

2018 Triennial Information

Work Week June 16-24, Meet June 25th through July 1st, 2018

The purpose of this document is to help you get the information you need to make your attendance at the Triennial an enjoyable one. The people putting on this event are all volunteers and need your help in making it enjoyable. **Patience** is a virtue when it comes to an event of this size and complexity. So let's get started and see if we can ease the burden just a bit.

Since most of the Triennial registration is done online that in theory should help eliminate some of the issues. However, the reality is that when you arrive at Train Mountain there still might be some unanswered questions that need to be resolved, again **patience** is a virtue.

What to Expect, What to Anticipate, What we Need!

If you have never been to Train Mountain before, be prepared to enjoy its size, its facilities, and hopefully to enjoy being with your fellow member volunteers. If you have been to Train Mountain before but not for a Triennial be prepared to see the entire track full of trains, the campgrounds full of campers, and the rails full of smiles! What we need from you is to have you and your guests volunteer to assist us in making this a great event. Check in at the Triennial Office and see if there is some way you can help. We don't need a lot of your time, just a couple of hours during your visit will be a great help.

The Triennial is a party and as such we all want to have fun. We all want to run and watch trains. We all want to socialize with old and new friends. We want to do all this and have a very safe time. Be respectful of your fellow attendees and WE will all have a great time. Triennials are simply amazing.

Speed Limits:

During the 2018 Triennial we will have more visitors, more members, more trains, more vehicles, and more trailers than ever before. We will impose **a 5 mph speed** limit in the entire park; this includes the dirt roads and the black top ones as well. On the dirt roads be aware also of your dust! Lots of folks camping and running their trains, DUST clouds are **NOT** a part of our planned ambiance!

Arrival:

Entrance to the park will be via the Katy Lane Gate. There will be a "Registration" pavilion where volunteers will have your registration packet. The packet *should* include such items as meet badge, parking permit, vendor data sheets, etc. It *should* also have your track assignment if you are bringing a train to the meet. The volunteers working registration will try to answer your questions. **Patience Please!**

Staging:

If you are bringing a train to the Triennial, and you have picked up your packet at Registration you will be directed to pull ahead and get into one of the 'staging' lanes and follow the directions of the volunteers in charge of that function. Several hundred trains will be arriving and all must go through staging, **patience** please. When the meet is winding down Staging will be once again be in effect so that those same trains can be loaded up for their trip back home.

Loading/Unloading:

There will be volunteers to assist you but only if you ask for assistance. Their main function is to have an orderly movement of vehicles in and out of our load/unload area, Crisp Yard. Please try and make your load/unload flow as **smoothly and quickly** as possible, remember there are another 300 or so members behind you waiting in line.

The volunteers at Load/Unload can assist you in finding your track assignment location. However do not attempt to take your train to your assigned space until **AFTER** you have moved your transport vehicle away from load/unload. There may be additional volunteers with equipment to assist you in getting your equipment to your track if you so desire, but only if you request assistance.

Once loaded/unloaded please exit out the **front gate** and return to the Katy Lane Gate. When returning to Katy Lane you will be instructed by volunteers where to park your trailer and or your transport vehicle.

Shuttles (people movers):

Last Triennial we had **people shuttles** handled by those handy golf carts. This Triennial we will also be trying **rail shuttles** as well. Boarding of all shuttles will on Katy Lane just west of the Midway Garden Railway. Rail shuttles will depart Central Station for the return trip to the parking area. Golf Cart shuttles will have a designated loading area in the vicinity of Central Station. On certain days there may be long lines awaiting transport, please plan your arrival / departure accordingly and as always have a little **patience**.

Handicap Parking:

Our hobby is a senior hobby and as such a very large number of our members have handicap stickers displayed in their vehicles. We just don't have that many special parking places. What we ask is that if you need to unload a wheel chair or walker, please try to use the designated parking spots for that purpose, but if at all possible please move your vehicle to the regular parking areas so the next handicap member can also use the spaces for load/unload. If you have special needs please let the volunteers know and they will help you if possible. All we ask is that you that you remember how many we have to serve during the meet.

