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All aboard for Model Railroad Madness on November 16 at Elmhurst History Museum

ELMHURST, Ill. – Trains have a way of engaging kids and adults of all ages, especially those who are enamored by the model railroad variety. The intricate track layouts with detailed railroad cars, terrains, people, and buildings have a special way of connecting with train enthusiasts and serious hobbyists alike.

The Elmhurst History Museum invites model train fans to join in a day of small-scale railroading fun on **Saturday, November 16** during **Model Railroad Madness** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event takes place in the museum’s Education Center, located at 120 E. Park Ave. in Elmhurst. The program is free and no registration is required. More information can be found at www.elmhursthhistory.org (in the Family Programs section) or by calling 630-833-1457.

Model Railroad Madness is presented by members of *Chicagoland T-Trak*, a group of railroad modelers and collectors that run “N-scale” trains on modular layouts. Participants can see their

innovative track layouts and learn how model trains work. T-Trak members will be in attendance to answer questions and share information about the hobby. Kids can also make their own paper engineer hats and Morse code beaded bracelets while supplies last.

Model Railroad Madness is presented in conjunction with the Elmhurst History Museum's new exhibit, *"On the Right Track: By Rail to Chicago & Beyond,"* which is open from November 14, 2019 through March 29, 2020. The exhibit explores how railroads carved out the suburban landscape as we know it today, and how people experienced the railroad as both passengers and employees. "On the Right Track" showcases an array of fascinating railroad artifacts including from vintage telegraph equipment, signage, and uniforms to a steam engine bell and whistle and more. Children can investigate hands-on learning stations including a wooden train play area, working telegraph, and track switching game. Admission to the exhibit is free, and participants are welcome to view the exhibit before or after the program from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

All aboard for a day filled with model railroading fun at the Elmhurst History Museum on November 16. For the more information, please visit www.elmhursthhistory.org or call (630) 833-1457.

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The Elmhurst History Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at www.elmhursthhistory.org.