



To Whom This May Concern:

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a tourist excursion railway and private sector, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization operating in partnership with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Our mission is to provide educational, recreational and heritage railroad experiences and to provide alternative transportation to and within Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Ohio Erie Canalway.

CVSR is located in Northeast, Ohio and runs through Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 33,000 acres of land that is part of the National Park System. Our trains travel from Independence to Akron on a 26-mile long track. Each year more than 150,000 passengers board our historic train cars. We are the only non-profit excursion railroad in the country that operates within a National Park and 1,200 volunteers donate more than 100,000 of their time each year to support our operations.

CVSR offers an array of unique programming designed to engage a wide variety of ages and interests. Current programming includes:

- Making restored vintage rail cars accessible to residents and visitors of Northeast Ohio, offering unique opportunities to enjoy rail travel through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, with a variety of excursions including National Park Scenic, Steam in the Valley, theatrical performances, upscale dining events, Grape Escape wine tastings, Ales on Rails beer tastings, and more;
- Providing grade-specific educational field trips developed by the National Park Service, inspiring the next generation to better understand, appreciate and steward the natural and historical resources of the Cuyahoga Valley.
- Offering families with young children unique and engaging educational opportunities on-board the Edu-trainment Car, a rolling children's museum. It is a non-ticketed feature on many of our excursions, intended to spark a love of nature and trains.
- Offering opportunities to rent the newly renovated self-propelled Rail Diesel Car for private excursions, with the advantage of flexible scheduling when the full train is not in operation.
- Encouraging park visitors to participate in wellness programs such as Bike Aboard! and Hike Aboard! and Run Aboard! A partnership with Cleveland Clinic highlights health and safety tips provided by Clinic physicians.
- Continuing the popular family tradition of THE POLAR EXPRESS™, having now completed its 26th year. In 2019 more than 46,000 enjoyed the magical train ride to the North Pole, handing down the tradition to the next generation.
- Expanding excursion opportunities for people with mobility limitations, with the conversion of the ADA coach car to a table car, slated for completion in 2021.

Sincerely,

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