

NRHS RAILCAMP

2017 Programs Application Package

Welcome to the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) RailCamp 2017 Program! The NRHS and our partner organizations are very proud of this unique introduction to railroad operations which has hosted hundreds of young people over the last 18 years. The following pages include all the details of applying to attend one of the two programs in 2017.

RailCamp East: June 25 – July 1, 2017
Headquartered at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE
and
RailCamp Northwest: – July 30 – August 6, 2017
Headquartered at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA

Each camp will offer hands-on experiences for young people interested in railroading, its colorful history, and promising future. Frequent postings of camp events and news will be posted on www.NRHS.com and the RailCamp Facebook page.

To complete an application, select the camp you wish to attend (only one, please) and fill out ALL the appropriate documentation. **READ the Admission Policy; READ and SIGN the Code of Conduct; fill out the Application Form.** Both the prospective camper and the parents have items to sign and the potential camper has a bit of writing to do. Please use your computer to complete the application, print and mail it to the post box.

The Reference Release forms must be signed and given to your references. Make a copy of each and send them with the application. The Photo Release and Medical Release Forms must be signed and submitted. A financial assistance form is included which may be used if a need exists, otherwise it need not be returned.

Camp Tuition is \$1,290. This includes the non-refundable application deposit is \$50 which must be sent with application submission. Scholarships are available from a number of sources, including the NRHS and many of its chapters.

Our staff will review the applications and request any further information needed. You may submit applications immediately, but the **FINAL DEADLINE for submissions is April 15, 2017**. Don't wait too long – places fill up fast. RailCamp East will accept 24 campers, and RailCamp Northwest will accept 12 campers. You will be notified of acceptance as soon as possible, but not later than April 30, 2017.

When your application materials are complete, return them by mail with your \$50 application deposit to:

RailCampNRHS
PO Box 1481
Lockport, NY 14095-1481

PURPOSE OF RAILCAMP

RailCamp is an educational experience for young people who have an interest in railroads and railroading. It gives them an appreciation of what railroads have meant to the history, development and economy of our country and how revolutionary technical changes in modern railroading affect today's business. Occupations in the rail industry are unique and this opportunity introduces these young people to the motivation and commitment necessary to pursue a railroad career. The intent is to inspire them to become involved with the many aspects of railroading; hobby, volunteering, working for an historical museum or tourist operation or a career in the rail industry. It encourages them to engage in the future of railroads.

RAILCAMP ADMISSION POLICY

DEFINITIONS

Applicant – any person who makes application to attend a RailCamp program.

Parent – the person(s) who have the legal authority to make decisions about an Applicant's participation in a RailCamp program.

Chapter – any active Chapter of the NRHS.

Sponsor – a chapter, any museum, corporation, publisher or interested entity agreeing to sponsor an Applicant at a RailCamp program.

Interested Entity – any sponsor other than an NRHS chapter

Host Entity – An organization providing a venue or activities for RailCamp

General Public – any Applicant who applies for a RailCamp position without a relationship to a NRHS Chapter or Interested Entity.

APPLICATION

All individuals interested in participation in RailCamp must complete an application provided by the NRHS. The Applicant must complete the application in all respects or the NRHS will not consider the application.

Additionally, the Applicant's parent(s) must complete an affidavit attesting to the accuracy of the information on the application and grant permission for the NRHS to contact any references listed on the application.

The NRHS will accept RailCamp Applicants after a complete review of the application. Chapters or other Interested Entities may nominate an Applicant, but the final decision concerning acceptance to the program rests with the NRHS.

SCHOLARSHIPS

RailCamp participants may receive scholarships from two sources. First, the NRHS provides a limited number of scholarships to participants. The NRHS awards these scholarships based on financial need and the Applicant's potential to use the skills learned in the RailCamp program. The number of scholarships varies from year to year depending on the investment results and contributions from NRHS members, Chapters and other sources.

