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Railtown 1897 Offers “Harvest Haunt Express” Train Rides Every Weekend in October *Special Train Rides Pulled by the Newly Restored No. 28 on Saturdays*

JAMESTOWN, Calif. – California State Parks, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park (SHP) and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation are proud to offer family-friendly “Harvest Haunt Express” train rides on all four weekends in October 2019. With the train whimsically decorated for Halloween and staffed by a “skeleton crew,” the popular experiences take place aboard an excursion train that departs at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Saturdays, the excursion train will be pulled by the newly stored No. 28 steam locomotive and on Sundays by a vintage diesel locomotive.

Train ride guests are encouraged to get in the spirit and dress up according to these fun weekly themes: Critters & Creatures (October 5-6), Superheroes & Villains (October 12-13), Pirates & Princesses (October 19-20) and Witches & Wizards (October 26-27).

Located in the heart of California’s Gold Country, Railtown 1897 SHP combines railroad heritage, local history and the lure of Hollywood and is one of only two authentic and still-operating short line steam-era railroad roundhouse complexes in the entire country. The Park is home to the famous “Movie Star Locomotive” Sierra No. 3[®], which has an impressive history of starring in more than 100 film and television productions such as “High Noon,” “Back to the Future III” and “Petticoat Junction.”

Tickets for “Harvest Haunt Express” train rides (which include Park admission) are \$15 adults, \$10 youths ages 6-17, ages 5 and under are free. To make advance online reservations, visit www.railtown1897.org or call 209-984-3953 for more information.

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About the California State Railroad Museum Foundation

The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. The Foundation and its board of directors is currently laying groundwork for a future California Railroad Technology Museum capital campaign proposed as part of the downtown Sacramento railyard development project. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum.

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