



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAILWAY MUSEUM

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WELCOME TO VOLUNTEERING!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Southern California Railway Museum (SCRM) Volunteer! We are excited to have you! SCRM is the largest railroad museum in the west. SCRM is a 96-acre Museum with over 200 pieces of rolling stock, numerous artifacts and archive materials! SCRM's mission is to preserve, protect, and display artifacts, railway equipment, and documentation of the rail transportation industry in the West, specifically in Southern California, in order to educate the public on the technology, history and impact of the railroads.

SCRM has about 1,500 active members and approximately 200 of these are regular volunteers: SCRM's backbone. This letter will provide an overview of the SCRM's divisions - whether you are interested in restoration, operations, archives, visitor experience, or a little of each, we have something for everyone.

SCRM Divisions

SCRM has various divisions that cover operations and the various functions of the museum. Volunteers **are not restricted to one division**; we find that our volunteers report a more rewarding experience when their time volunteering includes rotation amongst the various divisions. What could be more satisfying than operating a train or trolley that you helped to restore and maintain, and then getting to share that experience with guests at our events?!

Below we will introduce each division and provide some starting points to begin volunteering.

Operations - Train and Trolley

Division Responsibilities: Operate the trains and trolleys for operating weekends, special events, charters, Run One experiences, and film/photoshoots.

Orientation: **Introduction to Railway Operations and Museum History.**

- Orientation dates and training schedules can be found on our [website \(https://socalrailway.org/join/\)](https://socalrailway.org/join/)

Contact Information: Gary Starre, Asst. Division Manager of Operations (gstarre@gmail.com)

Additional contacts are listed on the *Meet the Museum: Division and Area Contacts* guide for more information.



Action Photos of Operations Volunteers

Facility and Maintenance

Division Responsibilities: Maintain/improve track, wire, signals, buildings, grounds, landscaping, custodial, and construction projects throughout the Museum on an ongoing basis.

- Orientation: **None required**

Contact Information: Hank Winn, General Manager (rhwinn@socalrailway.org)

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Volunteers maintaining SCRM Track



Volunteer maintaining trolley parts

Events and Visitor Experience

Division Responsibilities: Plan and facilitate Museum's signature events, charters/tours, film and photoshoots, venue rentals, and maintain accessibility in SCRM's interpretation and engagement.

Orientation: **Introduction to Volunteering with Visitor Experience.**

- Orientation dates and training schedules can be found on our [website \(https://socalrailway.org/join/\)](https://socalrailway.org/join/)

Contact Information: Sarah Harty, Division Manager of Visitor Experience (sarah@socalrailway.org)

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Day out with Thomas



School Charter

Rail Vehicle Restoration and Maintenance

Division Responsibilities: Restore and maintain Museum's historic train and trolley collection.

- Orientation: **None required**

Contact Information: Jason Shoemaker, Division Manager of Maintenance and Restoration
(jason.bnsfconductor@gmail.com)

Additional contacts are listed on the *Meet the Museum: Division and Area Contacts* guide for more information.
Work is organized by subdivision and project, each led by an experienced project manager (i.e. the Lead or Division Manager). All projects are at the discretion of the Lead/Manager, based on funding, availability, and Museum priority.



Before



After

Miscellaneous

We have volunteer opportunities in just about every facet! In addition to the Divisions, our volunteers support SCRM in the following ways:

- Collection Support
- Archives
- Fred Harvey Museum
- Middleton Collection
- Information Technology
- Photography/Videography
- Museum Store

If you have skills, a special talent, or interest in any of these areas, please contact the appropriate staff or volunteer listed above or in the *Meet the Museum: Division and Area Contacts* guide.

All Aboard!

The hours can be long, but the rewards are plentiful. When you are ready, we are eager to say, "WELCOME ABOARD!"

If you are unable to reach the Division Manager or Lead Volunteer listed, please contact our Manager of Visitor Experience, Sarah Harty at sarah@socalrailway.org or 951.805.7546.

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