NRHS Chapters and Interested Entities may sponsor students. The Chapters or Interested Entities grant the sponsorship on an individual basis to applicants who meet all the admission criteria established by the NRHS. Chapters or Interested Entities may add criteria of their own so long as those criteria are non-discriminatory.

Final acceptance of a candidate is solely at the discretion of the RailCamp Committee. The NRHS, at its sole discretion, may share the name of individual Applicants with potential sponsors, and share the potential sources of sponsorships with individual Applicants.

APPLICATION PROCESS

RailCamp Management will publish a specific schedule for each year. This schedule will only apply to the next RailCamp Programs being offered. A position may be reserved by a Chapter or Interested Entity. The NRHS will hold that position until the date specified in the schedule. If the Chapter or Interested Entity fails to submit a completed application by the specified date, the NRHS may allocate that position to another Applicant. Each application will include a non-refundable Application Fee as specified on the Application Form.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The NRHS will decide on an Applicant based on the information provided in the application, the affidavit submitted by the parent and any information the NRHS obtains from the references. The NRHS does not discriminate against any Applicant in its admission process based on race, religious affiliation or lack thereof, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability. Membership in NRHS is not a prerequisite to attend RailCamp.

RailCamp is a learning program requiring participation using operating railroads that need focused attention and the ability to follow instructions without oversight.

RailCamp normally is attended by persons, aged 14 – 18 who will enter ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth grade, or graduated from high school in the year of the camp

Preference will be given to first time attendees, but RailCamp management, at its sole discretion, may admit an applicant who attended a previous RailCamp.

NOTIFICATION and FINAL TUITION PAYMENT

Upon notification of an award of a position in the RailCamp program, the Applicant has thirty (30) days to submit the balance of the tuition for the respective RailCamp program. If an Applicant fails to meet this requirement, the NRHS may award the position to another Applicant.

REFUNDS

If an Applicant is accepted for RailCamp and he/she is unable to attend due to a family emergency, the NRHS will refund the tuition the Applicant paid upon submission of requested documentation.

In the event the NRHS cancels a session of RailCamp, the NRHS will refund any tuition paid by the Applicant.

Should an Applicant be prevented from attending a RailCamp program because of war, natural disaster, or some other emergency not involving the immediate family, the NRHS will refund any tuition paid by the Applicant.

In the event an Applicant accepted for RailCamp cannot attend a RailCamp program for a reason this policy does not anticipate, the RailCamp management, in its sole discretion, may review the circumstances and refund any tuition or portion thereof as it deems appropriate.

RAILCAMP CODE OF CONDUCT

The RailCamp program provides young adults an opportunity to experience railway history and preservation concepts as well as exploring potential career opportunities. The various RailCamp venues have all been gracious in providing facilities and personnel to the RailCamp Program.

RailCamp offers something of interest to each of the campers. Attendees have a varied background in rail preservation, with some participants already possessing a background in tourist railroad and museum operations. The NRHS developed this program to hold the interest of each RailCamper.

RailCamp is a structured program. There are mandatory rules to which each attendee must adhere to insure everyone's safety and to ensure that each participant derives the maximum benefits and enjoyment from RailCamp.

