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### ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION TRAIN EXPANDS OPERATIONS ACROSS NORTHEAST

For the fifteenth holiday season in a row, local nonprofit Operation Toy Train will roll out its special train to collect toy donations for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation and benefit underprivileged children. This year's train schedule includes brand new stops in western Connecticut, eastern Pennsylvania, and southern New Jersey, adding to the longstanding operations in northern New Jersey and southern New York. From November to December, the train aims to collect over 30,000 toys from 36 locations across four states.

In addition to using its own specialized railroad equipment, Operation Toy Train partners with several local railroads and non-profit organizations that generously donate their railcars, personnel, and time to operate the train. This year, the collection train will operate over 200 miles across seven railroads and four states between Nov. 12 and Dec. 16, including three stationary events. The full schedule is available at [www.OperationToyTrain.org/schedule](http://www.OperationToyTrain.org/schedule).

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the train at any of its stops to donate new toys in their original packaging (no gift wrapping, please!). Attendees at each stop can also participate in on-site activities sponsored by the towns and local businesses, meet Santa Claus, view a variety of historic railroad equipment, and meet members of the Marine Corps and the Operation Toy Train program. For those that can't make it to one of the train's stops, local businesses and organizational partners near each stop have received large Toys for Tots collection boxes where they can collect toy donations in advance and deliver them to the train. After the toys are delivered to the Marines, they are redistributed as holiday gifts to underprivileged and less-fortunate children in the communities where the campaigns are conducted.

Businesses, organizations, and individuals looking to sponsor, donate to, or participate in Operation Toy Train are also encouraged to visit the website at [www.OperationToyTrain.org](http://www.OperationToyTrain.org) or contact the organization at [info@operationtoytrain.org](mailto:info@operationtoytrain.org) to learn how to get involved. Operation Toy Train is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all financial donations are tax-deductible. Funds are used to support the organization's toy collection operations and the maintenance and upkeep of its specialized railroad equipment.

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*Operation Toy Train, Inc. and Operation Toy Train of New York, Inc. are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that jointly operate special annual toy collection trains across multiple railroads in the northeast during the holiday season. Each year, the trains collect over 30,000 donated toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation, which redistributes them to underprivileged children within the collection areas. For more information, please visit [www.OperationToyTrain.org](http://www.OperationToyTrain.org).*

# Operation TOY TRAIN

## 2023 TRAIN SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, November 12, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Waterbury, CT	Fascia's Chocolates	44 Chase River Rd.	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
Thomaston, CT	Thomaston Station	242 E. Main St.	1:00 PM	1:30 PM
East Litchfield, CT	Former East Litchfield Station Site	70 East Litchfield Rd.	2:00 PM	2:45 PM
Torrington, CT	Alfredo's Deli	170 Water St.	3:00 PM	4:00 PM

<b>Saturday, November 18, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Kutztown, PA	Kutztown Station	232 Railroad St.	11:00 AM	2:00 PM

<b>Sunday, November 19, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Salem, NJ	Market Street Grade Crossing	13 Market St.	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
Woodstown, NJ	East Avenue Grade Crossing	67 East Ave.	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Swedesboro, NJ	Grasso Foods	9 Ogden Rd.	2:00 PM	3:00 PM

<b>Sunday, November 26, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Port Jervis, NY	Port Jervis Christkindlmarkt	Front St. and Jersey Ave.	10:00 AM	5:00 PM

<b>Saturday, December 2, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Rockaway, NJ	Arico's Riverside Shoppe	26 E. Main St.	9:00 AM	9:30 AM
Dover, NJ	Dover Town Hall	37 N. Sussex St.	10:00 AM	10:50 AM
Port Murray, NJ	Port Murray Post Office	218 Main St.	1:00 PM	1:30 PM
Washington, NJ	Washington Borough Park & Pool	150 Broad St.	1:50 PM	2:10 PM
Stewartsville, NJ	Warren Street Grade Crossing	425 Warren St.	3:05 PM	3:25 PM
Phillipsburg, NJ	Phillipsburg Union (PU) Tower	84 Brainard St.	3:50 PM	4:30 PM

<b>Sunday, December 3, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Farmingdale, NJ	Main Street Grade Crossing	87 Main St.	10:00 AM	10:45 AM
Freehold, NJ	Freehold Fire Department	49 W. Main St.	11:35 AM	12:20 PM
Freehold, NJ	Builder's General Supply	222 Throckmorton St.	12:30 PM	1:15 PM
Tennent, NJ	Reed & Perrine Co.	396 Main St.	1:30 PM	2:15 PM
Jamesburg, NJ	Jamesburg Fire Department	82 W. Railroad Ave.	3:15 PM	4:00 PM

<b>Saturday, December 9, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Rochelle Park, NJ	CVS Pharmacy	150 Rochelle Ave.	9:00 AM	9:40 AM
Hawthorne, NJ	Warburton Ave. Grade Crossing	207 Warburton Ave.	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Midland Park, NJ	Hot Dog Caboose	211 Greenwood Ave.	10:40 AM	11:10 AM
Wyckoff, NJ	Wyckoff PTO Economy Shop	399 Main St.	11:15 AM	11:55 AM
Oakland, NJ	Enterprise Rent-a-Car	393 Ramapo Valley Rd. (Route 202)	12:10 PM	1:00 PM
Pompton Lakes, NJ	Station 1 Books & Vinyl Shop	1 Station Plz.	1:15 PM	1:50 PM
Butler, NJ	Butler Museum	221 Main St.	2:05 PM	2:30 PM
Newfoundland, NJ	Newfoundland Station	1667 Green Pond Rd.	2:55 PM	3:25 PM
Sparta, NJ	Sparta Train Station	30 Station Rd.	4:00 PM	4:20 PM
Vernon, NJ	Veterans' Memorial Park	50 Vernon Crossing Rd.	4:50 PM	5:30 PM

<b>Sunday, December 10, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Warwick, NY	Kuiken Brothers	33 South St.	9:45 AM	10:20 AM
Sugar Loaf, NY	formerly Anne Marie's Country Deli	1398 Kings Hwy.	10:35 AM	11:10 AM
Montgomery, NY	Montgomery "Lumber Lot"	46 Railroad Ave.	12:45 PM	1:55 PM
Campbell Hall, NY	Hamptonburgh Caboose Museum	3 Erie St.	2:20 PM	3:30 PM
Middletown, NY	Middletown Train Station	301 N. Galleria Dr.	4:05 PM	4:30 PM

<b>Saturday, December 16, 2023</b>		<b>Address</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Flanders, NJ	Flanders Fire Company #1	27 Main St.	1:00 PM	4:00 PM