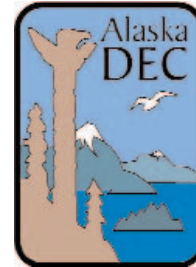


2008 Alaska Railroad Whistle Stop Tour Invitation to Elementary Schools

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Mark these dates: **March 31-April 9, 2008**

That's when an exciting educational opportunity rolls into 9 communities! The Alaska Railroad, in conjunction with the Alaska State Departments of Health & Social Services (HSS) and Environmental Conservation (DEC), invite Alaskan elementary school students to participate in a special emergency preparedness **Whistle Stop Tour Train**.

The **2008 Whistle Stop Tour Train** is a rolling classroom and exhibit hall offering educational, and potentially life-saving activities. Materials and public educators will be on hand from the fields of Railroad Transportation and Safety, Emergency Management, Environmental Conservation, Public Health, Forestry, and Citizen-Led Emergency Prevention/Preparation.

Many of your students live near the train tracks. To familiarize students with railroad-related hazards, class visits include "Operation Lifesaver," a presentation specifically targeting elementary students with an entertaining lesson on how to stay safe around trains and tracks. Lessons learned by students on board the train often have a longer-lasting impact than presentations made in the classroom.

First-come, first served. The **2008 Whistle Stop Tour Train** will be open to scheduled classroom visits between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Due to limited time and parking, visiting classes are limited to 40 students and must be transported by bus.

Teachers can sign up their class for a one-hour time block by visiting www.AlaskaRailroad.com — click on INFORMATION — then COMMUNITY. On the left, click on "Whistle Stop Tour" and on this page, click on School Schedule Sign up. This will bring you to a page showing schedules indicating each Whistle Stop location, date and a schedule of one-hour time blocks. Blocks that have the name of a school next to them are already reserved. To reserve time for

your class, click on the "Reserve My Class Time Block" which activates an email. In the body of the email message, provide the name of your school, a contact name, phone number, email address, and at least two preferred time blocks.

A confirmation email will be sent with the time slot reserved for your class. Within 24 hours, your school will appear next to the reserved time block, so that other schools will not "double book" this period.

For more information about the school portion of the **2008 Whistle Stop Tour**, contact Bea Adler, Mat-Su Borough Emergency Management Programs, badler@matsugov.us or call (907) 373-8822.

THE 2008 WHISTLE STOP TOUR INCLUDES THESE PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