- **SAFETY - Safety is the most important (and frequent) word attendees will hear all week long.**
The first safety briefing will take place the opening evening. Attendees must follow all safety instructions given at every venue during the week.
- **ROOM ASSIGNMENT** - Upon arrival on the first day, the counselors will assign each camper to a room with another RailCamper, and provide instructional material and personal safety equipment. Attendees must wear the personal safety equipment at all times when the counselors give instructions to do so. Every attendee will receive a RailCamp baseball cap, which attendee must wear at all times during the week. This rule exists so that the RailCamp and personnel at the other venues may locate and identify RailCamp participants at a quick glance. If an attendee brings another cap to the program, the cap may not be worn for any RailCamp activities.
- **MISBEHAVIOR** - RailCampers do not engage in disrespectful, inappropriate language or actions, or "horseplay" or dangerous conduct which could result in injury to fellow campers, counselors or personnel conducting training for campers. Misbehavior also means failure to follow the various rules and policies outlined in this section of the Policy. Any attendee who is unable to adhere to the rules will receive a warning from RailCamp Managers or Counselors on the first occasion. Any subsequent instances may result in dismissal from the program. If an attendee is dismissed, he/she will be sent home at the parent's expense, and no refund will be permitted.
- **TOBACCO, DRUGS, and ALCOHOL** - RailCamp is a smoke free, drug free, and alcohol free environment. The states involved have strict smoking, drinking, and drug abuse laws. Violations of those laws will result in immediate dismissal and a return to home. Violations may also result in referral to law enforcement agencies.
- **LEAVING CAMPUS** - Campers may not leave the camp housing without a counselor. Campers may spend free time in the evening for any activities of interest, but campers may not leave without an adult counselor. This restriction exists for each camper's personal safety. In addition, if a camper needs something that was left at home, the staff will make arrangements for small groups to visit local retail establishments for emergency purchases.

- **CURFEW** - Curfew is 11:00 p.m. each night. *This means lights out and everyone in bed.* The curfew is in place to insure adequate rest so attendees are alert for the following day's activities. Camp activities occur in an industrial environment most of the time, weather conditions may be hot, and each attendee needs to be wide awake and alert to avoid any possible accident.
- **SCHEDULE** - Schedule times are important. RailCamp operates on a time schedule. All attendees must be at specified reporting locations as instructed. All attendees are required to adhere to this schedule so that all parts of the program may be completed.
- Attendees should pay attention to instructors and guest speakers. The individuals who work at RailCamp during the week have taken time away from their usual work routines to make presentations to RailCamp participants. It is courteous behavior to pay attention at all times. This applies to presentations at all locations during the week.
- When visiting our hosts' facilities, attendees must follow all instructions from host property personnel and remain with the group at all times.
- The Basic RailCamp program operates as a group, or at times in smaller groups broken down from the main group. Attendees eat together, move together, and participate in various activities together. Unless a counselor has given an individual specific permission, participants must remain with the group at all times and not wander from the group and activity.
- Individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds attend RailCamp and each participant has different likes and interests. What all attendees have is a common love of railroading and its rich history. With that common thread in mind, each attendee will treat other campers with respect and consideration. The mistreatment of any participant, for any reason, is unacceptable. A camper may or may not like each individual at RailCamp, but the counselors do require that individuals respect everyone's right to be there, and to respect shared interests.
- Any Attendee who is unable to abide by the rules of the RailCamp Program as outlined above will be removed from the program, and sent home at parent's expense. No refund will be permitted.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Some RailCampers may find the provisions of the Code of Conduct a burden and elect to violate the conditions of the Code of Conduct. Should this happen at RailCamp, the counselors will use the following three-step process to determine how to address such conduct.

Level One Violation - A Level One violation will result in the offending camper being sent home immediately. Level One violations include the possession of alcohol, possession of drugs, theft of materials from the participating venues, conduct which results in the injury of another attendee, counselor or venue staff member, second incidents of a Level Two violation, and second or third incidents of a Level Three violation. This list is not exclusive. Should an incident occur, a committee composed of counselors will meet to determine the nature of the incident and the gravity of the violation, the Committee will meet with the attendee before reaching a final decision.

Level Two Violation - A Level Two violation will result in the offending attendee receiving a warning on the first violation and removal from participation for a portion of the day. Subsequent Level Two violations will result in referral to a Level One violation. Level Two violations include: leaving the campus without an adult counselor, vandalism to venue facilities, leaving the group without permission, violating a specific safety directive, violating the curfew, entering the dormitory room of a person of the opposite sex, or excessive tardiness. Frequent incidents of Level Three violations may result in Level two action.

