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Polar Express holiday train to roll through Blackberry Farm on first three December weekends

AURORA – The Polar Express train is welcoming all aboard during the first three weekends in December at Blackberry Farm for its annual Yuletide celebration amid thousands of glittering lights.

The holiday spirit comes to life from 3 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19 when the decorated train will run continuously around sparkling Lake Gregory.

“There will literally be thousands and thousands of twinkling lights, from the ticket window at the train depot to the trees along the walkways,” said facility supervisor Sandy Smith. “It’s a holiday spectacle; a true winter wonderland.”

Classic holiday music favorites play in the background throughout the event. The famous book ‘The Polar Express’ will be read by storytellers at the school house. Santa Claus will delight young visitors at the Early Streets Museum, which also will feature a holiday toy train display made from Legos. Also, hot chocolate and cookies will be available for purchase at the Huntoon House while supplies last.

Admission to Polar Express is \$4 per person. Blackberry Farm is located at 100 S. Barnes Road in Aurora, just south of Galena Boulevard about one half mile west of Orchard Road. For more information, call (630) 892-1550.

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The Fox Valley Park District is a dynamic and growing park district that serves a diverse population of more than 200,000 people. Recognized as an Illinois Distinguished Agency, Fox Valley holds the nation's highest honor as the 2009 National Gold Medal Award winner for excellence in park and recreation management. Serving the communities of Aurora, Montgomery and North Aurora, the District maintains 155 parks and 41 miles of interconnected regional trails amid 2,400 acres of parkland.

Connected by the Fox River, our communities are tied together by the District's commitment to promote vibrant, healthy lifestyles through fun and safe recreation opportunities that are environmentally and fiscally responsible. The Fox Valley Park District... Where Fun Begins!