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CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD TO RESUME TRAIN RIDES OCTOBER 1 THE POLAR EXPRESS™ OPENING DAY IS NOVEMBER 6

Valley View, OH, September 1, 2020 – Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) announced today that train rides will resume October 1. The resumption will proceed in a way that safeguards public health and safety, bringing many changes and improved efficiencies to CVSR operations.

“We are incredibly happy to welcome our guests and volunteers back on the train,” said CVSR President and CEO Joe Mazur. “We’ve been working in collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic to make sure we are resuming train rides in a way that protects the safety and health of our passengers, volunteers and staff.”

The popular Fall Flyer train rides through Cuyahoga Valley National Park will operate four days a week (Thursday through Sunday) with two runs each day. Thursday and Saturday departures will take place from our Akron Northside Depot. Friday and Sunday departures will take place from our Rockside Road Depot in Independence. Tickets for the Fall Flyer will go on sale September 8 and can only be purchased online at cvsr.org or by calling customer service at (330) 439-5708.

“We’re excited visitors will again be able to enjoy the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad,” said Cuyahoga Valley National Park Superintendent Craig Kenkel. “The autumn season is a beautiful time to ride the train and enjoy fall colors. Seeing the valley by rail truly is a wonderful experience.”

In addition to Fall Flyer train rides resuming THE POLAR EXPRESS™, presented by Countertop Solutions, will return for the 27th consecutive year. Opening day will be Friday, November 6 and run through Sunday, December 20. Tickets can only be purchased online and in groups of four or six (table cars offer groups of six with limited availability) and will go on sale to CVSR members September 22. Tickets for non-members will go on sale Wednesday, October 14.

Seating capacity on all train cars will be no more than 50%. Carefully considered staggered seating arrangements have been made so groups are at least 6’ a part. All guests will be screened for temperature and asked COVID-19 screening questions within the CDC/CVSR guidelines. Masks that cover the nose and mouth will be required while boarding the train and for the entirety of the ride for passengers 2 years and older unless a guest is consuming snacks or beverages while in their assigned seat.

The café car with snacks and souvenirs will NOT be available this year. Because of this, guests may bring their own commercially packaged and sealed snacks and beverages. Alcoholic beverages and fast food will not be permitted on the train.

For a complete list of safety guidelines please visit cvsr.org.

About Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for more than 45 years. For more information about the railroad, visit cvsr.org.

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