



**GALVESTON
RAILROAD MUSEUM**

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Galveston Railroad Museum Welcomes Northern Lights

GALVESTON, TX – The Galveston Railroad Museum, with assistance from BNSF Railroad, marshalled in the Northern Lights to be rehomed as a member of the museum’s rolling stock. The railcar is located at the museum’s railyard on Track 3, 2602 Santa Fe Place. The museum is open daily 10 am – 5 pm.

A non-profit 501 c3 educational organization, the Galveston Railroad Museum, is ranked among the top museums of its type in the United States. The museum provides educational and interactive opportunities for students as well as visitors. Curriculum is available for teachers and school field trips are encouraged. Visitors board trains to step back in time to experience and learn about the history of railroad and rail travel. Tour guides are available upon request and are encouraged for groups. The museum houses the only Rail Hotel in the country with two private luxury railcars may be reserved by the night and for private functions. The museum is supported by membership, contributions, grants, special events and admission.

The Northern Lights was built in 1990 by the Bombardier Company for Amtrak as a dining car complete with serving galley and dining booths that seat 4 each, total car capacity is 45 seated guests. Currently being processed and polished, the railcar will be rechristened “Horizon” and placed into service as an additional car for The Polar Express Train Ride.

The Polar Express Train Ride, November 10 – December 23, hosted annually by the museum, entertains 40,000 visitors, mostly dressed in pajamas as per the tradition, who redeem a golden ticket to embark on a memorable holiday trip. Along the way they are entertained as per excerpts from 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.

The Galveston Railroad Museum has dedicated two railcars for Polar Express sensory tours for autistic individuals, November 19 and December 10, by reservation only. The sensory cars fill quickly, so the museum advises reserving as soon as possible.

Following Polar Express, the Horizon will be available for private parties and the museum will host special events aboard the dining car.

The museum expresses gratitude to BNSF Railroad for their contribution to the delivery of Horizon and to Don Harper, museum board member, for his support of the Polar sensory tours.

Open daily, 10 – 5, museum admission is free to members, all others are Adults \$12, Seniors \$9, Kids \$6. Active Military complimentary admission with proof of service. Complimentary parking at 2602 Santa Fe Place. Polar Express Tickets and information www.GalvestonRRMuseum.org. (409) 765-5700. ###

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