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Rails in the Rockies XV Showcases Working Model Railroads

A world of make-believe and a return to the past allure of travel, complete with smoke, whistles, towns, landscaping and special surprises will greet those who attend this year's Rails in the Rockies train show in Estes Park.

The show that features fully detailed modular layouts in operation is scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 at the Estes Park Conference Center, 101 S. St. Vrain Ave., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19. Admission is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and under are admitted free with an adult.

Organized by the Estes Valley Model Railroaders for 15 years, those attending the show enjoy the working exhibits covering most model train scales. Displayed in more than 15,000 square feet of space last year's show attracted over 4,000 adults and children. In addition to viewing the displays, models and many railroad-related items will be available.

Children will enjoy the "junior" layout where they are given the opportunity to run the trains, and participate in train races. Two- to eight-year-olds can play, color pictures and enjoy fun activities with other children. There will be an entire layout made of Legos including trains, tracks, buildings, people and scenery. Kids also can enter a drawing to win a free Thomas the Tank & Friends Lionel Train Set.

For information about the event call the Estes Park Convention and Visitors Center at 800-44-ESTES (800-443-7837) or 970-586-9900.

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