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ALL ABOARD THE DINOSAUR TRAIN™

THE WHITEWATER VALLEY RAILROAD COLLABORATES WITH RAIL EVENTS, INC. AND THE JIM HENSON COMPANY TO OFFER OFFICIAL LICENSED DINOSAUR TRAIN RIDES

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CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA –The Whitewater Valley Railroad is proud to announce its collaboration with Rail Events, Inc. and The Jim Henson Company to bring the only officially licensed train ride event to the Indianapolis Indiana, Dayton and Cincinnati Ohio areas during their 40th season! Dinosaur Train™ rides are based on the award-winning hit PBS KIDS® series, DINOSAUR TRAIN™.

The Dinosaur Train schedule is as follows: August 17, 18, 24, & 25, 2013. Tickets are on sale now and are \$26 per person for ages 1 and up. For tickets and event information call The Whitewater Valley Railroad at 765-825-2054 or visit <http://tickets.whitewatervalleyrr.org>. Be sure to make your reservations now as these trains are expected to sell out!

DINOSAUR TRAIN™ is an Emmy-nominated and Parents' Choice Silver Honor TV series, and it consistently ranks in the top ten shows for kid's ages 2 to 5**. In the TV series, young viewers join Buddy and his adoptive family of Pteranodons on whimsical adventures through prehistoric jungles, swamps, volcanoes and oceans.

For this event, families will take a ride on a real train bound for the Nature Trackers Adventure Area where young guests will participate in a series of fun and educational challenges as they unearth basic concepts in natural science, natural history and paleontology. The day will also include many children's activities, an opportunity to meet your favorite T. rex Buddy, and Dinosaur Train™ merchandise.

Roar and take a ride back to the Jurassic Period on the Dinosaur Train! **So grab your family and friends and join a fascinating time that only dinosaurs and trains can bring together.**

About Dinosaur Train

Created by Craig Bartlett, DINOSAUR TRAIN™ airs on PBS KIDS® (check local listings), and embraces and celebrates the fascination that preschoolers have with both dinosaurs and trains while encouraging basic scientific and thinking skills. DINOSAUR TRAIN™ is produced by The Jim Henson Company and co-produced with Singapore animation company Sparky Animation with participation and assistance of the Singapore Media Development Authority. UK production and financial support is provided by Ingenious Media.

****Source: Nielsen NPower.** 12/26/2011-11/25/2012. Live+7 Days national GAA ratings for PBS and select competitive cable networks. All cumes and duplications are Live +7 Reach with a 6 minute qualifier and 75% unification. Full day is 6a-6a. All AA% ratings are Live +7.

About The Jim Henson Company

The Jim Henson Company has remained an established leader in family entertainment for over 50 years and is recognized worldwide as an innovator in puppetry, animatronics and digital animation. Best known as creators of the world famous Muppets, Henson has received over 50 Emmy Awards and nine Grammy Awards. Recent credits include the Emmy® nominated "Sid the Science Kid," "Dinosaur Train™," "Wilson & Ditch: Digging America" and "Pajanimals." Features include "The Dark Crystal," "Labyrinth," "MirrorMask," and "Unstable Fables" and television productions include "Fraggle Rock" and the sci-fi cult series "Farscape."

With additional locations in New York and London, The Jim Henson Company is headquartered in Los Angeles on the historic Charlie Chaplin lot, complete with soundstage and postproduction facilities. Independently owned and operated by the five adult children of founder Jim Henson, the Company is also home to Jim Henson's Creature Shop™, a pre-eminent character-building and visual effects group with international film, television and advertising clients, as well as Henson Recording Studios, one of the music industry's top recording facilities known for its world-class blend of state-of-the-art and vintage equipment. The Company's Henson Alternative brand has recently launched the national tour of "Stuffed and Unstrung," a live puppet improvisational show named one of the top 10 "Best Stage Shows of 2010" by Entertainment Weekly. Visit henson.com; [facebook.com/hensoncompany](https://www.facebook.com/hensoncompany); twitter.com/hensoncompany.

About the WVRR

Travel Through Time On Indiana's Most Scenic Railroad. The Whitewater Valley Railroad (WVRR), an authentic, historic train offering recreational train excursions and events for its 40th operating season in 2013. The WVRR was voted Indiana's Best Scenic Railway in 2011 and 2013 by The Official Best Of at <http://www.officialbestof.com>. 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. Train operations began in the spring of 1974 with trips between Connersville, Metamora, and Brookville, Indiana.

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.

Call (765) 825-2054 for more information and reservations or visit the Whitewater Valley Railroad's web site at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org

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