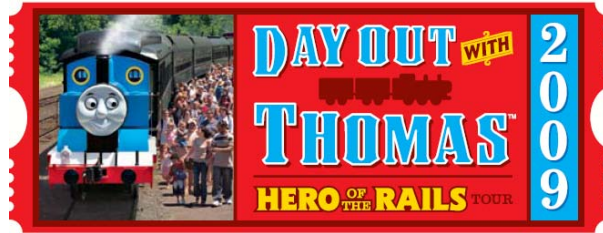


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***DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™ 2009: THE HERO OF THE RAILS TOUR
COMES TO BALDWIN CITY, KANSAS TO SAVE THE DAY!***

***Thomas the Tank Engine™ to visit Midland Railway May 29-31 and
June 5-7, 2009***

Baldwin City, Kansas – Thomas the Tank Engine™ is coming to save the day! Thomas, the beloved and courageous storybook engine, is set to roll into **Midland Railway** for the ***Day Out With Thomas™ 2009: The Hero of the Rails Tour***, presented by HIT Entertainment, a worldwide leader in children's entertainment, and sponsored by The LEGO Group. This fun-filled event offers preschoolers and their families the opportunity to take a ride with a 15-ton replica of Thomas the Tank Engine, star of the popular *Thomas & Friends™* series. Children will ride along with their favorite hero on his latest adventure. The tour, now in its 14th year, will make stops in more than 40 US cities and is expected to welcome more than one million passengers in 2009.

WHO: Thomas the Tank Engine

WHAT:

- A 25-minute (approximate) ride with Thomas the Tank Engine
- An opportunity to meet Sir Topham Hatt, Controller of The Railway
- Activities for the whole family, including arts & crafts, storytelling, video viewing, temporary tattoos, a petting zoo with unusual friendly animals and a magician.
- Exclusive commemorative merchandise including a 2009 Day Out With Thomas passenger car, as well as a t-shirts, engineer caps, pennants, and more

WHEN: **May 29-31 and June 5-7, 2009**

TIME: **Trains leave every 45 minutes, rain or shine, beginning at 9:45 A.M. with the last train departing at 3:45 P.M. each day.**

WHERE: **Baldwin City depot, 1515 High Street, Baldwin City, Kansas**

Tickets for ***Day Out With Thomas 2009: The Hero of the Rails Tour*** are on sale now and available by calling Ticketweb toll-free 866-468-7630, or by visiting www.ticketweb.com/thomas or www.midland-ry.org Ticket prices are \$18 plus tax for ages 2 and up (service charges and fee may apply).

For more information and directions contact the **Midland Railway at 800-651-0388** or visit www.midland-ry.org For information on *Thomas & Friends*, visit www.thomasandfriends.com

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