



First Responder Night Aboard THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride

November 12 Cape Cod Central Railroad Event Supports Local Charity Homeless for the Holidays

Buzzards Bay, MA – September 20, 2016 – [The Cape Cod Central Railroad](#) invites first responders and their families to support local Cape Cod charity, Homeless for the Holidays, while experiencing the magic of the Christmas season aboard THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride. On Nov. 12, 2016, a limited number of seats on the final dress rehearsal will be available to first responders and their family members for a suggested \$10 donation per person. All proceeds will be donated to Homeless for the Holidays, a charity started by local First Responders 15 years ago, which is now a Capewide tradition.

For those who cannot make the Nov. 12 event, First Responders will also receive a 25% discount on all POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride departures on Nov. 19. Guests should email Kaylene Jablecki at Kaylene@CapeTrain.com no later than Nov. 1 to secure a spot on this exciting, festive adventure.

The Cape Cod Central Railroad will begin service to a new and improved North Pole onboard THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride, departing from Buzzards Bay for the first time in four years beginning Nov. 18, 2016. The only POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride in Mass., the magical story comes to life when the train departs Buzzards Bay for a one hour round-trip journey. New to 2016, the Cape Cod Central Railroad will now feature a full length dome car for the ride, offering families panoramic views of the scenic Cape Cod landscape on the way to and from the North Pole.

Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the story as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride. Once onboard, cheerful, dancing elves serve passengers hot chocolate and cookies while they read along with the classic children's book, *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg. Santa and his helpers greet passengers at the North Pole and then board the train, where each child is given the first gift of Christmas – a silver sleigh bell. Chefs aboard each car lead passengers in singing Christmas carols on the ride back to Buzzards Bay.

The journey begins Nov. 18, 2016 and runs through Dec. 23 on select dates, with departure times at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Exact dates, fares and excursion times are available by visiting <https://www.capetrain.com/polar-express-train-ride/> or calling 888-797-7245. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$84 depending on class of service and date of travel. Families are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride.

Please see below for a link to high res. images of THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride, all of which can be credited to "Premier Rail Collection":

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THE POLAR EXPRESS Film

The Academy Award winning team of Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis reunite for THE POLAR EXPRESS, an inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe. Sony Pictures Imageworks and visual effects supervisor Ken Ralston, Oscar winners for their innovative work, help bring the story vividly to the screen in full CG animation through Imageworks' next-generation motion capture process that allows live-action performances to drive the emotions and movements of the digital characters. Warner Home Video will once again offer THE POLAR EXPRESS in standard-definition, Blu-ray and 3D DVD versions this holiday season.

THE POLAR EXPRESS Book

THE POLAR EXPRESS film is based on Chris Van Allsburg's classic Christmas picture book, which tells the story of a boy who takes a magical Christmas Eve train ride to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa. First published by Houghton Mifflin Company in 1985, *The Polar Express* became an instant family favorite and has sold more than 6 million copies worldwide. In 1986 it won the prestigious Caldecott Medal for Illustration.

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