Camping/RV's:

Train Mountain has two designated camping areas. These areas are designated as dry-camp areas. There is no power or septic. There is water fixtures located around the areas, but not for hookups. The two areas are Six Acre near the front gate, and South Meadow. The camp areas are by reservation only during the Triennials, however specific sites will assigned on a first come first served basis when you arrive on campus. There is an appropriate box to mark stating your preference for tent or RV camping on the Triennial Reservation form. There will be designated spots for camping and in South Meadow for RV's, please follow the signage and your volunteer campground host's directions.

You are responsible for your area; please keep it neat and orderly. Trash needs to go in the provided trash containers. These containers get daily service. If the container is full please do not put trash on the ground next to the container, the critters would love you but that is not a good idea. Additional large trash containers are located on the East end of South Meadow and adjacent to the Carpenter Shop at Central Station.

There are a large number of porta potties and these also get DAILY service during the Meet part of the Triennial. The pumping service we use at Train Mountain can also service your RV. Please contact them directly to make those arrangements. Our provider is Jefferson State Pumping at 541-883-1177. You will be responsible for payment for their services that you contract.

Respect your neighbor's area and your neighbors. All camping / RV areas of Train Mountain have a 10:00 pm SOUND curfew regarding generators, party noise, radios, etc.

The roads are narrow, there are no streetlights, and we have lots of kids during Train Mountain Meets. Please watch your speed while in your vehicle. We have an additional request of campers; you can have your vehicle parked by your camp but please don't use your vehicle for getting around the park. Please leave your vehicle parked. If you are camping in Six Acre and you must use your vehicle exit out the front gate and reenter the park via the Katy Lane gate. If you are camping in South Meadow, exit out the southern gate and reenter using the Katy Lane gate.

Containerville:

In 2017 we added in 22 more containers to Containerville and took away the area used in the past for Containerville parking. So for 2018 we will have a few designated DROP-OFF spots adjacent to Containerville. Use this area to load/unload your daily goodies and then please move your vehicle to the South Meadow parking area off Katy Lane. With 42 containers and with multiple trains in most of them we don't have enough parking spaces for everyone in Containerville. So for the purposes of the Triennial there will be NO designated Containerville parking. Thanks you for your understanding.

Propane/Clear Gas:

These fuels are available at Train Mountain. There will be designated volunteers who can assist you in getting these. There may be posted hours for these services.

Riding Cars:

Train Mountain has a very limited number of two seat riding cars available for members use. Do not use the three seaters as they are reserved for the Rail Shuttle service during the Triennial. Use of the two seaters is on a first come first served basis BUT please return them to the Backshop AFTER your ride, DO NOT park them with your train. We all have to share these limited availability cars.

Your assigned track:

Your assigned track was assigned based solely on YOUR data YOU supplied during registration. It is based on engine type, and train length. Electrics are an issue as we have an extremely limited number of charging areas. Steamers will be assigned to those areas where steaming bays are available and based on engine size. Smaller engines will be assigned to Klamath and Western, medium engines to Ellingson Turntable, and larger engines to Crisp Yard. Track assignments might also be spilt for your train. For instance your main consist may be parked in a yard track while your steam engine may be assigned a steaming bay for service reasons.

PLEASE don't ask to change your assignment to be next to your buddy or whatever. If there is an issue with track assignment and your specific train, please have **patience** with the volunteers and we will see if we can assist you with the issue.

Electric/Battery Powered Trains:

Electrics are an issue as we have an extremely limited number of charging areas. In order to get the most ENGINES next to where we have power we may have to do some creative track assignments. For instance your main consist may be parked in a yard track while your engine in the evening might be stationed elsewhere to gain access to power. Additionally we may have some tracks where the charging stations will share a track or two with multiple engines. We want it to be a good experience for all our members so let's try and work together to make it happen.

