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## Holiday Toy Express® Brings Sunshine to Kids with Cancer

On Friday, November 20, Metrolink's Holiday Toy Express® had its sparkling dress rehearsal before embarking on the annual tour of communities throughout Southern California. On that unique night, Santa and friends were joined by special guests from the Sunshine Kids Foundation™. Twenty-six children and their families from the local nonprofit—which is dedicated to providing free, fun group activities to kids with cancer—enjoyed a sneak preview of the dazzling and festive Holiday Toy Express. Their smiles shone brightly, even amid the 450-ton train's 50,000 holiday-themed lights and decorations.

Metrolink invited the Sunshine Kids to participate in Preview Night of our 2009 Holiday Toy Express in an effort to brighten  
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## Holiday Toy Express Opening Night in Rancho Cucamonga

Over 1,000 revelers joined Santa, Southern California Firefighters, and ABC Channel 7 at the opening night of Metrolink's Holiday Toy Express®, launching the 47-city tour for the 13th consecutive year. Rancho Cucamonga hosted the  
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the lives of kids with cancer and share in the holiday spirit. The kids were brimming with excitement when they arrived at L.A. Union Station. And their excitement only grew when the holiday-themed train pulled up. They climbed onboard and rode the rails for 45 minutes to Covina, enjoying dinner and games on the train. They took commemorative photos and met Santa and all of the other Holiday Toy Express characters. Plus, each child received a gift bag containing prizes including a four-trip ticket for a future ride on Metrolink.

The fun continued upon arrival at the Covina Station, where the Sunshine Kids were among the first to see the spectacular 2009 edition of the Holiday Toy Express musical production.

Each year Metrolink chooses one nonprofit organization committed to children to participate in the Holiday Toy Express dress rehearsal before the train sets out on its 47-city tour to spread holiday joy and

collect toys for the "Spark of Love" Toy Drive. Local firefighters last year collected over 600,000 toys throughout Southern California to gift to underprivileged children during the holidays.

This opportunity to enhance the lives of kids with cancer came at a time when families with children fighting cancer face even more economic hardships than most. Parents are often forced to quit their jobs because they are constantly in and out of hospitals with their

children. Living situations become compromised, as one household salary cannot sustain the lifestyles of families accustomed to the salaries of two working parents. Families depend on complimentary and exciting activities to bring normalcy to their kids' lives, especially during the holidays.

"We received an onslaught of calls from kids who wanted to enjoy the Holiday Toy Express," said Brooks Tomb, director of the Sunshine Kids' western region. "We hold two to three out-of-hospital

events each month and our needs seem to be greater around the holidays," added Tomb. "This particular event—with a special chance to allow kids to be VIPs and ride the train—is a real testament to the need to continue providing such great opportunities."

When the Sunshine Kids boarded buses to return home at the end of their train ride, we were heartened to have been part of making at least one evening brighter in their daily struggle with cancer.

The Sunshine Kids Foundation was established in 1982 to enhance the quality of life of children with cancer so that they may once again do what kids are supposed to do: have fun and celebrate life! For more information about the Sunshine Kids Foundation, visit their Web site at [sunshinekids.org](http://sunshinekids.org).



## Holiday Schedules

- **Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24**, Metrolink will operate a full regular weekday schedule.
- **Christmas Day, Friday, December 25**, NO Metrolink service will be provided.
- **New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31**, Metrolink will operate a full regular weekday schedule.
- **New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**, Metrolink will operate LIMITED SERVICE on two lines only. The San Bernardino and Antelope Valley lines will operate MODIFIED SCHEDULES designed to accommodate passengers traveling to the Rose Parade via the Metro Gold Line.

To view Metrolink's special holiday schedules, please visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com).

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## Law-Enforcement Officials Work to Heighten Safety Awareness in Orange County

On Wednesday, November 4, in an effort to increase awareness about the importance of rail safety, the Southern California Rail Safety Team worked with numerous Southern California law-enforcement agencies and regulators on an "Officer on a Train" event in Orange County.

The "Officer on a Train" program gives officials both a close-up look at the types of dangerous and illegal behavior that locomotive engineers see on a daily basis, and numerous opportunities to cite those who violate safety regulations. In a mere four hours, they observed an alarming 395 violations—up from 294 in the same territory last year. This year 212 vehicular citations and 37 pedestrian citations were issued, 19 vehicles were towed, and six arrests were made. The officers also noted 121 visual violations, or "getaways"—that is, people who broke safety laws, but escaped without being cited.

The event began at 6:00 a.m. with a briefing at Anaheim's Angel Stadium, where more than 70 officers from the Union Pacific Railroad Police Department, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Police, Los Angeles County Sheriff, Orange County Sheriff, and 24 local

law-enforcement agencies from throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties were given location assignments.

Drivers and pedestrians received citations for rail-related code violations such as trespassing, failing to stop at railroad-crossing signals, and driving around lowered railroad-crossing gates.

