

Don't Forget...

The FRRS

SANTA TRAINS

The FRRS at its best...

Following the great success of our previous evening Santa Trains, we will be eagerly running them again this year. Come see and ride the train with its bright Christmas lights throughout. The schedule is as follows:

- **Train Rides Saturday, December 7, 1996 beginning at 5:30 PM.**
- **Train Rides Saturday, December 14, 1996 beginning at 5:30 PM.**

Each night we will start operating at 5:30 PM and end around 9:00 PM. We will operate the trains regardless of the weather conditions.

Again this year, the FRRS will serve free refreshments including coffee, hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies in the Beanery. Santa will be on hand to greet the kids and give them candy canes. There will be no charges of any kind for the rides or refreshments. Our gift shop will be open for your Christmas gift selections, also.

This is truly the FRRS at its best, doing good for people. Without any charge, we operate trains and serve refreshments. The look on the kids' faces is just great. Come join in the good will created by these events. It will make you feel good.

Preparations are now in progress; a lot of help is needed to put it all together and make it happen. Help is needed well before the first operating night to decorate the train, Christmas tree and engine house with several thousand Christmas lights. If you can come to the museum on a weekend or for a day before and after Thanksgiving to assist with the decorating, it would be greatly appreciated.

Train crew help is needed both operating nights. Car helpers are a definite must also. We need 6 on the train because of the fairly large crowds. A few other operating positions are needed to be filled also. If you can help with the decorating, operating or both, please contact Gordon Wollesen (at the museum) by phone or letter ASAP.

Come on up and join the fun.

9th Annual Free Trip Opportunity

By Chris Skow

Trains Unlimited, Tours and the Feather River Rail Society are pleased to announce the 9th Annual free trip opportunity. The winner of this event will receive two free spaces on any Trains Unlimited, Tours North American trips operated in 1997. This includes tours operated in the United States and Canada.

Donations for fund raising tickets are \$7 each or 5 tickets for \$30. All sales from these tickets will go towards the Building Restoration Fund at the Portola Railroad Museum. The drawing will be held at the museum on May 10, 1997. Five tickets are included with this issue of the Train Sheet. Please help YOUR museum grow by buying all five tickets.

If you have any questions please call Trains Unlimited, Tours toll free at 1-800-359-4870 or 916-836-1745 or write: P.O. Box 1997, Portola CA 96122. If you want to buy more tickets, Trains Unlimited, Tours can supply these. Total value for this free trip opportunity is \$6590.