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ELLIOTT CITY STATION
HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF TRAINS
Friday, November 29, 2013 – Sunday, January 26, 2014
Presented by

Ellicott City, Maryland - The B&O Railroad Museum Ellicott City Station, America’s Oldest Railroad Station, brings the magic of miniature railroading to life during its annual event, Holiday Festival of Trains. This year, the Museum combines two favorites by partnering with the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club (WamaLtc) who will install an operating holiday train garden built entirely with LEGO toy pieces. The LEGO layout will be on display in the museum’s car house and will feature a 360 degree walk-around multi-level masterpiece. The exhibit is interactive for families with push buttons along the sides that will activate lights, motors and sounds. It will include unique streetscapes and familiar buildings.

Other model exhibits featured at the Station include a popular Thomas the Tank Engine G-scale layout, a small N-scale layout in the museum’s telegraph office and a push button children’s layout in the main waiting room.

Railroad Santa will kick off the season celebration Thanksgiving weekend (November 29 – December 1) by making an appearance and handing out special treats.

On Saturday, December 7 from 12 noon – 3pm the festival has a sweet new addition. A team of chocolate history ambassadors from Mars Chocolate North America will share chocolate’s rich journey through time with an interactive chocolate history demonstration – complete with tastings of Mars’ authentic historic chocolate drink, American Heritage Chocolate.
Ellicott City Station will also partner with the U.S. Marine Corps **Toys for Tots** program. Visitors who bring a new, unwrapped toy to the museum for donation from November 29 through December 15 will receive 50% off admission. To encourage participation the Station’s Gift Shop will offer a 10% discount on all toys purchased on-site for donation to Toys for Tots.

**WHEN:**
Friday, November 29, 2013 – Sunday, January 26, 2014
Wednesday-Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Open Monday, December 30 & Tuesday December 31
*Please note Museum is closed Christmas Eve & Day and New Year’s Day.*

**ADMISSION:**
$6.00 – Adults
$5.00 – Seniors (60+)
$4.00 – Children (2-12)
FREE- B&O Members

**B&O Railroad Museum: Ellicott City Station™** is the oldest railroad station in America! Completed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in 1831, this National Historic Landmark is the perfect complement to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum’s Baltimore campus. Ellicott City Station showcases the people who built and operated America’s first railroad, tells stories of soldiers and citizens caught in the turmoil of Civil War and highlights the clash of technology that transformed America’s transportation systems from Roads to Rails.

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