

Press Release

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## **You'll be Red, White & Blue aboard the Historic Jefferson Railway**

For a revolutionary July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, climb aboard a live steam train as the Historic Jefferson Railway recreates the Golden Era of steam railroading on July 1, 2, 3 and 4. The narrated day tours include a stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit to view the alligators. Evening trains include **a fantastic fireworks show followed by the firing of an authentic replica of civil war cannon – with a surprising Dragon's Breath display!**

The Historic Jefferson Railway will offer a special July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend as the history of Independence Day unfolds in the narrated day tours on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 and on Tuesday at 12:30 and 2:30. Come see the **Support Our Troops** display that honors the United States Military. The evening train will run at 9:00 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

With whistles blowing and pistons chugging, the live steam, narrow gauge railroad transports its passengers back to the 1800's on a scenic narrated tour along the Big Cypress Bayou, rolling through the history laden Piney Woods. You will view a Confederate Powder Magazine along the five-mile, 40-minute tour, as well as the historic ruins from the 1800's of the Clark and Boice Sawmill and the first iron foundry in East Texas.

Bring the RV or tent camp at Diamond Don RV Park, just one mile from downtown Jefferson, keeping you close to the action. Sites available along the Big Cypress Bayou that offers a perfect view of the fireworks show, which will be performed each evening at the RV Park during the train ride. Beautiful wooded sites with lots of wildlife in view. Showers, rest rooms, dump station and free WIFI. Launch your kayak or canoe right from the park. Fish off the bank and catch brim, crappie and largemouth bass. [www.DiamondDonRVPark.com](http://www.DiamondDonRVPark.com)

Enjoy Jefferson Salutes America on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 pm at Otstott Park in Downtown Jefferson, including musical entertainment, children's games and parade; pie and cake auction. Be sure to stay for the Fireworks Display at 9:30. The Historic Jefferson Railway will suspend its Tuesday evening train to allow everyone to participate in the City activities.

The Railway is a part of the thriving community of Jefferson sponsoring major events throughout the year. Visitors look forward all year to Route 49 Rally & Festival in March, Diamond Don's Riverport National Vintage Motocross in April, The Great Locomotive Chase & Civil War Living History in May, Runaway Fright Train in October and the Rail of Lights Christmas and New Year's train in November and December.

Jefferson is nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas and seems frozen in time. It is a charming town and an elegant reminder of a bygone era. There are over a hundred buildings in the city with historical markers. Many historic homes offer bed and breakfast accommodations. Dozens of other historic buildings house museums, craft and antique shops and restaurants. **Come shop, dine and stay.** There is always a lot to do in Jefferson, Texas!

### **July 1, 2, 3, 4, 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration & Fireworks

**SPECIAL – STEAM TRAIN WEEKEND**

Depot opens at 11:00

Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Narrated Historical Day Tours

(Includes stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit)

12:30, 2:30 and 4:30

Tuesday - Narrated Historical Day Tours: 12:30 and 2:30

(Includes stop at Diamond Don Gator Pit)

Saturday, Sunday Monday: 9 pm ride with Fireworks.

Adults, \$15; Active Military, Seniors 65+ and Children 6-12 \$12;

Children under 6 are free. \$45 family-pak (parents and their children)

All fees plus tax

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