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Press Release

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Greer, South Carolina

Greenville & Western Railway Company, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation, is pleased to announce that Santa Claus will be riding the rails again on December 12, 2026, as Greenville & Western hosts its **Twentieth Annual** "**Santa Express**." Following Santa's arrival at each stop, little boys and girls in attendance will have an opportunity to step on board Santa's caboose and tell Old Saint Nick exactly what they want for Christmas and receive a sweet treat… plus Santa will draw tickets at every stop to receive special gifts from his magic gift bag before the train departs.

Santa's 2026 schedule will be:

| | | Arrival | Departure |
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| **Honea Path** | *No stop at Hamby Road this year due to coal train in storage south of Belton* | | |
| **Belton** | O'Neal Street | **8:45 AM** | **11:15 AM** |
| **Cheddar** | Cheddar Road | **12:45 PM** | **2:15 PM** |
| **Williamston** | Williams Street | **3:00 PM** | **4:30 PM** |
| **Pelzer** | Lyman Street | **5:00 PM** | **7:30 PM *** |

* Santa plans to stay until the last person has a chance to come through the caboose (Pelzer only)

# *Merry Christmas!*

## *How may I give to those in my community who are in need?*

Greenville & Western is partnering with the Belton Interfaith Ministerial Association ("BIMA") and the Presbyterian Food Bank of Pelzer and Williamston ("PFB") to collect food for those in our community who may presently find themselves in a time of real need. Greenville & Western encourages those who attend this year's event to bring a donation of one or more non-perishable food items to the train. Greenville & Western, BIMA and PFB volunteers will be staffing the Aiken Railway caboose (the caboose directly behind the locomotives) to accept your donations and thank you in advance for your generous support of both organizations' food ministry.

## Donations are not mandatory for participation in the event.

**Photos with Santa** will be available **7 days after the event** at:

**https://greenvillewesternrailwaycompanyllc.zenfolio.com**

Select **2026 Santa Express** under **Events**

## *How may I support the annual Santa Express?*

In response to enthusiastic community support following the First Annual Santa Express in 2007, Greenville & Western partnered in 2008 with the Greenville Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. (Greenville Chapter NRHS), a non-profit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code, to establish an account for the exclusive purpose of providing a way for the public to support the "Santa Express" each year. Greenville & Western is pleased to again announce that interested parties may make tax-deductible contributions to help fund this and all future "Santa Express" trains at any Bank of Travelers Rest location.

Greenville Chapter NRHS manages contributions made to the account on a "reimbursement basis" equal to either: 1) the amount available in the account if Greenville & Western receipts exceed that amount, or 2) an amount equal to Greenville & Western receipts (with the balance retained for the following year's train) if the account balance is greater than Greenville & Western's receipts.

There are two convenient ways to make a tax-deductible contribution to allow a greater number of gifts and giveaways to be purchased each year for the "Santa Express":

- If you only require your canceled check as your receipt, you may make a deposit at any Bank of Travelers Rest branch. Your check should be made payable to:

**Greenville Chapter NRHS**
**DBA Santa Train Account**

- If you should require a receipt for your contribution, mail your check (payable as above) to:

**Greenville Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 451, Travelers Rest, SC 29690**

Greenville & Western thanks all those who have pledged their support toward this worthwhile community event and looks forward to another successful "Santa Express".

***Your continued support is appreciated!***

For continuing updates on the further growth and development of Greenville & Western Railway Company, LLC, pay a routine visit to: **https://www.wcrscorp.com/railroads/grlw**.

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Western Carolina Railway Service Corporation is a privately held South Carolina corporation organized in 2003 for the purpose of preserving, restoring, and revitalizing rail service in both South and North Carolina. The Corporation is committed to providing freight and transit rail services to the Carolinas through the next century and beyond. To learn more about the services offered by the Corporation through its subsidiaries, please visit **https://www.wcrscorp.com/**.