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ALL ABOARD! Save the Date to Celebrate Cedar City's Weeklong Railroad Centennial June 19th- 24th

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CEDAR CITY, UT – This June will mark 100 years since the railroad came to Cedar City and our Historic Preservation Commission is planning a week-long celebration to commemorate the train's impact on Iron County tourism, commerce, and agriculture industries. The official agenda is being finalized and will be available at www.cedarcity.org/ccrr soon, but beginning June 19th, the community can expect a week filled with family-friendly activities that take you back in time in appreciation for our rich history.

On Monday, June 19th, three historical markers will be unveiled in relation to the railroads, and a special paint night for families will begin around 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 20th will feature a historic downtown walking tour with local historian and SUU professor, Ryan Paul, concluding at the Cedars Hotel on Main Street with a photo gallery exhibit and storyteller experience titled, "*Memories of the U.P. (Union Pacific, Utah Parks) and You.*"

A scavenger hunt kicks off on Wednesday, June 21st with free admission to Homestead State Park and a special evening for families including train bingo, interactive displays, and more! On Thursday, June 22nd, visit the old train depot on the corner of Main Street and 200 North and attend a big community party with live entertainment, community bands, and informational lectures in the outdoor amphitheater. A slow roll bike ride will also be held on Thursday at Discovery Park from 6:00 to 8:00

p.m., followed by a movie in the park for families. An invitation-only gala event will take place on Friday, June 23rd, where attendees will get to tour the Rainbow Sign & Decorworx building, which used to be a garage building that housed buses for the national parks.

The week concludes with the biggest celebration of them all on Saturday, June 24th. A party in the Main Street Park will feature food vendors, games, live entertainment, and so much more including a professional reenactment of President Harding arriving in Cedar City and the monumental speech he gave. Free entry into the Aquatic Center will be available for kids under 14 years old starting at 6:00 p.m., while older teens and adults will continue the celebration with a battle of the bands, outdoor concert, and dance in the park.

All week long, kids can enjoy a free trackless train ride, including opportunities to visit various locations to complete a scavenger hunt card and redeem a commemorative prize on Saturday. You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Cedar City Library will have several showcases dedicated to the Centennial Railroad Celebration full of photos, artifacts, and memorabilia on loan from community members from June 1st through August 1st about the Union Pacific Railroad and the Utah Parks Company. If you have any historical pieces to share, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Aleese Cardon, by email at: Aleese.Cardon4@gmail.com.

To this day, the railroad continues to be an important asset and economic driver for Iron County and the businesses that are seeking a centralized location in the southwestern United States. Get a glimpse into the history by visiting our website at www.cedarcity.org/ccrr and follow Cedar City on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to follow along with the celebration!

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About Cedar City, UT - Cedar City encompasses nearly 35 square miles and is located 250 miles south of Salt Lake City and 52 miles north of St. George on Interstate 15, with a current population of nearly 40,000 residents. Information regarding the City and the many programs and services provided to the community can be found at www.CedarCity.org, as well as via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.