School Programs

The Colorado Railroad Museum's field trips and outreach materials are designed to engage students using historical objects and primary sources that build critical thinking skills, encourage vocabulary development, and address Colorado Academic Standards.

Whether it's one of our ongoing programs or a program related to our changing exhibitions - the Colorado Railroad Museum is committed to helping your students connect with and understand the topics critical to making Colorado what it is today, and the instrumental role that railroads played in that story.

We hope you visit us soon!

Colorado Academic Standards

For an overview of the Colorado Academic Standards addressed by each program, visit ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/School-Programming.

"Thank you so much for the beyond amazing day! My students took away so much. Your staff was very engaging and knew this age group so well. We are looking forward to always making the trip each year. Loved it!"

- Julia's Crew

COLORADO'S RAILROADS, A PRIMARY SOURCE SET

Cost: FREE

Look for our Elementary Primary Source Set online: www.cde.state.co.us/cosocialstudies/pssets

BOOK YOUR FIELD TRIP

Contact us today to book your field trip at the Colorado Railroad Museum:

- Visit www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/Education
- Call 720-274-5147
- Email FieldTrips@CRRM.org
- Fill out your reservation form by going to: www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/School-Programming/

LOGISTICS

AVAILABILITY

Field trips are available by reservation Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Special arrangements can be made to accommodate different times.

*Only "On Your Own" reservations accepted during November & December.

FEES

Student cost varies by program (see details inside).

Free admission for actively chaperoning adults. We encourage a ratio of one adult chaperone for every five children.





SCHOOL PROGRAMS & FIELD TRIPS



ON-SITE PROGRAMS

TRAINS!

Grades: Pre-K to 1st

\$4 per student.

Perfect for Preschoolers! Learn the names of the different rail cars and the work they do.

WESTWARD HO! COLORADO

Grades: 3rd to 12th

\$4 per student.

Explore the railroad's impact on westward expansion.

MACHINES IN THE AGE OF RAIL

Grades: 6th to 12th

\$4 per student.

Delve into the simple and complex machines found at the Museum's active rail yard.

COLORADO RAILROADS ON YOUR OWN

Grades: Pre-K to 12th

\$4 per student.

This self-guided tour begins with a short welcome by Museum staff before you set off on your own adventure

GALLOPING GOOSE: A COLORADO ORIGINAL

Grades: 4th to 12th

\$6 per student (includes train ride & tour).

Available by reservation on Tuesdays & Thursdays only.

Students learn about economics from the perspective of the railroad and its customers before taking a ride on a Rio Grande Southern motorcar that saved the railroad from bankruptcy.





RAIL DAYS: A COLORADO FIELD TRIP Grades: 2nd to 6th

Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28, 2023 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$9 per student, per day.

Pre-registration encouraged by April 20, 2023.

This annual hands-on program provides students with a number of opportunities for in-depth and engaging experiences! Your group will see, hear, smell, and ride behind an authentic Colorado steam locomotive. Our volunteers will help them lay track, sing railroad songs, explore the impact trains have had on our environment, and more. Area cultural organizations will join us to discuss Pullman Porters, communicate with the Telegraph using Morse Code, and explore how railroads were instrumental in settling our state on a giant map of Colorado.

Applications available on our website at: www.coloradorailroadmmuseum.org/rail-days-application

Learn more & download this brochure online at www.ColoradoRailroadMuseum.org/School

IN YOUR CLASSROOM

ARTIFACT TRUNKS

Cost: \$50 per trunk.

Explore the following railroad themes through their objects:

- Technology & Trains
- · Economy on the Tracks
- · Social Customs on the Railroad

FAMILY EVENTS

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Thursday, March 2 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Included with General Admission
Celebrate literature through classic train stories such as Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham, stories from Thomas the Tank Engine Collection, Donald Crews' Freight Train, Marian Potter's The Little Red Caboose and more. Stories will be read on your train ride and inside several of our historic rail cars. Students will also get to meet Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat and the Museum's own Mascot, Spike the Railroad Dog!

SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, March 21-Friday, March 24 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. *Included with General Admission*Students and their families are encouraged to join the Museum for a week of fun activities exploring the railroad's relationship to our environment. Enjoy train rides, crafts, and more!