Level Three Violation - A Level Three violation will result in the offending attendee receiving a warning on the first violation, removal from an activity for the second violation. Frequent incidents of Level Three violations may result in Level two or Level One action. Level Three violations include lagging behind the group when traveling as a group, excessive noise in the dormitory, inappropriate use of University equipment, minor safety violations, refusing to follow the directions of a counselor or venue staff member, misbehavior, repeated tardiness for planned activities, disrespectful treatment of a camper, counselor or venue staff member, inappropriate and foul language (cursing or swearing), and refusing to wear designated safety or identification clothing.

Please follow the rules and keep the slate clean.



STATEMENT OF CAMPER AND PARENTS/GUARDIAN

I (RailCamp Attendee) _____ have read the above RailCamp Code of Conduct and Violations of the Code of Conduct and understand the rules established for a safe and ethical operation of RailCamp. I agree to abide by them at RailCamp.

Signature of RailCamp Attendee: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

We (Parent(s)/Guardian) have read the above RailCamp Code of Conduct and Violations of the Code of Conduct and understand the rules established for a safe and professional operation at RailCamp. We agree to the conditions set forth above and agree that our (child) will abide by the rules through the week.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

NRHS RailCamp Application

Final Application Deadline: April 15, 2017
Decision Notifications Sent Periodically
Final Notifications by April 30, 2017

SELECT ONE: East: Wilmington, DE, June 25 - July 1, 2017
 Northwest: Tacoma, WA, July 30- Aug. 6, 2017

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____
Country: _____
Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____
Email: _____

ALL correspondence will be via email to applicant with copy to main contact.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Contact: (Person to whom all payment information and program details will be sent)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____
Email: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Additional Contact:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____
Email: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

REFERENCES

Provide the names and telephone numbers of three individuals who can serve as references. Two of your references must be teachers who have had you in class. If this is a problem, please contact us at: RailCampNRHS@yahoo.com.

1. Name _____ How does this person know you? _____
 Phone #: (____) _____ Best time _____

2. Name _____ How does this person know you? _____
 Phone #: (____) _____ Best time _____

3. Name _____ How does this person know you? _____
 Phone #: (____) _____ Best time _____

Complete and sign pages 20, 21, 22. Make a copy of each signed form and return them with your application. Make certain that your references are willing to speak to the Review Panel.

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

Applications will NOT be reviewed without this statement. On a separate piece of paper, please write two or three paragraphs which tell why you want to attend RailCamp. What do you expect to learn at RailCamp?

ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY

As of June 25 of the year of the camp, I will have completed _____ twelfth _____ eleventh _____ tenth _____ ninth _____ eighth grade.

Under special circumstances the NRHS will admit applicants who will begin ninth grade in the year of the camp but have not reached age 14.

Does this exception apply to you? _____ Yes _____ No

PARTICIPATION FACTORS

Do you have any disabilities or current medical conditions which would impact your participation in RailCamp?
 _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain. Use another sheet if you need more space:

Have you ever participated in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) while in school?
 _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain. Use another sheet if you need more space:

Have you ever had an Education Service Agreement (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act) while in school?
 _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what accommodations have you received as a result of the IEP or 504? Use another sheet if you need more space:

TRAVEL PLANS

If you apply and are accepted to the RailCamp Program, we will contact you for specific information about your travel plans. The NRHS staff will do everything to assist you in your efforts to get to the RailCamp location. Pickups can be arranged for the Amtrak Station in Wilmington or the Philadelphia Airport for RailCamp East and the Amtrak Station in Tacoma or Seatac Airport for RailCamp Northwest.

It is your responsibility to arrange your own transportation to and from the RailCamp locations. *In the event of an unforeseen cancelation of RailCamp, the NRHS will incur no financial liability where you have secured non-refundable transportation.*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The NRHS has limited funds available to provide financial assistance on an as-needed basis. Would you like NRHS to consider you for RailCamp financial assistance? ____ Yes ____ No.

If yes, please fill out the separate financial assistance page entitled "RailCamp Financial Assistance Application."

If no, are you being sponsored by an NRHS Chapter or other Interested Entity? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, which Chapter or Interested Entity?