"Officer on a Train" events are a form of directed enforcement, which is meant to supplement regular law-enforcement activity on the rails. In directed enforcement, police or sheriff's officers stationed at railroad crossings and along the right-of-way wait for trains to activate advance-

warning devices and gates. Then they watch—for the motorist racing under dropping gates, for the pedestrian ducking beneath them, for the bicyclist who pedals through. Citations are issued for violations. Directed-enforcement efforts occur several times each year throughout the Metrolink system.

Regular officer and community attention to the tracks is essential every day of the year. The training is intended to increase awareness and hone response skills. In August, when two toddlers wandered onto Metrolink tracks, it was the eyes of the community and the skills of local police officers that saved their lives. The toddlers crawled through a broken gate at their day-care center and wandered onto the tracks. Fortunately, community members saw them and called the police, who were able to quickly get the kids off the tracks unharmed.

Events like "Officer on a Train" exist not only to enforce laws but also to educate community members about safe behaviors on and near railroad tracks and rights-of-way. The core message is simple: stay off, stay away, and stay alive!



Photos: Jan Waide

## Metrolink Riders Get Box-Office Discounts to L.A. Kings

The L.A. Kings are offering Metrolink riders special box-office discounts at STAPLES Center. Just show your valid Metrolink ticket or pass and receive 20 percent off any single game ticket for Monday and Tuesday games. Or receive 10 percent off Wednesday through Sunday games.\* This December, the Kings have six games at STAPLES Center, including five important home contests against Western Conference foes. Also, "Luc Robitaille Bobblehead Day" on December 5 is sure to be a hit with all fans! With the holiday season quickly approaching, the gift of L.A. Kings hockey is a great gift indeed.

### December games:

- Dec. 3 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Ottawa
- Dec. 5 @ 1:00 p.m. vs. St. Louis
- Dec. 7 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Calgary
- Dec. 10 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Phoenix
- Dec. 12 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Dallas
- Dec. 28 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Minnesota

### January games:

- Jan. 2 @ 1:00 p.m. vs. Washington
- Jan. 7 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Detroit
- Jan. 9 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. St. Louis
- Jan. 11 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. San Jose
- Jan. 14 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Anaheim
- Jan. 16 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Boston
- Jan. 19 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. San Jose
- Jan. 21 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Buffalo

\*Subject to availability.

And don't forget to lace up your skates and check out the new "L.A. Kings Holiday Ice at L.A. LIVE" from December 3 to 31. The new outdoor rink is open to the general public daily and is located within Nokia Plaza at L.A. Live, across the street from the arena. For more information, including information on other holiday entertainment at L.A. Live, visit [lalive.com](http://lalive.com)



### Metrolink Discounts at L.A. Live



The Grammy Museum and ESPN Zone discount offer has been extended through December 31, 2009. Please visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com) and click on "Special Events" to print out the online coupon.





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## Holiday Toy Express Grand Opening...

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grand ceremonies with live music, carolers, food, a vintage fire truck and hundreds of unwrapped new toys collected for the "Spark of Love" Toy Drive. The train continued on its journey to Fontana, San Bernardino, and Rialto. For more information on the Metrolink Holiday Toy Express schedule, visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Metrolink](http://twitter.com/Metrolink).

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE

### Friday, December 4

Newhall 7:30 p.m.  
 Sylmar/San Fernando 8:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 5

Tustin 5:45 p.m.  
 Irvine 6:30 p.m.  
 Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo 7:30 p.m.  
 San Juan Capistrano 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 6

San Clemente North 5:45 p.m.  
 Camp Pendleton USMC 7:15 p.m.  
 San Clemente Pier 8:45 p.m.

### Friday, December 11

Glendale 6:00 p.m.  
 Downtown Burbank 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 12

Anaheim 5:15 p.m.  
 Orange 6:00 p.m.  
 Santa Ana 7:00 p.m.  
 Fullerton 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 13

Montalvo 5:00 p.m.  
 Oxnard 5:45 p.m.  
 Camarillo 6:30 p.m.  
 Moorpark 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 18

Covina 7:30 p.m.  
 El Monte 8:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 19

Baldwin Park 5:30 p.m.  
 Claremont 7:00 p.m.  
 Montclair 7:45 p.m.  
 Upland 8:30 p.m.

### Sunday, December 20

Lancaster 5:00 p.m.  
 Palmdale 6:00 p.m.  
 Vincent Grade/Acton 6:45 p.m.  
 Via Princessa 8:15 p.m.

## Free holiday fun for everyone!

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# Disney On Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy

## Metrolink Riders Save \$5 on Tickets

Join in the non-stop fun when *Disney On Ice* presents *Worlds of Fantasy* brings four magical Disney stories right to your hometown! This action-packed ice spectacular showcases beloved characters from Disney/Pixar's *CARS* and Disney's *Tinker Bell*, *The Lion King* and *The Little Mermaid*.

