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Student “Engineers” Ride Rail Projects to Trainfest

MILWAUKEE – More than 70 children ages 5-14, will exhibit their model train layouts and modules in the new “Trainfest Builders” program as part of Trainfest 2019, at Wisconsin State Fair Park, November 9-10, in Milwaukee.

“Trainfest Builders” is a new Trainfest educational outreach program, sponsored by Wm. K. Walthers, to bring a STEAM (the grouping of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math academic disciplines) education to life through model railroads.

While most Individual exhibitors are from the greater Milwaukee area, exhibitors are coming from as far as Oklahoma and Arkansas to participate. Groups include an afterschool train club from Schulte Elementary School in Sturtevant, WI and participants in the Discovery World “Design Your City” summer camp.

“When we announced the Trainfest Builders program in late spring of this year, we anticipated a couple dozen participants.” said Ken Jaglinski, Trainfest Chairman. “The number of exhibitors has exceeded all expectations. Most rewarding is the response from both parents and teachers on the potential of using model railroading as an educational tool for their children.”

Children are exhibiting in one of three categories: layouts of toy trains themed by the child; a display of running railroads that incorporates elements of model building; or creation of a module to specification where children apply their STEAM learnings to model railroad building.

“Is there a more perfect way to celebrate National STEAM Day (November 7) then by watching children apply school learning to their layouts in anticipation of having their layout seen by more than 20,000 people who will attend Trainfest?” said Jaglinski.

For more information on Trainfest Builders, visit <https://www.trainfest.com/trainfest-builders/>.

Photo Gallery / B-Roll under Media Resources at <https://www.trainfest.com/in-the-news/>

About STEAM. More info at <https://educationcloset.com/steam/what-is-steam/> and <https://www.ed.gov/stem>.

About Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. As a leading supplier of model railroad products, Walthers supplies hobby shops globally with thousands of products from over 250 different suppliers. For more information see www.walthers.com.

About Trainfest. Trainfest is America’s largest operating model railroad show and the largest fall event held in the City of Festivals – Milwaukee. Over five football fields of space, the event showcases 70 huge and remarkable operating railroads from Z to G scale, more than 100 manufacturers and hobby dealers, dozens of expert clinics, historical displays, and hundreds of hands-on activities and demos. Trainfest is staged by the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc., of the National Model Railroad Assn., a nonprofit organization. Trainfest is held annually on the second full weekend of November. More info at www.trainfest.com.

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