

# THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride

The NC. Transportation Museum Foundation is hiring for the following PAID theatrical position:

## Hero Boy

The Hero Boy possesses the will to believe, but is full of doubt surrounding the existence of Santa and the magic of Christmas. He is helpful, self-sacrificing, and willing to disobey the Conductor's orders to assist fellow children in their time of need. He is influenced by several characters throughout the story. In the end, he learns to have faith in both the people around him and his own beliefs.

This role performs both outdoors and on the moving train. THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride is an interactive theater performance, and our Hero Boy must be able to walk through the train and interact with the passengers to help create the magic!

**Interviews/Auditions (at N.C. Transportation Museum, 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, NC 28159):**

Tues/Wed, Sept 12-13, 2023 (4:30-7:30PM)

Mon/Tues, Oct 9-10, 2023 (4:30-7:30PM)

Sat, Sept 16, 2023 (10AM-1PM)

Sat, Oct 14, 2023 (10AM-1PM)

To sign up for an audition/interview date and time, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABAC2FA3FFC16-thepolar>

If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact Elaine Holden at [elaine.holden@nctransportationmuseum.org](mailto:elaine.holden@nctransportationmuseum.org) or call 704-464-4074 to schedule a time.

Please bring your resume to your interview/audition.

**Rehearsal Schedule:**

November 2-3 and November 6-9, 2023, at the N.C. Transportation Museum (evenings)

**Performance Schedule:**

November 10-11, 17-19, 24-26, December 1-3, 7-10, 12, 23 (late afternoon/evenings)

November 27 & December 4 (two or three morning/afternoon performances)

This is a paid hourly position. Pay rates will be discussed at time of interview/audition.

There are multiple performances per day. Call time is 60 minutes before first show. Ending time is approximately 90 minutes after the last train departure. A full schedule will be available at the time of interview/audition.

**\*Must be Caucasian male age 9-13 to apply.\***

*THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride is a 70-minute live theatrical production that happens several times per night on a moving train at the N.C. Transportation Museum. In addition to acting talent, we are looking for crew members who are team players, who like working with kids, and who embrace the interaction between themselves and passengers. All team members help create a fun, entertaining, and heartwarming experience.*

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THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride at the N.C. Transportation Museum is an interactive theatrical show that lasts 70 minutes and includes a live scene at our historic Barber Junction Visitor Center before the passengers board for their trip to the North Pole. During the train ride, families are entertained by singing and dancing chefs who serve hot chocolate and cookies before the reading of Chris Van Allsburg's classic, *THE POLAR EXPRESS*. Upon arrival at the North Pole, passengers disembark to watch Santa present the first gift of Christmas. Before exiting the train at Candy Cane Lane, all passengers who BELIEVE will receive their own sleigh bell from Santa.

Before and after the train ride to the North Pole, guests enjoy shopping, food vendors, s'mores, holiday activities, and decorations.

Staff and performers on the trains will report to the Back Shop at the N.C. Transportation Museum, 1 Samuel Spencer Dr, Spencer, NC 28159. Call time for cast on train is 60 minutes prior to the first train's departure. Each night, performers will take part in 3-4 shows depending on assignment. Stewards are dismissed after last train departs Barber Junction Visitor Center and area is clear of patrons.

**Rehearsal dates and times:**

Thursday, November 2: 6-9:00 PM

Tuesday, November 7: 6-9:00 PM

Friday, November 3: 6-9:00 PM

Wednesday, November 8: 6-9:00 PM

Monday, November 6: 6-9:00 PM

Thursday, November 9: 6-9:00 PM

**Final dress rehearsal—(FIRST PERFORMANCE) date and time:**

Friday, November 10: 3:45-9:30 PM

**Performance dates and times:**

November 11, 17-19, and 24-26

December 1-3, 7-10, and 12-23

*First train ride of the night is either 4:00 pm or 4:45 pm, with a call time of 60 minutes prior. A full schedule will be available at time of interview/audition.*

**School Group Daytime Show dates and times:**

Monday, November 28 and December 4: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

*School excusal notes given upon request.*

Free parking is available to all performers. Cast drop-off and carpooling is encouraged. Dinner provided before weekday shows (Monday-Friday, except for Friday, November 24) and light snacks on weekends (Saturday-Sunday). Lunch provided on School Group performance dates. If you have special dietary needs, you are encouraged to bring your own meal and/or snacks.

Stage Managers will be responsible for calling the shows on the train using QLab, and coordinating with the Onboard Service Manager who works with the train crew. Stage Managers will work with the Costume Manager to ensure that props and costumes are set for each show. There will be a cast member who is the lead chef assigned in each train car. This character is called a KIA (Know It All), wears a Steward's costume and serves as the car host.