

2019 RailCamp – March 13, 2019

All partners and vendors have committed for 2019. The Strasburg Rail Road had a conflict with our original dates. We moved the date one week later. Even though it will run over July 4th, all applicants were notified and are still available to attend. Dawn posted the new date on the web site, Charles put the information on facebook and Val included the dates in the TELEGRAPH. East Director Tony White had to contact all the other partners and make certain the University of Delaware could house the campers. He also had to confirm our volunteer counselors were available.

As of this date we have 23 applicants for East and only five for Northwest. Northwest usually fills up slower than East, but this year is particularly slow. Of the five, three are repeat campers from East. We have had contact from some other repeat campers and are awaiting their applications. Northwest Director John Cox has indicated he will go with as few as six rather than cancel.

Expenses are down this year due to the fact that we have enough counselors at each camp to avoid sending people across the country.

There are also fewer sponsors this year. We have eight of which four do not have their own candidates.

Looking ahead to 2020 we will definitely do more advertising. I had anticipated a "20 Years" article in January TRAINS, but Jim Wrinn did not respond. Brochures are available to any chapter that has their own museum or are affiliated with a museum, anyone involved with trains shows or anyone belonging to a specific railroad historical society that can get information in those newsletters. We would appreciate your help.