



Bluewater Michigan Chapter

of the National Railway Historical Society

Presents

A Very Special Late Afternoon Train Ride



The Petoskey Special

Saturday, September 4, 2010

Petoskey – Boyne Falls – Elmira – Boyne Falls - Petoskey

Enjoy a train ride from downtown Petoskey like no other. Relive the days of olde when passenger trains traveled from cities like Chicago and Cincinnati to Petoskey, “the jewel of the north”, as Governor Granholm terms it. This is an unprecedented opportunity to travel in style on Bluewater Michigan Chapter’s *The Petoskey Special* for a late afternoon-early evening train ride leaving Petoskey. We have five classes of tickets offering a wide range of seating and activity options. The train will depart Petoskey at 5:00 pm heading south over the Great Lakes Central Railroad’s former Grand Rapids & Indiana GR&I (Pennsylvania Railroad) tracks.

We will make a 10 minute stop in Boyne Falls to exchange excursion class passengers, and then proceed on to Elmira. There the engines will run around the passenger cars and head north. We will let off a second group of excursion class passengers in Boyne Falls and return back to Petoskey. Expected arrival time in Petoskey is 8:00 pm.

Passenger Ticket Classes:

Excursion Class: A special class of ticket was set up to allow those “first-time” young train riders a short train experience, and priced at only \$10 for those 6 to 12, (five and under free, see notes) and \$20 for adults. By our using two special bi-level double-decker cars, we are able to offer this uniquely priced option which allows for excellent viewing from expansive windows. Both levels offer a unique view of the countryside.

Excursion class passengers will ride on the train from Petoskey to Boyne Falls where they will de-train and ride our buses back to Petoskey. To enhance your experience, snacks and drinks will be available in the cars for purchase.

Coach Class: Standard coach seating. Coach passengers will be seated in historically accurate railroad cars from the early 1930’s and 1950’s. In addition, they will be able to purchase snacks in our café lounge car with table seating. Visit the baggage car *Haverstraw Bay* to view the passing scenery through the open baggage doors.

First Class: Seating in recently remodeled coach cars BMCX 857 and BMCX 829, having access to Bluewater Michigan Chapter’s observation lounge car 6604. Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available in the observation car for purchase.

Dinner Train: Join us for a four-course dinner in our two beautiful diner cars: *Silver Lake* and *Beaver Valley*. Enjoy the passing view as you enjoy your hors d’oeuvres. Begin to relax as you finish your freshly prepared salad. Enjoy the gentle rock

of the train as you savor the entrée. Talk with your table companions as you fully unwind over the desert. Priced at only \$80 for adults and \$40 for children 6-12, this will be a memorable experience you will never forget. (Sorry, no one under 6 years old accepted for the dinner train.)



Ultra Class: Highest class ticketing on this trip. Passengers ride on one of two five-star passenger cars, either the *Algonquin Park*, dome, observation, lounge and sleeper car, or the *Venice*, a business car with living room, dining room, kitchen and bedrooms. A four-course dinner will be prepared by a Chef on the train and will be served by our staff in your car. Pricing for Ultra class is \$140 per person with very limited availability. (Sorry, no one under 6 years old accepted in Ultra Class.)



A portion of the proceeds from your trip will be donated to support the Little Traverse Regional Historical Museum.

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IMPORTANT NOTES

FARE FOR CHILDREN, AGES 6 – 12, IS LISTED ELSEWHERE ON THIS FLYER, AND IS APPLICABLE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT OCCUPY A SEPARATE SEAT.

Ticket refunds will be granted less a 10% (minimum 5.00) per ticket service charge when requested in writing and received in the Bluewater office no less than 30 days before excursion departure date. Tickets must be returned with the request for refund. Refunds for tickets at a discount price will be refunded for no more than the discounted price (service charge still applies). Refunds will not be made once a tour begins for non-use of any element of a trip, regardless of the reason. **Absolutely no refunds will be granted after any excursion/event.** Bluewater Michigan Chapter reserves the right to make changes in dates, schedules, accommodations, routes and transportation mode. Bluewater Michigan Chapter has no control over the various transportation and other companies providing transportation.

Persons wishing to travel together must specify this when ordering. Boarding and detraining sites used for this excursion have uneven footing and require walking several hundred feet, and some step climbing.

Tickets will be sent to you upon receipt of full payment. A boarding location map, and other pertinent information will be mailed to you approximately two weeks before the trip.

THIS IS A NON-SMOKING TRAIN. SMOKING IS PERMITTED ONLY AT DESIGNATED STOPS AND ONLY WHEN THE CONDUCTOR OR CAR HOST ANNOUNCES IT AS SUCH. THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE TRAIN.

Boarding sites and activities associated with these excursions may require walking (possibly over uneven ground) and step climbing (possibly steep). Although Amtrak trains are handicapped accessible, the historic equipment used in some of these excursions was built many years before the advent of handicapped-accessible transportation and in most cases can not be modified. Bluewater crew members are not permitted to handle occupied wheelchairs because of potential injury to themselves or the passengers. Buses used in these excursions are not equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps. **If you are mobility-impaired, please call and discuss available accommodations before ordering.**

Free Parking is available downtown for this event. For questions on parking contact the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce at 231-347-4150.

Boarding starts from 4:00 pm. at the Pennsylvania Station, Petoskey. **TRAIN DEPARTS at 5:00 pm**

Train ride in late afternoon from Petoskey to Boyne Falls with bus return to Petoskey.

_____ Excursion – Adult \$ 20 * = \$ _____
 _____ Excursion – Child (6-12) \$ 10 * = \$ _____

Train ride in late afternoon from Petoskey to Elmira and return.

_____ Coach – Adult \$ 40 * = \$ _____
 _____ Coach – Child (6-12) \$ 20 * = \$ _____

_____ First Class – Adult \$ 60 * = \$ _____
 _____ First Class – Child (6-12) \$ 30 * = \$ _____

_____ Dinner Train – Adult \$ 80 * = \$ _____
 _____ Dinner Train – Child (6-12) \$ 40 * = \$ _____

_____ Ultra Class – Adult \$140 * = \$ _____

For questions, contact Jessica at The Petoskey Chamber of Commerce at 231-347-4150.

Mail orders or pick up tickets at:
 Petoskey Chamber of Commerce
 401 East Mitchell Street
 Petoskey, MI 49770

Name: _____

Traveling with _____

Address _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please provide your email address for confirmation of orders:

Check Amt: _____ *Charge: __ VISA __ MC __ Discover

Exp Date _____ Code _____

*I authorize the Bluewater Michigan Chapter, NRHS to charge my credit card account for the amount listed. If you do not authorize Bluewater to perform this action you must contact us or provide an alternate means of payment. If you are late on your payment you may lose your place on the tour. Please initial the appropriate line: Yes _____ No _____
 In the event the tour does not meet its required number, your deposit/payment will be refunded.