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The National Park Service & Amtrak Announce New Trails & Rails Program

All Aboard! The National Park Service, Springfield's historic sites, and the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau are teaming up with **Amtrak** to provide educational programs for passengers traveling on-board the **Lincoln Service and Texas Eagle** train from Springfield to Chicago and back to Springfield.

Volunteers, who participate in the **Trails & Rails** partnership program between the National Park Service and Amtrak, provide educational programs on passenger trains throughout the country. On every Friday and Saturday, from June 17, 2011 through August 20, 2011, volunteers will present on-board programs from Springfield to Chicago and Chicago to Springfield. Programs will be offered to Chicago on **Lincoln Service (Train 302)** which leaves Springfield at 8:37 AM. The return program to Springfield will be offered on the **Texas Eagle (Train 21)** which leaves Chicago at 1:45 PM. The Trails & Rails Program is a new component of Springfield's "**History Comes Alive**" program which, through a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce, provides support for living history programs and events at Lincoln-related historic sites in Springfield, from June 15, 2011 through August 14, 2011.

Along the train's route, Trails & Rails volunteers will provide Amtrak passengers with information about Abraham Lincoln, area history, cultural diversity, and significant cultural and natural sites. Programs are presented intermittently over the train's public address system in the lounge car and other designated areas. In addition to displaying traveling trunk items, volunteers will hand out travel information and answer questions about Central Illinois, the National Park Service, and public use resources.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Trails and Rails program is always looking for additional volunteers. This summer volunteers are required to attend orientation training and make at least three train trips. Volunteers must be flexible, at least 18 years old, adaptable to ever changing situations, and in good health so they can successfully carry out their duties and responsibilities. Volunteers should also be comfortable speaking in public and working with a diversity of people from all over the U.S. and abroad. As Trails and Rails guides, volunteers have the opportunity to showcase their talents and develop new skills that will help them in their present or future careers.

Reservations for the **Lincoln Service** or the **Texas Eagle** can be made by visiting www.amtrak.com or calling toll-free 1-800 USA-RAILS (872-7245). For further information about Trails & Rails Program or volunteering please contact either Dale Phillips at (217) 391-3222 or Rich Salik at (217) 483-3311.

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