



2026 JULY–DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Any day is a great day to visit the National Toy Train Museum (NTTM), but here are some events during the second half of 2026. They sometimes feature free admission for kids, or have special trains running, seasonal decorations, and themed scavenger hunts. Some events feature freebies & giveaways, especially for the kids!

JULY 3–5, 2026

Help celebrate 250 years of the “Great Experiment” begun in the U.S. of A. way back in 1776! **Free admission** for kids under 12 this weekend, and kids will also receive free American flags and patriotic stickers. Check out “Lou’s News” in the corner of our lobby for new NTTM merch celebrating America’s Semiquincentennial and the red, white & blue!!



FRIDAYS IN AUGUST

Welcome to the “Dog Days of Summer”! The Museum takes a PAWS in its schedule to give back to our beloved furry friends with free admission to kids under 12 who bring a NEW dog or cat toy (toys donated to the Lancaster Humane League).



On Sunday, September 13, Grandparents are admitted FREE and will receive a free grandparents pin.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

THOMAS IN TOWN

Kids FREE when Thomas the Tank Engine is in town at the Strasburg Rail Road. Promotion runs from September 11–13 and 18–20.

The spookiest time of year brings a Halloween theme to the Museum’s O-gauge layout, featuring a “scary” (but not TOO scary) Halloween train. Plus, there will be a Frankenstein/Pumpkin-themed Scavenger Hunt kids can complete for a free prize! Our “spooky” celebration takes place from October 21–31. Get your caBOOse to the Museum and you’ll have a monster of a good time!



ALL NOVEMBER

Kick off your Thanksgiving Holiday early this year! During the whole month of November, we will offer a Turkey Scavenger Hunt (gobble, gobble!). Sticker prize to any kids who complete the scavenger hunt.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Everyone knows Christmas is a great time for toy trains! Visit our “Christmas Corner” for a nostalgic take on the Christmas train that may have run around YOUR tree as a child. The Museum is always decked out in its Christmas finest from Thanksgiving through the end of the year. Kids can submit a “wish list” for Santa, and kids under 12 will receive a candy cane.

COMING IN 2027:

- **VALENTINE’S DAY:** Scavenger Hunt for Hearts: kids up to age 12 get a candy prize for completing the scavenger hunt.
- **MARCH:** Easter-Egg-themed Scavenger Hunt in the O Gauge and Marx Layouts, with a sticker prize.
- **APRIL:** Open House on Wednesday, April 21—Free admission for all, plus a chance to win a door prize!
- **MAY:** FREE admission for all Moms, Grandmas, and Stepmoms on Mother’s Day—plus a FREE carnation!
- **JUNE:** Father’s get in FREE on Father’s Day; plus the usual Thomas Dates with KIDS FREE!