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INDIANA RAIL ROAD'S 2017 SANTA TRAIN RIDES THE RAILS DEC. 1-3 FREE Ticket Required to See Santa; New Location for Newton, Ill., Stop

INDIANAPOLIS, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2017 – Santa Claus will ride the Indiana Rail Road to towns across southern Indiana and eastern Illinois for the 28th annual Santa Train, Dec. 1-3.

The beloved Indiana Rail Road (INRD) Santa Train will make 12 stops over three busy days, and INRD invites families aboard the festively decorated train to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Access to the Santa Train is free with a ticket; a limited number of tickets will be distributed at each stop.

Guests waiting in line also will enjoy entertainment by a full cast of costumed characters, brought to life by Indiana Rail Road employee volunteers, their families and friends. Santa's helpers will also provide donated warm-weather gear to children in need of warmth this winter.

The schedule for the 2017 train is identical to 2016, with the exception of a new location for the train's stop in Newton, Ill.: Newton Community High School, along West Decatur Street. A complete INRD Santa Train schedule – with arrival and "line closes" times – is below.

The Santa Train tradition has transcended multiple generations, as many of the earliest Santa Train visitors bring their own children to the event each year. INRD employees consider the train's three-day trek across southern Indiana and eastern Illinois to be a labor of love, and it could not operate without the generous support of many corporate and civic sponsors.

Ticket distribution: A limited number of tickets to board the Santa Train will be distributed at each stop **at the time of the train's arrival** on a first-come, first-served basis; tickets are not available in advance.

"Our employee volunteers decided that a ticketing system was essential after large crowds saw the train arrive as much as two hours late to some stops," said Eric Powell, INRD spokesperson. "We want to keep the Santa Train on time so little ones aren't waiting in the cold too long. The ticket system allows families to know right away whether they've arrived in time to board the Santa Train."

Cold-weather gear donations: For persons or companies interested in donating coats and hats, INRD is not equipped to accept clothing, but all cash donations will go directly to the purchase of cold-weather gear distributed from the Santa Train. Checks can be made out to Indiana Rail Road (put "Santa Train" on the memo line) and mailed to INRD, Attn.: Shae LeDune, 8888 Keystone Crossing, Suite 1600, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

The Indiana Rail Road Company is a privately held, 250-mile railroad that serves central and southwest Indiana, and eastern Illinois. INRD connects to the entire North American rail network via strategic gateways at Chicago, Indianapolis and Newton, Ill. For more information on the railroad and its community involvement, visit www.inrd.com or find us on Twitter and Facebook.

(Full 2017 Santa Train schedule on the following page)



2017 Indiana Rail Road Santa Train Schedule (All times local; free admission with ticket!):

Station/Location	Arriving	Line for Santa Closes
Friday, December 1		
Bargersville, Ind./Town Hall	3 p.m.	5 p.m.
Morgantown, Ind./Fire Station, Highland St.	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Helmsburg, Ind./Helmsburg Road	8:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 2		
Solsberry, Ind./Yoho Store	8:30 a.m.	10 a.m.
Bloomfield, Ind./Seminary Street	11 a.m.	Noon
Linton, Ind./S.E. C Street	1:30 p.m.	3 p.m.
Dugger, Ind./Main Street	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Jasonville, Ind./City Park	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 3		
Newton, Ill./High School, W. Decatur Street**	9 a.m.	10 a.m.
Oblong, Ill./South Range St.	11:15 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Palestine, Ill./Lincoln St.	1:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Sullivan, Ind./South Main St. and Judy Lane	4 p.m.	5 p.m.

**New location for Newton!

A printable PDF copy of the schedule:

http://www.inrd.com/documents/2017_Santa_Train.pdf

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