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Wintergreen and Katahdin Trust announce two POLAR EXPRESS weekends: *Tickets go on sale Black Friday and Cyber Monday*

PRESQUE ISLE, Maine—Wintergreen Arts Center and Katahdin Trust Company announce THE POLAR EXPRESS holiday event will be held on two weekends in December this year. Families may choose from the following four days to take a ride on the magic “train” to the North Pole: Friday, December 8, Saturday, December 9, Friday, December 15, and Saturday, December 16, 2017.

One-thousand POLAR EXPRESS tickets will be sold on Black Friday, November 24, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, at the Rotary Auction Store in the Aroostook Centre Mall. Five-hundred POLAR EXPRESS tickets will also be sold online beginning at Noon on Cyber Monday, November 27, at the MSAD#1 Adult & Community Education website, msad1.coursestorm.com.

With the purchase of a \$10 roundtrip golden ticket, each passenger climbs aboard Presque Isle Historical Society’s Molly the Trolley who magically transforms herself into THE POLAR EXPRESS. As the conductor punches tickets, riders enjoy a special holiday trip to the North Pole (Wintergreen) where Santa’s Elves serve hot cocoa and sing songs. Everyone gets to decorate sugar cookies, visit with Santa, and take home a jingle bell souvenir.

“This is Wintergreen’s fifth annual POLAR EXPRESS,” said Kim Guerrette Michaud, board chair. “We are joined by an entire cast of volunteers who truly make this a magical experience for the young and young-at-heart. Together, Wintergreen and Katahdin Trust, thank our partners, University of Maine at Presque Isle, MSAD#1 Adult & Community Education, Presque Isle Rotary Club, The Aroostook Medical Center, Momentum Aroostook, Presque Isle High School Class of 2020, and Townsquare Media. We are excited about offering two weekends this year, and hope our ticket-sale options are more convenient.”

Krista Putnam, vice president, marketing, Katahdin Trust Company, said, “Katahdin Trust believes in supporting the communities where we live, work and play. We are excited to be a part of The Polar Express this year. It gives families a great opportunity to have fun and spend time together, all while continuing to support the incredible work of the Wintergreen Arts Center.”

Rides are intended for children ages 10 and under. All children must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. Time of departure is to be selected when purchasing tickets. “Trains” depart every 20 minutes from Gentile Hall at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Fridays and 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturdays. All tickets are roundtrip from UMPI to Wintergreen and back to UMPI.

For more information, the public may contact Wintergreen at (207) 762-3576 or wintergreenarts@gmail.com.

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