

Frequently Asked Questions

When is this event?

- March 9-10, 2018

Where is it?

North Carolina Transportation Museum
411 S. Salisbury Ave.
Spencer, NC 28159

What does it include?

- Hands-on transportation activities facilitated by museum educators
- One overnight at the museum
- A 25-minute ride around the museum on our historic train
- A cold breakfast on Saturday morning
- A scavenger hunt throughout the museum

How much does it cost?

Registration before February 10 costs \$21.40 per person (scout or adult).
Registration from February 11 to March 11 costs \$26.75 per person.

Where do we sleep?

We plan to set up camp inside the Back Shop, a cavernous 1905 building built to overhaul steam locomotives. It's as long as two football fields with three-story ceilings inside.

- Each person will need an indoor sleeping bag
- We strongly recommend a foam sleeping pad or air mattress for the concrete floor.
- The building has not heat but isn't drafty.
- There are enough electrical outlets on the columns for medical devices (please note this need in your registration) or filling air mattresses, but you may not be near one to charge your phone.
- There are large, heated restrooms inside with a water bottle filling station.
- For your safety, some lights will be left on all night.

What should we bring?

- An indoor sleeping bag for each person
- We strongly recommend a foam sleeping pad or air mattress for the concrete floor
- Wear comfortable shoes and layered clothing. You must wear shoes at all times, except when in bed.
- Layered clothing for sleeping. The building has no heat so it may be chilly.

What can we NOT bring?

Please do NOT bring tents, cots, hair dryers, curling irons, alarm clocks, electronic toys, games, music, or alcohol.

Is there access to water or electricity?

There is a drinking fountain with water bottle tap outside the restrooms.

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What about showers?

We do not have showers available.

What about food?

You're on your own for dinner Friday night. There are a Food Lion and several restaurants within a reasonable walk of the museum.

We will serve a cold breakfast on Saturday morning.

What if it rains?

This event will be held rain or shine.

Do we have to stay overnight?

No. You are welcome to attend Friday's activities without staying the night. Please note this in your registration form. The price is the same as for overnight campers.

Where and when do we check in?

Check in on Friday evening is at the Barber Junction Visitor Center adjacent to the parking lot, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

What's the schedule?

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change.

Friday

- 5 to 7 p.m.: Arrive and set up sleep area in Back Shop
- 5 to 7 p.m.: Dinner on your own (food nearby)
- 7 to 9:30 pm: Evening activities
- 9:30 to 10 pm: Scout skit on flatcar stage (bring your own snacks to eat during the show)
- 10 p.m.: Bedtime
- 10:30 p.m.: Lights out

Saturday

- 7 to 9 a.m.: Cold breakfast is served
- Before 8:30 a.m.: Sleep area cleaned up
- 10:30 a.m.: Train ride (you may be scheduled for a later ride if this sells out)
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Museum open, stay as long as you like.

Are scouts allowed in the gift shop?

That's up to parents and scout leaders. It will be open to all visitors, including scouts, from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

When do we leave?

Your sleep area must be cleaned up by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. You may stay and visit the museum until it closes at 5 p.m.

How do I register?

A web form is available at nctrans.org.

I have a question that isn't answered here.

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