

Dear Reenactor:

We know you are anxious to get out to see your friends and shoot guns and cannons, so we are having the Great Locomotive Chase – Andrews Raid train rides on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Please come join us for some outdoor fun. **Note that we are complying with Governor Abbott’s reopen plans so watch our website for updates. [www.JeffersonRailway.com](http://www.JeffersonRailway.com)**

~~In order to help us plan for food, please let us know that you are attending and how many people in your party and let us know your expected arrival time/date.~~ Due to Governor Abbott’s order to minimize social gatherings and in-person contact, we will not be providing food to the reenactors. We would still like to know if you plan to attend, so if you have not done so, please ~~You can~~ send us an email to [info@JeffersonRailway.com](mailto:info@JeffersonRailway.com) or call/text Melissa at 903-742-2041. Or click on the Contact Us button on our website.

Due to COVID-19, we are asking that you practice social distancing and follow all governmental safety/health requirements and we **RECOMMEND** wearing face masks if you plan on coming into contact with anyone outside your group but within a 6-foot radius. ~~Think about~~Please maintain social distancing when you are setting up your camps. We recommend wearing face coverings on the battlefield or when riding the train. We ask that you comply with social distancing on the battlefield, and do not engage in hand-to-hand combat. Pursuant to Governor Abbott’s reopening plans, please self-screen before coming to this event. If you are sick or have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, please stay home. Please see our home page of [www.JeffersonRailway.com](http://www.JeffersonRailway.com) for more information from the Governor’s office.

As in the past, we will be doing the gunboat and train skirmish at the RV Park along the track. There will also be reenactors at the depot engaging with train. Trains will depart the depot on Saturday at 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, and 4:30. We have added a 10:30 Saturday morning due to demand. We will be running our gas-powered locomotive with train passengers at capacity as designated by the Governor. As of this update, the capacity will be at 25%. We will also add the flat car at the end of the train to seat more passengers.

You will receive the following free of charge as long as you participate in the train skirmishes on Saturday:

- Military camping in the period area of the RV Park. Modern camping is available in the modern area of the RV Park. RV sites with water/electric are available for \$25 for reenactors. Fee to the public for RV sites is \$35 per night. RV sites are limited, reservations are required.
- Split dry wood, water, restrooms, showers, dump station, WIFI. We have two showers/restrooms. We have also added five restrooms and a handwashing station in the pavilion.
- ~~Lunch on Saturday for reenactors in period dress that participate in train skirmish served at Diamond Don Event Center at the RV Park or transported to reenactors at the train depot. DELETED DUE TO GOVERNOR’S ORDER~~
- ~~Saturday evening dinner and social at the Diamond Don Event Center. DELETED DUE TO GOVERNOR’S ORDER~~
- Fireworks and cannon fire with Dragon’s Breath at dusk in the RV Park.

**There will be a commander meeting at 8:30 Saturday morning at the pavilion. All commanders please plan to attend.**

Due to reduced revenues for this event, we will not be able to provide powder bounty to re-enactors. Because primitive campsites are visible to train passengers, please do not park vehicles in the primitive area and keep campsites as period as possible.

We will not have a student Living History in connection with this event. We will not allow the general public into the RV Park except for reenactors and the public that have rented an RV or camping site. We will ask you to complete a registration form and sign our standard waiver/release, and to wear event ribbons. We are not responsible for injury or illness. Participate at your own risk.

We hope that you will join us for this event. Come early or stay after and enjoy Jefferson. Dine, Shop, Stay and Play. There is a lot to do in Jefferson!

Click here for map of the RV Park. <https://diamonddonempire.com/wp-content/uploads/2019-RV-Park-map.pdf>

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