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## **The Trains at NorthPark Celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with New Features**

**What:** The Trains at NorthPark, presented by Bank of Texas, will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this holiday season. The most elaborate toy trains exhibit in Texas, The Trains at NorthPark includes trains rolling across 1,600 feet of track on a journey across America. Cityscapes include downtown Dallas, with the new Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, the State Fair of Texas and the Cotton Bowl; New York City's Times Square and Grand Central Terminal; Washington, D.C. with The White House; New England's fall foliage; the Grand Canyon, Route 66, San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and various other highlights. The exhibit encompasses more than 4,000 square feet of train themed environments, with all the trimmings of the holiday train travel experience—steam engine and coach cars, a ticket booth and a train station. In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the exhibit's new additions include the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, hot air balloons in Albuquerque, a trolley car and new interactive features. More than 80,000 people visit The Trains at NorthPark each season as part of their holiday tradition.

### **By the numbers:**

- Approximately 1,600 feet of track.
- 26 loops of 3 rail O gauge track
- 26 Lionel train sets hauling more than a hundred pieces of rolling stock and pieces.

**When:** Saturday, November 17, 2012 through Sunday, January 6, 2013  
Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m.

#### Early Closings:

November 21, Thanksgiving Eve, at 6 p.m.

December 24, Christmas Eve, at 4 p.m.

December 31, New Year's Eve, at 6 p.m.

January 1, New Year's Day, at 6 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day; Open New Year's Day

**Where:** NorthPark Center, Level Two between Barneys New York and Nordstrom  
North Central Expressway at Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75225

**Cost:** \$6.00 for adults  
\$3.00 for children (ages 2 to 12) and senior citizens (65 and older)  
Children under 2 admitted free  
Discount tickets available at Tom Thumb (\$1.00 off regular admission)

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- Chairs:** Event Chair is Cate Ford. Honorary Chairs are Alan Engstrom and Debbie Raynor, both of whom chaired the first trains exhibit in 1987.
- Railcars:** Hand-painted railcars are available to purchase, and they can be personalized. In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, there is also a limited edition silver anniversary boxcar available. Railcars must be ordered by November 1<sup>st</sup> to be in the exhibit, but orders will still be taken. A standard railcar is \$175, a caboose is \$225, and an engine is \$325. The limited edition silver anniversary boxcar is \$275. Visit [www.rmhdallas.org](http://www.rmhdallas.org) to place an online order.
- Volunteers:** More than 1,500 volunteers are needed to run the trains. For those interested in volunteering as individuals or as a group to work three-hour shifts, visit [www.rmhdallas.org](http://www.rmhdallas.org). Volunteers must be at least 15 years old without a parent, or 12-14 years old and accompanied by a parent.
- Benefits:** Ronald McDonald House of Dallas is a home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill or injured children who have traveled to Dallas and are hospitalized or receiving medical treatment in an area hospital. Proceeds from The Trains at NorthPark benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, which opened a new House in December 2009.
- Information:** Call 214-631-7354 or visit [www.rmhdallas.org](http://www.rmhdallas.org).

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