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**INDIANA RAIL ROAD'S SANTA TRAIN CELEBRATES 25 YEARS
St. Nick Will Visit Rural Indiana, Illinois Communities December 5-7**

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014 – For the 25th consecutive Christmas season, Santa Claus will be coming to towns in southern Indiana and Illinois by train.

Children living in communities served by The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) will get a chance to see St. Nick on the company's Santa Train on December 5, 6, and 7. Families are invited aboard the festively-decorated train to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and be entertained by a full cast of costumed characters, brought to life by Indiana Rail Road employee volunteers, their families and friends of the company.

The event is free and open to children and grownups of all ages. Santa's helpers will also give away coats, hats and gloves to help families in need of warmth this winter.

The Santa Train concept originated in 1989 as a volunteer project of Indiana Rail Road employees. Now in its 25th year, the tradition has truly transcended generations – many of Santa's earliest Santa Train visitors bring their own children to the event each year, and most of the founding volunteers have retired from railroading.

More than 6,000 people are expected to visit the train during its three-day tour, which for many small-town children is the only opportunity to visit Santa in person.

"The Santa Train is our most treasured community service activity and has truly taken on a life of its own," says Thomas Hoback, founder, president and chief executive officer of Indiana Rail Road. "Our employees have created a very special tradition with the Santa Train, and their legacy will no doubt last for many generations to come."

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 clothing that will be 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, 500-mile railroad based in Indianapolis. The company hauls the equivalent of more than 800,000 truckloads of consumer, industrial and energy products each year. For more information, visit the Indiana Rail Road online at www.inrd.com or on Twitter and Facebook.

(Full 25th Annual Santa Train schedule on the following page)



The 25th Annual Indiana Rail Road Santa Train Schedule (All times local; free admission!):

Station/Location	Arriving	Line for Santa Closes
Friday, December 5		
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 6		
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 p.m.	7 p.m.
Sunday, December 7		
Newton, Ill./South Van Buren St.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.
Oblong, Ill./South Range St.	11:15 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Palestine, Ill./Lincoln St.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.
Sullivan, Ind./South Main St. and Judy Lane	4 p.m.	4:30 p.m.

A printable PDF copy of the schedule is available at: http://www.inrd.com/santa_train.aspx

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