

# **POLAR EXPRESS & WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL**

**Saturday, December 2**

**Madison and Middleton, Wisconsin**

All aboard THE POLAR EXPRESS train ride! Believe the magic this holiday season! The Polar Express comes to the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, recreated to match all the sights and sounds of the beloved story. Picture the excitement of children dressed in pajamas with golden tickets clutched in their hands as they board the train and prepare to embark on their journey to the North Pole. Adults are encouraged to wear their pajamas as well.

The story begins when the conductor calls “All aboard” and punches children’s golden tickets. Each guest will hear the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack as the story reading begins and the book’s characters come to life. Dancing chefs will serve hot cocoa and cookies to all riders in a merry fashion as the doubting hobo wanders through the train. The train stops where children will behold the magic of the North Pole from their warm train seats. With a jolly “Ho, ho, ho” Santa waves to everyone and climbs aboard where he will greet each child and present them with the iconic silver sleigh bell (only believers can hear it ringing). Christmas carols will be sung as we return to the station after a memorable ride that will set the tone for the whole Christmas season.

Prior to our journey to the North Pole, we will tour the Wisconsin State Capitol and enjoy a very child friendly walking tour with an informed guide. The fossils in one of the rooms and many hallways are a fun “seek and find” time for the younger ones. The observation areas require some stairs and are open dependant on the weather. The climb is worth the view! During the Christmas season, the Wisconsin State Capitol Tree graces the rotunda. Typically a forty-foot Wisconsin grown Balsam Fir is selected. Each year, the tree is decorated with approximately 700 feet of gold garland, 2,400 multicolored lights and 1,400 handmade ornaments donated by Wisconsin citizens and students. There is not a more beautiful Capitol than our very own Wisconsin State Capitol.

We will enjoy a child friendly pizza dinner buffet in between the Capitol tour and the Polar Express.

**COST PER PERSON: \$87.00**

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, one meal, Wisconsin State Capitol tour, and reserved seating on the Polar Express.

Departure time from Medford 9:00 a.m.

Approximate return time 10:15 p.m.