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Contact Name: _____ Email Address _____

Preferred Phone _____ Best Hours _____

If you have any questions, contact RailCampNRHS@yahoo.com

APPLICATION FEE

The non-refundable Application Fee is \$50.00

Payment enclosed _____

Payment made separately by sponsor _____
(See Sponsor Information above)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make check or money order only for this application fee payable to "**NRHS**" and note on the memo line "**RailCamp**" plus the name of the attendee.

FINAL PAYMENT

If application is approved, final payment of \$1,240 is due 30 days from acceptance and not later than May 30, 2017.

If you apply for RailCamp and the NRHS offers admission and you subsequently refuse to attend, any payments made are non-refundable. Should the NRHS need to cancel RailCamp, NRHS will refund any payments made.

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT

I am the parent/guardian of _____ and I have the legal right to sign documents about participation in RailCamp. I have reviewed the information on this application form and attest

to its accuracy.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

RailCamp Participation Requirements

The NRHS RailCamp program is intended to provide the participants with a realistic experience dealing with the activities railroad personnel experience every day. Certain government regulations, company policies and procedures govern these activities and it is critical that each attendee be aware of and capable of observing them.

The NRHS RailCamp Program is designed to further an individual's knowledge of railroading's contribution to the history of our country by providing a hands-on experience of what it was like to operate a railroad transportation system prior to the technological advances that have automated much of that system and reduced its labor force. RailCamp also addresses present day railroading and some aspects of future railroading with activities during the week. In these instances, attendees will meet and work with experienced railroad employees. The RailCamp Experience includes learning the skills of railroading as they were (and in some cases, still are) practiced with actual hands-on participation. A major key to success for any student is to show they can participate in team activities. This is accomplished by actual participation in train operations and facilities maintenance. Attendees should come away with new appreciation of what it took, and in many ways, *still* takes, to be a railroader.

The nature of railroad operations requires close cooperation and understanding among many groups of skilled persons. This means each person needs adequate verbal communication skills as well as an agreement on several non-verbal signals and commands so as to be understood by all participants. The Federal Railway Administration (FRA) and the several State Public Utilities Commissions (PUC) oversee standards of communications and safety rules, not only for currently operating common-carrier rail systems in the United States, but for railroads at many museums and tourist operations which are maintained as operating historic artifacts. Thus many RailCamp activities are subject to FRA and state regulations, and those regulations *must* be followed explicitly.

RailCamp participation requires certain skills and a level of performance that will make the experience safe, meaningful and yet a fun learning experience for all. All RailCamp participants must be able to understand and follow directions. They must be able to focus on lectures, discussions and activities while sitting or standing for long periods in various settings which may contain many distractions. They must be able to understand verbal communications as well as several non-verbal signals and commands. They must be able to climb and lift heavy objects. RailCamp participants will get dirty and possibly perform assigned duties in wet or very hot weather. RailCamp teaches railroad heritage and practice through an active, physical, multi-day experience participating in the operation and maintenance of both modern and historic equipment and facilities.

Physically, attendees can expect to be exposed to loud noises such as locomotive horns and power equipment as well as complex activity including moving railroad trains at any time. Attendees should be comfortable lifting at least 25 pounds. Most locomotives and many other facilities are accessed by ladders with safety grabs requiring the use of both hands. Volunteers cannot provide special personal services for any camper beyond those normally expected in summer camp experiences. Federal and State safety codes for railroads require certain functions of all working personnel including volunteers; all participants must be capable of learning and then implementing these rules and procedures to insure the safety of all participants just as real railroaders do.

Safety and other necessary equipment required to participate in railroad activities will be issued by RailCamp. Such equipment includes but is not limited to earplugs, hard hats, gloves and safety goggles. Once provided, attendees are expected to have this equipment with them and available at the appropriate times after notification by staff. Other equipment will be provided if required for a specific task at the time the task is to be

performed. Clothing and appropriate footwear are the responsibility of the attendees. You will receive a separate NRHS document with guidelines for what kind and quantity of clothing to bring.

