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Whimsically-Decorated “Spookomotive” Trains To Treat Old Sacramento Visitors for Three Weekends in October

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- All aboard for Halloween fun! For three weekends beginning in mid-October, California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum will once again offer engaging and entertaining rides aboard its popular “Spookomotive” train this fall season. “Spookomotive” trains operate Saturdays and Sundays beginning the weekend of October 12-13 and continuing the weekends of October 19-20 and October 26-27.

For these three weekends only, family-favorite “Spookomotive” trains depart on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot at Front and K Streets in Old Sacramento. The diesel-powered “Spookomotive” pulls the whimsically decorated train, crawling with spiders, cobwebs and cornstalks and staffed by a “skeleton crew.” Visitors are encouraged to climb aboard for a fun-filled, 45-minute, six-mile roundtrip ride along the Sacramento River. Train ride guests are encouraged to dress up according to weekly themes, including: Super Heroes (October 12-13), Pirates & Princesses (October 19-20) and Witches & Wizards (October 26-27).

“Spookomotive” train tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths ages 6-17, children ages 5 and under ride free. For the first time, “Spookomotive” train ride tickets will be available online in advance, or at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office (on Front Street between J and K Streets) the day of the ride, based on availability.

In addition to “Spookomotive” train rides, Old Sacramento will be crawling with other activities during October including Ghost Tours and trick-or-treating. For more information about Old Sacramento activities, visit www.oldsacramento.com. For advance tickets or more information about “Spookomotive” train rides or other California State Railroad Museum events and activities, visit www.csrmf.org or call (916) 445-6645.

About the California State Railroad Museum
Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Widely regarded as North America's finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.csrmf.org or call (916) 445-6645.