

**Central Coast Railroad Festival**  
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## **14th Annual Central Coast Railroad Festival**

**October 4-6, 2024**

Full steam ahead!

The San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum will coordinate the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Central Coast Railroad Festival (CCRRF) October 4-6, 2024, to celebrate the rich history of trains and tracks on the Central Coast. Several rail-related locations throughout the region will be open with displays and activities throughout the weekend. The main event at the Museum itself begins at 10am Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and concludes at 4pm.

The complete Railroad Festival Schedule with all the details for all venues is here: [CCRRF.com/schedule.html](http://CCRRF.com/schedule.html)

We have several new participants this year. Schnittker Photography will be at the Museum on Saturday (10/5/24) with tintype photos and an operating telegraph. Two businesses at the Paso Robles Historic Train Depot will welcome Festival goers: Cypher Winery and Junction Tapas & Winebar. Also joining the Festival this year is the Exploration Discovery Center in Grover Beach. Among other great things for children, they now have an O-gauge train layout that is visitor-operable. The layout was designed by Charles Kinzer of the SLO Railroad Museum.

The SLO Railroad Museum's main event, on Saturday only, features vendors and displays, children's activities, a model railroad for kids to operate, Operation Lifesaver, talks about the Santa Maria Valley Railroad and the Pacific Coast Railway, presentation of new exhibits, a G-scale train exhibit, and the Museum's world-class model railroad (HO) which has developed substantially. Details about the big day Saturday and minimal operations Friday and Sunday at the Museum are here: [SLORRM.com/241004.html](http://SLORRM.com/241004.html)

The third annual San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum Photo Contest is being held in connection with the 2024 Railroad Festival. First prize is \$100. A new category has been added for this year, Model Railroads, with its own set of prizes. Submissions are due September 15, 2024. Winners will be introduced at a brief presentation on October 5, 2024, at 10:25am at the Museum and the winning photos will hang in the Museum for one year. Details are here: [SLORRM.com/2024-Photo-Contest.html](http://SLORRM.com/2024-Photo-Contest.html)

The Oceano Depot/Museum will have many areas of their facility on tour Saturday and Sunday and the SLO Model Railroad Association will have several model railroad layouts operating at the Depot Friday through Sunday.

Hosted by the City-County Library, the Orange County N-Gineers will have N-scale layouts running in the Community Room of the SLO downtown branch on Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, and Sunday 10am-3pm

A key feature every year is the annual Model Railroad Layout Tour of public and private layouts in the area that runs from Thursday through Sunday. The tour typically contains about thirty layouts at about twenty locations spread across the Festival area. Self-guided tour details will be available on the Festival Schedule webpage in late September.

Throughout September, all SLO County Library locations will distribute coloring contest pages (for ages 0-12) by which one may enter a drawing to win a round-trip Amtrak train ride for five people from San Luis Obispo to Santa Barbara. The deadline to submit to this drawing contest is September 30<sup>th</sup>. The drawing will be at the Museum on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm. Need not be present to win.

On Friday of the Festival weekend (Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>), the House of Bread Café is sponsoring a Happy Hour to benefit the SLO Railroad Museum. It will be from 4pm-6pm at 1025 Farmhouse Lane, SLO. Join in, have some fun, and support the Museum!

All the details, including dates, times, admission fees if applicable, and locations for all venues and activities are on the Festival Schedule page: [CCRRF.com/schedule.html](https://www.crrf.com/schedule.html)

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You may use the photo at this link: <https://www.jamie-foster-photography.com/Trains/Railroad-Festival-Display/i-QqH85HL/A>

Caption: "Capturing the imagination one train at a time." Photo by Jamie Foster.