An attendee who is unable or unwilling to deal with the restrictions as outlined here or demonstrates special emotional needs after a period of time in camp may be required to leave the camp. An attendee causing disruptions which inhibit the experience of RailCamp for other attendees or pose safety risks for themselves or the group will likewise be sent home. Remember; while RailCamp is intended to be fun and educational, a camper who cannot interact successfully with the group and observe the necessary rules of safety while doing so becomes a serious danger not only to himself/herself but to others as well. Railroading requires team effort; each attendee is part of the team.

A NOTE ABOUT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT - Parents are welcome to visit the venue in which RailCamp is held but may not participate in RailCamp activities or assist a camper with any camp activity, including meals and evening social functions. Attendees are expected to stay in the provided housing facilities with their peers. The group interaction must not be circumvented for safety and other reasons; this is part of the camp objectives. We learn that safety is a group activity and each attendee's attention should be confined to the group and its activities during RailCamp week. Parental interference cannot be tolerated. Safety requires everyone's full and undivided attention.

Agreement

I have read and understand the above Participation Requirements and guidelines and indicate this by signing below.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD AND OTHER CAMPERS IS OUR PRIMARY CONCERN.

The NRHS does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious affiliation or lack thereof, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disabilities. RailCamp can make some reasonable accommodations to meet the needs of attendees but the staff needs to know the extent of any disability and the program modifications that a special needs child may require. RailCamp needs your full and complete responses to the following questions:

Does your child have special needs? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

In addition to the "special needs" category, are there any other issues of which we need to be aware (sleepwalking, anxiety attacks, anger or frustration situations, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Does your child have Individualized Education Plan or Educational Service Plan? Yes No

If yes, would you be willing to discuss it with RailCamp management? Yes No

Does your child have any special dietary needs? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Does your child have any allergies, either food born or environmental? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Does your child have sensitivity to sudden loud noises and/or bright flashing lights? Yes No

If yes to either situation please describe your child's reaction: _____

Is your child's weight and height within normal limits for a child of his/her age? Yes No

RailCamp Medical Information Sheet Emergency Medical Authorization Form

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address (if different than above): _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Relationship to Camper: _____ Custodial Parent: Yes No

Place of Business: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address (if different than above): _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Relationship to Camper: _____ Custodial Parent: Yes No

Place of Business: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

In the event the Attendee listed above is not residing with the custodial parent, please complete the following information:

Custodial Parent's Name: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Person to contact in the event we cannot contact one of the above named persons:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

ATTENDEE’S MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please detail any facts about the Attendee’s medical history including allergies, medications taken and any physical or mental impairment of which RailCamp staff and/or a treating physician should be aware of:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Your child must be able to dispense his/her own medication.

If your application is accepted, please send a copy of your medical insurance card with him/her to camp.

PLEASE COMPLETE PART I OR II

Part 1: To Grant Consent:

In the event that RailCamp or RailCamp Housing emergency staff cannot reach me after reasonable attempts, I hereby give consent to the Director of the RailCamp Program sponsored by the National Railway Historical Society and/or RailCamp Housing emergency personnel to (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician or dentist; and, (2) the transfer of the Attendee to any hospital reasonably accessible.

This authorization does not cover surgery unless the RailCamp and/or RailCamp Housing emergency personnel staff has secured the opinion of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery prior to the performance of the surgery.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Part II: Refusal to Consent

I do not give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my Attendee. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish RailCamp Staff and/or RailCamp Housing emergency personal to take the following action: _

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

RailCamp Release to Publish Photographs, Videotape

The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) conducts the RailCamp Program at two venues each year and frequently uses photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, and other recorded media of the participants in the RailCamp. NRHS may provide photographs to local media for use in publicizing the RailCamp experience. Such releases may include the names of the participants. Please sign this form below if you are willing to permit the NRHS to use pictures, videotapes, audiotapes, and other media and to release your child's name as a part of that process.

