



Fireman's and Engineer's School: 2011

The Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR is currently announcing future dates and new changes for their Fireman's and Engineer's School for 2011 due to the overwhelming interest and demand in the course over the past two seasons.

Effective next year the two courses will be combined into one four day session. This means that a maximum of six (6) students again will be allowed to sign up for the Fireman's course and a maximum of six (6) for the Engineer's course. The two classes will run concurrently for four days starting on June 13, 2011 and ending on Thursday, June 16, 2011. The first morning will again provide classroom time with instructors learning the rules and regulations along with a safety video of the C&TS railroad. Textbooks, rule books and Timetables will be provided. As in the past, all materials are forwarded to the students a month in advance for their review and study.

Day one, two and three will allow Fireman students to "fire the hill" and Engineers at the throttle with freight trains to Cumbres Pass, Osier Station, and Antonito, Co. respectively on the third day. Day four will entail a working freight under a heavier load with ties from Antonito to Chama.

The six Fireman students will rotate on one side of the cab in the Fireman's seat along with six Engineer students rotating at the throttle. Two C&TS qualified instructors will be present at all times throughout the course for training purposes. Firemen will "fire" approximately

80% of the time and be “at the throttle” 20% of the remaining time. Likewise, Engineers will be at the throttle 80% of the time and “firing” the remaining 20%. A full four days of schooling including 3 and a half days in the locomotive allow students additional “cab time” which has been a high priority for all students in previous classes. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to get a true feel of mountain railroading.

All students will be awarded certification for their respective schools upon completion of the courses along with four DVDs of their four days in the locomotive. The certifications are not to be construed as actual railroad locomotive fireman or engineer qualifications. Lunches will be provided daily. In addition, several run by photo opportunities of the freight train will be provided for students throughout the four day event.

Combined Fireman’s and Engineer’s Classes will also be held on August 15th through the 18th, 2011. The final course will be held on October 10th through the 13th, 2011. Classes are limited (6) and early reservations are highly recommended. Please call 888-286-2737 for further details and reservations or Alan Loomis, C&TS Special Projects Coordinator at 575-209-0212.

Pricing for 2011 is as follows:

Fireman’s 4 Day School: \$2000 **

Engineer’s 4 Day School: \$2500 **

****All new students MUST complete the Fireman’s course prior to enrollment in the Engineer’s course.**