

North Hollywood Extension Opening Features Weekend Family Festivities

(June 22) The MTA will officially throw open the doors of the Metro Red Line's San Fernando Valley line on Saturday morning with family-oriented festivities at the North Hollywood and Universal City stations.

Although free subway service to and from the Valley rolls out at 4:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, public events will be held from mid-morning until 5 p.m. both days.

Some 400 employees have volunteered to provide crowd control over the weekend, but, says Denise Charles of Public Affairs, "We still need 50 more people to work on Sunday." To volunteer, call Charles at 922-7408.

Brochures and souvenirs

Meanwhile, another 60 employees and 19 "ambassadors" will work with MTA Marketing to staff booths and distribute brochures and souvenirs at the three new subway stations. Giveaways include puzzle cubes, pens, fold-up trains and a new cartoon map of the Metro Rail system.

Scheduled events at Universal City station include celebrity characters, live entertainment and Fun Family photo ops. Actors in period costume at the adjacent Campo de Cahuenga will recreate the 1948 treaty signing that ended the Mexican-American War.

At Hollywood/Highland, the Knitting Factory nightclub will sponsor a jazz festival from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

At the North Hollywood station, guests can see stunt skydivers, the children's TV variety show, Children's Court; the NoHo International Theatre & Arts Festival, a "Magic of Television" industry showcase in the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame Plaza and a "Wheel of Fortune" contestant recruiting mobile.

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