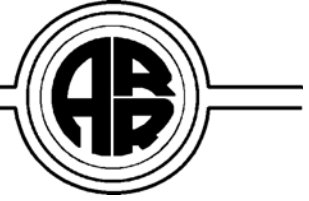


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Alaska Railroad Corporation Hosts Anchorage Open House

ANCHORAGE - The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is polishing the Blue and Gold and sounding the horns, inviting the public to its annual Anchorage Open House taking place on Saturday April 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alaska Railroad Historic Depot (411 First Avenue).

“I can’t think of a better way to kick off an Alaskan summer,” said Pat Gamble, President and CEO of the Alaska Railroad Corporation. “Every year at this time, we look forward to showing businesses and communities what their Railroad is all about...serving Alaskans.”

This annual event is a volunteer effort put on by railroaders and friends of the Railroad, with a special focus on kids and kids at heart. Events include:

- Free round trip train rides from the Historic Depot
- Free Popcorn and refreshments
- Free railroad items for kids
- Safety posters designed by students from Government Hill Elementary
- Hot dogs and candy bars sold by the Government Hill Elementary School PTA to raise funds for their organization. Government Hill is an ARRC School-Business Partner.
- Miniature model railcars
- Displays of passenger, maintenance, and other railroad equipment.
- Updates on current and planned capital projects.
- Live music from Elmendorf’s Air Force Band of the Pacific, Alaska Brass
- A free raffle for a two sets of round trip gift passes for two to Seward, one set of round trip gift passes for two to Denali and a copy of a framed 2005 Alaska Railroad poster.

ARRC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure its facilities are accessible to the public. Individuals with special accommodation needs should contact the railroad at 265-2494.

ARRC is a self-sustaining, state-owned Corporation that operates without state subsidy, serving a number of rail belt communities from Seward to Fairbanks.