



Trail Life USA Event

On the weekend of April 11-13, a large number of TLUSA Trailman will converge on Marshall county for a Spring Railroading Rendezvous. The Trailman will come from as far away as Omaha, Wichita and Kansas City to work on their Railroading Elective Trailbadge. The event is being conducted by the Marshall County RR Historical Society and the Marysville Union Pacific Depot Preservation Society. The Trailman will arrive Friday evening on April 11 and camp out at the historic UP depot in Marysville. On Saturday morning the group will remain in Marysville for the MUPDPS activities. After lunch, the group will be in Blue Rapids for MCRHS activities. The Trailman will then camp out again on Saturday night and return to their home towns on Sunday morning after church service.

The main components of the Railroading Elective Trail Badge are as follows:

- Railroad Museum Experience
- Railroad Safety
- Railroad History (American and Abroad)
- Railroading History (KS/NE/MO)
- Railroad Career Opportunities/Occupations (Different old and current jobs)
- Railroad Signals and Communications (Whistles/Flags/Lights, etc with hands on experience)
- Railroad Maintenance & Repair (actual rail movement, tie & spike work)
- Railroad Train Excursion
- Locomotive/Engine and Car Overview
- The Rails and the Great Commission

All members of TLUSA are called "Trailman," but participate in four program categories defined by age — Woodland Trail: ages 5-10, Navigators: ages 11-13, Adventurers: grades 14-17, and Guidon: ages 18 to 25. Each program category has different ranks. There are over 60,000 Trail Life members in over 1,250 troops in all 50 states. There are three Trail Life USA troops in Marshall and Riley counties: KS-0007 in Marysville, KS-0618 in Leonardville, and KS-0057 in Manhattan.

Nighty-four trainman and adults plant to participate so we need all the help we can muster for our part of the Trail Life event on Saturday April 12. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sandy Harding at 785-562-8803 or sharding1948@hotmail.com

Did You Know?

In the summer of 1916, Walt Disney worked as a news butcher on the Missouri Pacific railroad from Kansas City to Downs, Kansas. He was employed by the Van Noy Railroad News Company. While in Downs one evening, a policeman asked him what he was doing and where he was from. Walt had to take the officer back to the train to prove he was a news butcher with the passenger train. MCRHS member Jim Dobbins, from Goff, KS, once wrote a newspaper article about Walt Disney traveling on the Missouri Pacific.

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Ride Options and Suggested Donations

ROUNDTrip DESTINATION	ADULTS	CHILDREN	TIME
Waterville to Somewhere (4 miles)	\$5	(6-11)\$5	40 min.
Waterville to Blue Rapids (8 miles)	\$10	(6-11)\$5	60 min.
Blue Rapids East across the Big Blue River (8 miles)	\$10	(6-11)\$5	60 min.
Waterville East across the Big Blue River (16 miles)	\$15	(6-11)\$10	120 min.
(No charge for Children 5 and under)			
Gang Car only: \$30 (Maximum of 4 passengers)			
Suggested Minimum Donation for an 8 mile ride is \$50 for 1 trailer and \$125 for both trailers			
Suggested Minimum Donation for a 16 mile ride is \$75 for 1 trailer and \$150 for both trailers			
Schools and Nursing Homes are exempt from the Minimum car rates			