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**KIDS EXPERIENCE LEARNING IN MOTION AT RAILROAD MUSEUM
OF PENNSYLVANIA SUMMER DAY CAMP
Registrations Are Now Being Accepted For Barons & Builders**

Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA—Registrations are now being accepted for Barons & Builders, an exciting summer day camp for children at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Day camp for children ages 9 and 10 will be held from Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, while day camp for children ages 11 and 12 will take place from Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30. Camp is in session from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

During this unique, five-day camp, children will learn new skills and explore the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, railroad history and the railroad industry through a variety of tours, a field trip on Amtrak, demonstrations and hands-on projects.

“Children learn as they build, create, tour and play,” says Railroad Museum director Charles Fox. “We expanded our innovative and popular educational offerings to include this program as a response to families requesting more summer youth activities with us here at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. One of the paramount aspects of our mission here is education.”

Barons & Builders day camp will include activities like touring limited access railroad equipment in the Museum, taking a ride aboard an Amtrak train bound for Harrisburg or Philadelphia, building LEGO® trains to take home, creating plans for their own railroad just like the historic railroad barons, meeting real railroaders to learn about their jobs and much more.

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“We work with pre-school age, elementary and secondary students up through and including college students and adults in programs like distance learning, outreach, special guided tours, a merit badge program, workshops and teacher training,” Fox explains. “Our education programs satisfy academic standards in history, geography, economics, science and technology, arts, humanities and language arts. The Museum’s Stewart Junction education center features hands-on simulations, model train displays and other activities for railroaders of all ages.”

“The Barons & Builders day camp is one way to help stem summer learning loss by keeping children active, excited and involved in the learning and creative process. The name of the program itself, Barons & Builders, tells children about the diversity of the many men and women who were, and are, instrumental in developing and operating America’s railroads, the industry that built our nation and continues strong today,” Fox adds.

The cost for the Barons & Builders day camp program is \$125.00 for Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania members and \$175.00 for non-members. Participation will be limited to 15 campers per session on a first come, first serve basis and the deadline for registration is Monday, June 7, 2010. Call after the deadline to determine if places are still available. Tax deductible donations are being gratefully accepted on behalf of children in need who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend camp.

Barons & Builders day camp registration forms are available on the Railroad Museum’s web site at www.rrmuseumpa.org or by contacting Museum volunteer/program coordinator Elizabeth Myers at (717)687-8628, ext 3009, or programs@rrmuseumpa.org.

Home to a world-class collection of more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Visit www.rrmuseumpa.org or call (717)687-8628 for more information.