

## **For Immediate Release**

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# **Trainfest**<sup>®</sup>

*America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show.*

### **Trainfest 2015 to Feature Expanded Kids' Activity Zone**

MILWAUKEE, July 2015 – Milwaukee's largest annual fall event is back in its 44<sup>th</sup> year and bigger than ever! Families and hobbyists will gather for an exciting weekend of railroading fun on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. Trainfest is excited to announce a new expanded Kids' Activity Zone with concerts, crafts, and hands-on trains experience. All activities are including in the cost of admission.

#### **Run and Ride the Trains**

Everyone is welcome to hop on the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society's rideable train to experience Trainfest from a football field of track running through and around the exhibits!

Trainfest offer over four football fields of trains! That is 230,000 square feet filled with running trains. With over 70 intricately detailed model railroads in every size from large G (Garden) Scale trains to Tiny Z Scale layouts. It doesn't end there. Everyone is welcome to step into the shoes of a railroad engineer and operate nearly 80% of the 70+ trains themselves!

#### **FREE Kids Only Make 'n Take Clinic**

Back by popular demand, the Kids Only Make 'n Take Clinic will return in 2015. In this FREE clinic kids 7-12 are invited to work alongside expert modelers to build their own Whistle Stop Station, compliments of Walthers. Spots are limited, and pre-registration is required. Reserve your spot today at [Trainfest.com](http://Trainfest.com).

#### **Trainfest Junior Engineer Program**

The Trainfest Junior Engineer Program allows kids 5-16 to run model trains and learn the "ins and outs" of how railroads operate. Participants will receive their Junior Engineer Certificate upon completion of at least 4 out of 7 of railroad engineer tasks available within the program. Stop by the WISE Division booth at the show to sign up and be entered for a chance to win a train set.

#### **Kids' Activity Zone**

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The new and improved Kids' Activity Zone will feature Qubo's "Choo Choo Bob," sponsored by Walthers, returning to Trainfest's stage for the fourth consecutive year with an acoustic performance for kids of all ages and story time with the Choo Choo Bob engineers. Choo Choo Bob is also bringing back wooden train tables for even the littlest train fan's fun! Other returning favorites include crafts, LEGO® trains, and coloring!

### **Celebrating the Chicago & North Western System**

This year marks the beginning of an exciting new Trainfest tradition of celebrating a different railroad each year through sharing memories and photos, partnering with historical societies, and modeling. Trainfest 2015 will be celebrating the Chicago & North Western System in conjunction with the C&NW Historical Society and the MSOE Grohmann Museum. Take a walk through the museum quality photo display to learn some history behind all of the awesome trains you will see!

*Trainfest, an over 40 year tradition, is America's largest operating model railroad show under one roof. The annual two-day public event attracts train hobbyists and families who come to see and learn more about the hobby of model railroading. Visitors experience nearly 70 remarkable operating railroads from Z to G scale, over 100 manufacturers and hobby dealers, plus artists, photography displays, clinics, and on-site demonstrations. Trainfest, a non-profit organization, is sponsored by the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). Trainfest 2015 will be November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. For more information, visit [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com).*

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