I give permission for _____ as a participant in the RailCamp Program, to be videotaped, photographed, voice recorded, or otherwise recorded in connection with the NRHS RailCamp Programs conducted in 2017. I give permission for the National Railway Historical Society to use said videotaped, photographed, and/or recorded materials in National Railway Historical Society publications or other publications, websites, CDs, DVDs, or other media, for publicity purposes, or in any other non-commercial manner that it chooses. I hereby waive and release any rights that I may have to such videotaped, photographed, and/or recorded materials.

I further grant permission for the National Railway Historical Society to provide local newspaper, television stations, and other media outlets the information about _____.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

For future publicity purposes

How did you learn about RailCamp? _____

RailCamp Financial Assistance Application (Optional)

This application is for possible financial assistance for RailCamp provided by the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS). The information on this application will be used to determine your entitlement to financial assistance, so make sure the information is accurate. This form is to be filled out by the parents or legal guardian of the RailCamp attendee.

The information on this form is confidential and will not be released to anyone but the NRHS and will only be used to determine the eligibility of the RailCamp Attendee to receive financial assistance.

Attendee Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian's occupation: _____ Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____

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Attendee's occupation, if any: _____ Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____

Income data - please supply the following information from the parent(s)/guardian last 3 years federal tax returns.

	Number of Exemptions	Taxable Income
Last Year	_____	_____
2 Years back	_____	_____
3 Years back	_____	_____

How much of the RailCamp tuition could parent(s)/guardian reasonably pay? _____

Other extenuating or special circumstances that we should be aware of:

The information provided in this application for financial assistance to the NRHS RailCamp Program is true to the best of my knowledge and I have not withheld relevant data requested on this application.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

REFERENCE RELEASE

Parent/guardian - complete and sign – give a copy to the reference and send a copy with your application.

I, _____ give permission for _____ to
(Parent/Guardian) (Reference)

Release information requested concerning _____.
(Camper)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM RECORDS

The student listed below has applied to be a Camper at the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. (NRHS) RailCamp program in 2017. www.NRHS.com

RailCamp is a program of the NRHS whereby male and female students aging between 14 and 18 can experience the history of railroading, its purpose and how it accomplishes its purpose. This experience takes the campers into actual participation in train operations and facilities operation. The campers must be able to perform safely in all weather conditions in a group learning process that involves performing specific duties in the various jobs by those employed in rail service which includes classroom education, climbing equipment, lifting heavy objects, standing for long periods, etc. The child must be able to work within a group and able to adhere to ALL Safety rules and regulations that are strictly enforced by Federal Agencies, Railroads and Museums for their own safety and the safety of other campers and railroad personnel and equipment.

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ DOB: _____

The Purpose of this release is to facilitate acceptance into RailCamp program.

Information to be released:

Academic, Discipline, Attendance, Socialization and Extra Activities

The information indicated above is to be released to:

The National Railway Historical Society, NRHS RailCamp program

Teacher to be contacted: _____

Teacher's email: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

This release is to be in effect until _____ (Date).

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I hereby grant permission for the release of the above record(s).

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM RECORDS

The student listed below has applied to be a Camper at the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. (NRHS) RailCamp program in 2017. www.NRHS.com

RailCamp is a program of the NRHS whereby male and female students aging between 14 and 18 can experience the history of railroading, its purpose and how it accomplishes its purpose. This experience takes the campers into actual participation in train operations and facilities operation. The campers must be able to perform safely in all weather conditions in a group learning process that involves performing specific duties in the various jobs by those employed in rail service which includes classroom education, climbing equipment, lifting heavy objects, standing for long periods, etc. The child must be able to work within a group and able to adhere to ALL Safety rules and regulations that are strictly enforced by Federal Agencies, Railroads and Museums for their own safety and the safety other campers and railroad personnel and equipment.

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ DOB: _____

The Purpose of this release is to facilitate acceptance into RailCamp program.

Information to be released:

Academic, Discipline, Attendance, Socialization and Extra Activities

The information indicated above is to be released to:

The National Railway Historical Society, NRHS RailCamp program

Teacher to be contacted: _____

Teacher's email: _____

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