Audiences will journey to the mystical world of Pixie Hollow to meet Tinker Bell and all her fairy friends; race through Radiator Springs with Lightning McQueen, Mater and the crew of *CARS*; trek across the African Pride Lands with Simba; and dive under the sea with Ariel and Sebastian. World-class skating, breathtaking set design, and amazing animatronics make *Disney On Ice* presents *Worlds of Fantasy* an unforgettable experience for the whole family!

Prior to each performance, families will be treated to the *Disney Princess Pre-Show*, an exclusive collection of enchanting ball gowns and mementos from the Disney Princess stories. This bonus experience is complimentary with ticket purchase and includes a special appearance by a Disney Princess.

But the non-stop fun goes even farther as *Disney On Ice* partners with Metrolink. Train passengers can SAVE \$5 and purchase tickets for \$11, \$15 and \$20 (regular prices \$16, \$20 and \$25).

This offer is valid only for the following venues, dates and show times. Other performances are available at regular prices. Other restrictions apply. Visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) for details.

There are three ways you can purchase tickets and SAVE!

1. Present your Metrolink ticket or pass at one of the Arena Box Offices.
2. Visit [Ticketmaster.com/train](http://Ticketmaster.com/train) and enter the code TRAIN.
3. Call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000 and mention the code TRAIN.

### Show Times—SAVE \$5.00

**Staples Center:** Thursday, December 17 – Sunday, December 20, 2009

Friday	11:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	

**Honda Center:** Tuesday, December 22 – Sunday, December 27, 2009

Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Friday		4:30 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	

**Citizens Business Bank Arena:** Wednesday, December 30, 2009 – Sunday, January 3, 2010

Thursday	1:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Friday		3:30 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	

**Long Beach Arena:** Wednesday, January 6 – Sunday, January 10, 2010

Thursday		7:30 p.m.
Friday	11:00 a.m.	
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	

**Ticket Information:**

Public On-Sale: Sunday, November 8  
 Prices: \$16, \$20, \$25, \$45 (VIP), \$65 (Front Row)  
 Service charges, handling and facility fees may apply



### Disney On Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy Contest

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Enter for a chance to win one of two VIP Family Four-Packs of tickets to *Disney on Ice* presents *Worlds of Fantasy*.

The tickets are for the 7:30 p.m. performance on Wednesday, December 23, at the Honda Center in Anaheim. Visit [metrolinkchancetowin.com](http://metrolinkchancetowin.com) or return this entry form by December 16, 2009. Mail it to Metrolink Matters, Disney on Ice, 700 S. Flower Street, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

No purchase necessary to enter or win.

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## Save on Anaheim Ducks Tickets with the Track Pack

Experience the excitement of Anaheim Ducks hockey and save! With the Track Pack you'll get a ticket to the game, plus a hot dog and soda, all for as little as \$18.50! That's a savings of nearly \$10 off the regular price! And with the station only three blocks from Honda Center, the train is a great way to get to the game.

The Ducks have made it to the Stanley Cup play-offs every season for the past four years! And with the combination of young stars like Ryan Getzlaf, Corey Perry, and Bobby Ryan with talented veterans like Saku Koivu, Teemu Selanne, and Captain Scott Niedermayer, it's a great season to join the Ducks as they continue their quest for the cup! Search eligible games, check train schedules to and from Anaheim, and get your Track Pack now at [anaheimducks.com/trackpack](http://anaheimducks.com/trackpack). For more information, visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com) and click on "Special Events."



## Go, Clipper Nation!

The 2009–10 season promises to be very exciting this year! The addition of Blake Griffin—the number-one draft choice—to an already exciting core of young players including potential All-Stars Eric Gordon, Al Thornton, and DeAndre Jordan creates a strong foundation for an exciting future for the Clippers. Mix that young group with established veterans like Baron Davis and Marcus Camby, and the Clippers are undoubtedly contenders for a play-off berth in the ever-competitive Western Conference.

Metrolink riders can get a 50 percent discount on tickets for the following 13 home games. Just go to [ticketmaster.com/promo/p3mvtz](http://ticketmaster.com/promo/p3mvtz) to order your tickets online; use the special promo code "METRO."

- 12/8 vs. Orlando Magic
- 12/13 vs. San Antonio Spurs
- 1/10 vs. Miami Heat
- 1/20 vs. Chicago Bulls
- 2/6 vs. San Antonio Spurs
- 2/24 vs. Detroit Pistons
- 3/3 vs. Phoenix Suns
- 3/15 vs. New Orleans Hornets
- 3/28 vs. Golden State Warriors
- 4/4 vs. New York Knicks
- 4/7 vs. Portland Trail Blazers
- 4/10 vs. Golden State Warriors
- 4/12 vs. Dallas Mavericks

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