



## Greetings from Fillmore & Western Railway To Valued Elementary School Teachers

We would like to invite you, your students and their parents to consider a school field trip onboard the Fillmore & Western Railway . We are located in east Ventura County in the lush agricultural-rich Heritage Valley. We're only 20 miles west of Santa Clarita and 20 miles east of Ventura. Our school field trip trains provide an exciting and educational trip for students, teachers and parents. Teachers can choose between a vintage train ride to the Fillmore Fish Hatchery or just spend the one-hour train ride viewing the countryside. The Fish Hatchery trip includes a 15 minute train ride to the hatchery, staying for about 45 minutes, then a 15 minute train ride back to town. The visit to the fish hatchery is a self guided tour. After returning, have a picnic lunch in Fillmore's downtown Central Park, adjacent to the railroad tracks. Students are encouraged to bring dimes to purchase fish food. Teachers, please inform parents if they are not part of the final count, they must call the reservation line and make their own individual reservations. Each person on the train must purchase a ticket from 0-99 years of age.

**Ticket Price: \$8.00 per person**  
**For reservations please call 805-524-2546**  
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**SUGGESTED TEACHER LESSON PLAN PRIOR TO  
SCHOOL FIELD TRIP ON FILLMORE & WESTERN**

**Railroad Facts**

1. Teach students about the Transcontinental Railroad. The east coast was directly linked to the west coast at Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869 by the Union Pacific Railroad and the Central Pacific Railroad.
2. Completing the Transcontinental Railroad created a nation-wide mechanized transportation network that revolutionized the population and economy of the American West. This network caused the wagon trains of previous decades to become obsolete, exchanging it for a modern transportation system.
3. Teach students about the first era of railroading in the United States when only Steam Locomotives were used. In the 1950's diesel locomotives became the norm. There are still some steam locomotives in use today, but primarily only at historical railroads and in museums.
4. Locomotives are the engine that pulls the rest of the train.
5. The cars with seating only are called coach cars.
6. The cars with tables and chairs are called dining cars.
7. Enclosed cars with no windows and no passengers are called freight cars.
8. Playing around railroad cars or tracks is NEVER SAFE and not allowed.
9. Always stop when railroad crossing arms are down across the road and lights are flashing.
10. LOOK, LISTEN AND LIVE is the railroad motto.
11. If a train is traveling at 60 miles per hour, like a car, it takes a train over 1 mile to come to a stop.
12. The person in charge on a moving train is THE CONDUCTOR.
13. The person driving the train in the locomotive is THE ENGINEER.

OUR ONBOARD EXPERT WILL QUIZ THE STUDENTS ON THESE FACTS DURING THE TRAIN TRIP.

