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INDIANA RAIL ROAD DELIVERING SANTA CLAUS, GOOD CHEER DEC. 4-6 Track St. Nick's Progress on Twitter via the #INRDSantaTrain Hashtag

INDIANAPOLIS, Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 – The good boys and girls of central and southern Indiana and Illinois will enjoy a visit from St. Nick and his merry band of characters when the Indiana Rail Road Santa Train comes to rural communities on December 4, 5, and 6.

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and a host of famous, costumed characters will share the spirit of Christmas with communities along Indiana Rail Road's (INRD) system when the train makes 12 stops over the busy three-day trek. Santa Train admission is free and open to children and grownups of all ages, and Santa's helpers will also donate coats, hats and gloves to help families in need of warmth this winter.

Guests will be invited aboard the festively-decorated train to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus while popular characters – from princesses, to Big Bird, to superheroes – entertain waiting families. It's all brought to life by INRD employee volunteers, their families and friends of the company.

New for the 2015 trip: employees will regularly update the train's progress and share photos on Twitter, using the hashtag #INRDSantaTrain. INRD's Twitter account is @IndianaRailRoad.

The complete Santa Train schedule is available on the following page. Please remember Santa will not depart from any community without seeing all families who were in line by the closing deadline, so arrival times are approximate.

Now in its 26th year, the Santa Train tradition has transcended generations. Many of Santa's earliest visitors bring their own children to the event each year, and most of the founding volunteers have retired from railroading.

Over the course of its history, the Santa Train has welcomed more than 100,000 visitors and given thousands of coats, hats and gloves to families in need of warmth.

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 2015 Santa Train schedule on the following page)



The 2015 Indiana Rail Road Santa Train Schedule* (All times are local; FREE admission!):

Station/Location	Arriving	Line for Santa Closes
Friday, December 4		
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 5		
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 6		
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.

***Note: Arrival and departure times are approximate, depending on the number of children visiting Santa at each location. The train does not leave town until all children get to visit with Santa.**

A printable PDF copy of the schedule: http://www.inrd.com/documents/2015_Santa_Train.pdf

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