Train Mountain Office versus Triennial Office:

In past Triennials we have had a lot of congestion in our small office space. For 2018 there will be a Triennial Office located somewhere adjacent to Central Station. Items pertaining to your attendance at the Triennial will be handled there. If you have business pertaining to Train Mountain specifically then please go to the Front Office. If you are not sure then please use the Triennial Office.

For general information please use the Information Booth for answers. The Front Office is not for socializing during the Triennial.

All issues pertaining to you, your visit, your badge, your track assignment, etc, all need to be directed to the Triennial Office facility NOT the Front Office.

Backshop:

We have a facility called the Backshop. If you have a break down and need some assistance in trying to get you train back up and running again then get your equipment over to the Backshop. There will be volunteers who can assist you. Their role is to help you locate the tools that might be needed for the repair. If you request their assistance they may also assist you in the repair. Please try and use the tools in the shop itself. If you must remove a tool to do the repair, please return it to its designated spot. If you make a mess, clean it up. If you are not sure, please ask before you use a tool.

Gift Shop / Company Store:

The Gift Shop will be open during the Triennial during posted hours. The store will be manned by volunteers, and once again, have some *patience* while they assist you in your purchases. Entrance to the store is made through the Hall of Flags, NOT the Front Office.

Volunteering during the Triennial:

The Triennial is an enormous undertaking in that it is not only a train meet, it is open to the public as a Museum during the week (9 to 3), it has a campground / RV component (24/7), and it needs to be serviced by many different service providers such as porta potties, trash, etc. The hours are long and are seven days a week.

During the Work Week we need about 150 volunteers per day to get ready for the big event. Once the Meet starts we need about 350 volunteers daily. If you can spare a couple of hours that will really help. Check in at the Triennial Office facility and look for the volunteer sign up sheets. If you do sign up PLEASE make sure you show up at the times you signed up for. The person you are relieving will appreciate it and the committee chairman will as well. You can sign up for multiple jobs on different days if you like. If you can only work for a couple of hours then note that on the sign up sheet.

If you can't work in the sun or can't stand for long periods of time there are many jobs indoors, sitting down, or driving a golf cart that can be filled by you.

The more time we all volunteer the more time we will all have for running trains.

Lost and Found:

Lost and Found will be located in the Triennial Office facility during the Triennial not in the Front Office.

Kids, Bicycles, Pets, Park Speeds:

The posted speed limit in the park during the Triennial is **5 miles per hour**. We have lots of kids running around. We have kids on bicycles that we hope are under their parents guidance about riding around the park. We have folks walking their pets and they may not necessarily pay attention to where they are walking. **PLEASE BE SAFE, WATCH FOR KIDS, BIKES, PETS.**

First Aid:

We have a first aid station located at the South end of the Vendor Barn. Additionally there may be other emergency vehicles parked elsewhere adjacent to the Vendor area but First Aid check in is located at the South end of the structure. There will be an attendant there during the day. After hours; call **911** for emergency assistance. We have a local ambulance service that has med techs and they can assist you and or transport you to Klamath Falls (30 miles) to the closest emergency facility. After hours there will **NOT** be a Train Mountain number to call for assistance, call **911**.

ICE:

We will have a limited supply of ice available at Central Station. Purchase the ice from the Triennial Office not the Front Office.

Grade Crossings:

Train Mountain has some pretty cool signals at some of the grade crossings and they are very useful. However there are many crossings with no automated signaling and those crossings need to be treated in a safe manor. If you are in a vehicle treat them as a standard stop sign. Stop your vehicle, look both ways, and then proceed. If you are on your train pay attention to the approaching vehicles as they may not be paying any attention to you! **Safety first!**

Food Service:

During the Work Week there might be some food services, but during the Meet itself there definitely will be food services. Melissa's Country Kitchen and SubWay will be serving meals by the Passenger car adjacent to Containerville. Additionally on Saturdays the Klamath and Western Beanery will be open from 10 until 2. The kitchen in the Hall of Flags is reserved for those members staying in the rooms in Central Station. During the Triennial there will be no banquet.