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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Seeks Volunteers for *The Polar Express*™

Peninsula, Ohio – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is seeking volunteers for its 2014 season of *The Polar Express*™. This program will be offered from Friday, November 14 through Sunday, December 21 departing from Rockside Station in Independence and Northside Station in Akron. The destination is the North Pole, located at the Peninsula Depot in Peninsula.

This holiday program is based on Chris Van Allsburg's enchanting book *The Polar Express*™, about young boy's trip to the North Pole. Children clad in pajamas board the train in Akron or Independence and travel through Cuyahoga Valley National Park to hear the story of the Polar Express, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, and sing carols on their way to the North Pole. Through the train's windows, children see holiday characters, elves hard at work . . . and Santa!

Volunteer elves are needed to serve as readers, servers, and assistants on board the train, as well as Santa's helpers at the North Pole. Volunteers are also needed to play Santa. All train volunteers are asked to commit to at least four nights on the train; North Pole elves are asked to commit to at least six evenings. Volunteers under the age of 16 must volunteer with an adult. Those under the age of 14 may only volunteer at the North Pole. Volunteer groups are welcome!

Training will be provided. Interested volunteers may complete the online volunteer application at www.cvsr.com/volunteer to receive further information or call the Polar Express Hotline at 800- 468-4070 x 236.

All new volunteers are required to attend one Basic Training and one Festive Elf Training. The dates for Basic Training are Wednesday, October 29th 6:30-8:30pm and Sunday, November 2nd 10am-12pm. The dates for

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Festive Elf Training are Sunday, November 2nd 1pm-3pm and Tuesday, November 4th 6:30-8:30pm. All trainings are held at Happy Days Lodge, 500 W Streetsboro St, Peninsula, OH 44264.

Thank you in advance for your interest in spreading holiday cheer aboard The Polar Express™! Pat Catan's is the presenting sponsor of CVSR's 2014 Polar Express programming.

About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 42 years. For more information about the railroad, visit CVSR.com.

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