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MENDOCINO COUNTY'S SKUNK TRAIN ANNOUNCES TWO NEW EXPERIENCES THIS SUMMER UNDER THE REDWOODS AT THE GLEN

Heritage Train Debuts Live Music in Conjunction with Crosstie Productions and Select Movie Screenings in Partnership with the Mendocino Film Festival

FORT BRAGG, CA – (July 21, 2021) -- This summer, the California Western Railroad's <u>Skunk Train</u>, one of Northern California's most popular attractions, is launching two new exciting experiences at The Glen, a magical clearing and event space nestled deep in the Mendocino woods. One experience will focus on live music and showcase a myriad of local bands (<u>Music in the Redwoods</u>), and the other (<u>Cinema in the Redwoods</u>) will present multiple showings of a film classic in this very distinctive setting.

For the first time ever, live music can be enjoyed at The Glen via the Music in the Redwoods experience, which kicks off on August 6 with Foxglove and special guest Gene Parsons and runs through September 18, featuring variety of bands, including 2nd Hand Grass on August 13, Sharon Garner and the Dorian May Trio on August 14, Steven Bates Band on September 17, New Nashville West on September 18 and acts to be announced on September 10 and 11. Trains transporting attendees depart the Fort Bragg depot at 6:30pm to arrive at The Glen at 6:50pm. Music begins at 7pm, and the train returns to Fort Bragg by 9:30pm. Ticket pricing is as follows: Adults \$75.00 (ages 13 and up), Children \$59.00 (ages 2-12), Infant: \$32.00 (under the age of 2) and include roundtrip train fare, live music, a drink token that can be redeemed at the full bar and unlimited popcorn.





On August 20 and 21, the Mendocino Film Festival and the Skunk Train present <u>Cinema in the Redwoods</u>, a movie experience like no other. Nestled within the redwoods at the historic Glen is a new and unique outdoor theater, perfect for families or couples to enjoy selections from the Mendocino Film Festival in a truly magical environment. The premiere for two first nights of the Cinema in the Redwoods is the timeless classic *Stand by Me*. Concessions and a full bar are available. The train will depart at 6:30pm from the Fort Bragg depot, arriving at Glen Blair Junction at 6:50pm in time for a 7:15 showtime. The train returns to the station at 9:50pm. Ticket pricing is as follows: Adults \$75.00 (ages 13 and up), Children \$59.00 (ages 2-12), Infant: \$32.00 (under the

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Masks are required in accordance with the TSA and FRA regulations.





About the Skunk Train

Located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, the Skunk Train is a heritage railroad that has been operating since 1885. Trains depart from the railroad's headquarters in the coastal town of Fort Bragg, as well as from the frontier town of Willits. This scenic railroad experience has been regarded as one of the "10 Best Rail Tours in the Country" (*USA Today*), and one of the "Top 10 Family Activities in California" (*National Geographic Traveler*).

Riders of Mendocino's celebrated Skunk Train journey into Redwood forests on vintage steam locomotives while enjoying 40 miles of scenic delights, 30 bridges crossing mountain streams, and an 840-foot tunnel. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become one of the most beloved attractions in Northern California. The railroad was built in 1885, and 136 years later, it has retained all of its original charm — minus the pungent smell the engines used to emit, when people used to say you could "smell the Skunk before you could see it." Operating year-round, the Skunk Train is a multi-generational experience, and riders can even bring along the family dog.

The nickname Skunk originated in 1925 when motorcars were introduced (which today are sometimes referred to as rail buses). These single unit self-propelled motorcars had gasoline powered engines for power and pot-bellied stoves (burning crude oil to keep the passengers warm). The combination of the fumes created a very pungent odor, and the old timers living along the line said these motorcars were like skunks, "You could smell them before you could see them."

The view from the Skunk Train's restored rail cars remains largely unchanged since the late 1800s. Regardless of the departure point, riders experience a journey back in time, while the California Redwoods provide an awe-inspiring backdrop for this rolling piece of American history.

For more information or to book a reservation, visit www.SkunkTrain.com or call (707) 964-6371.

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