersville-Metamora, (FAVORITE)** - Visit Historic Metamora, Indiana as this train departs from our Connersville depot at 12:01 pm on every Saturday and Sunday in October. Platted in 1838, Metamora is a restored canal town. Visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 100 shops and restaurants during the 2 hour layover. Trains consisting of vintage equipment depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 pm on Saturdays & Sundays in October. The Valley Flyer departs Metamora for the return to Connersville at 3:30 pm, arriving at the Connersville Station at 5:00 pm. The round trip fares for this train are \$20 for adult and \$12 for children, one way fares are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.

- **Twilight Limited Train to Dinner, (FAVORITE)** – October 7th & 21st, 2011 - The Train to Dinner departs Connersville's Grand Central Station at 6 p.m. on the first and third Friday during the regular operating season, and travels to the Laurel Hotel. The cost is \$29 per adult, \$15 for children (special child's menu) and includes the round trip train ride, the meal, tax and tip. Reservations Required. For reservations and schedule call: (765) 825-2054 (Prices may change without notice).
- **Overland Limited - Wild West Train, (FAVORITE)** – October 15th & 16th 2011 - All Aboard with a western twist. Join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound train on the 3rd Saturday and 3rd Sunday in October. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, Fancy and some Not So Fancy Women as you roll through the scenic countryside. Trains depart Connersville at 12:01 PM. The round trip fares for this train are \$20 for adult and \$12 for children, one way fares are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.
- **TELEVISION SHOOT, (SPECIAL)** – October 16th, 2011 – Come and witness a TV Camera Crew in action on the WVRR. Who knows you may be selected to be in the taping. While you are visiting sit back and relax and enjoy the trip on the Wild West themed Overland Limited excursion departing from downtown Connersville. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, Fancy and some Not So Fancy Women as you roll through the scenic countryside. Trains depart Connersville at 12:01 PM. The round trip fares for this train are \$20 for adult and \$12 for children, one way fares are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.
- **Pumpkinliner, (FAVORITE)** - October 22nd & 23rd, 2011 - Bring the family out for a afternoon of fun. Enjoy a round trip from our Connersville Grand Central Station to our pumpkin patch. Your train ticket includes round trip service to the pumpkin patch, a hay ride to the patch, and a pumpkin from the field. Trains depart at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 4:30 pm. Ticket includes a pumpkin for children age 12 and under. Tickets are Limited and Reservations are Recommended.

About the WVRR

Established in 1972, the Whitewater Valley Railroad is a nonprofit 501c3 railroad history organization. It is an operating railroad museum dedicated to the preservation of a historic branch line railroad, the restoration of railroad equipment, and to the conduct of railroad educational programs. The railroad is operated by trained volunteers and all proceeds are used to further the organization's mission.

Come to Connersville, Indiana and return to a time when the railroad moved the nation and the short line railroad was a small town's best friend. The WVRR attracts passengers and railroad

enthusiasts from all across the United States and Canada. Connersville is situated 65 miles from Cincinnati, Dayton, and Indianapolis, conveniently located in between the three metro areas.

“In October 2008 during our 35th season we carried our one millionth passenger,” says WVRR Publicity Officer William Gray. “We hope to continue to entertain and educate another million guests in the upcoming years.”

About Metamora, Indiana

Metamora is Indiana's treasured 1838 canal town. Nestled in southeastern Indiana's beautiful countryside, Metamora is steeped in history and famous for its preservation of Indiana's oldest and still operating water-powered grist mill. Located 60 miles east of Indianapolis and 35 miles west of Cincinnati, A must see town that retains all of its traditional charm and languid atmosphere. Shop in stores housed in buildings dated back to the early 1800s, eat and above all else... Enjoy the slow relaxing pace of the past! For more information on Historic Metamora, visit Metamora online at www.metamoraindiana.com.

“Metamora offers an historical ambiance and we are proud to be a part of that atmosphere for over 38 years” Gray says. “The WVRR offers a real train experience for all to experience that might otherwise not have such an opportunity.”

More information about this event and others is available by calling the Whitewater Valley Railroad at **765-825-2054** or by visiting them at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org

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