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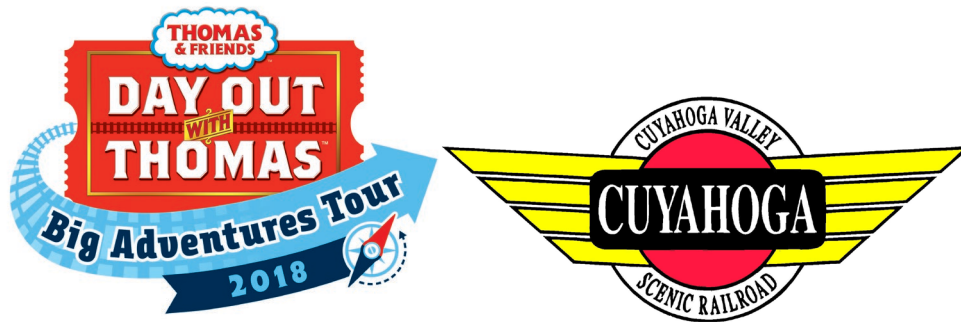
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***DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™: BIG ADVENTURES TOUR 2018 IS PULLING INTO  
CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD FOR THOMAS & FRIENDS' BIGGEST YEAR  
YET!***

**ENJOY A DAY OF FAMILY FUN WITH THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE™ AT CUYAHOGA VALLEY  
SCENIC RAILROAD ON MAY 19-20 AND MAY 25-27**

**PENINSULA, OH** – All aboard! Thomas the Tank Engine invites little engineers to join him for a day of big adventures and even bigger memories at ***Day Out with Thomas: Big Adventures Tour 2018***. Children everywhere can spend a day with their friend Thomas when the #1 Engine pulls into Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on May 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27 2018. ***Day Out with Thomas: Big Adventures Tour 2018*** is presented by Mattel.

***Day Out with Thomas*** is a fun-filled event that provides children of all ages the opportunity to climb aboard and take a ride with Thomas as well as participate in *Thomas & Friends™* themed activities. The tour, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, will make 42 stops across the U.S. and Canada, and is expected to welcome nearly one million passengers in 2018. For two back-to-back weekends, little engineers and their families are invited to take a 30-minute ride on their favorite engine, photo op with Sir Topham Hatt, Controller of the Railway and enjoy a day of *Thomas & Friends* fun with outdoor activities, bounce houses, a magic show, Imagination Station and more. Children who attend Day Out With Thomas in 2018 will also receive a 'Passport to Adventures' booklet to track their journey at the event, along with a special prize upon completion.

Thomas the Tank Engine rides depart every hour, rain or shine. Gates open at 9 a.m. Free parking is available at the site. Departure times begin at 9:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. each day of the event. Tickets for ***Day Out with Thomas*** range from \$18-22 for ages two and up. Additional fees may apply.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at [www.ticketweb.com/dowt](http://www.ticketweb.com/dowt) or by calling toll-free 866.468.7630. For more information and directions, contact the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad at 800-468-4070 or [visit cvsr.com/day-out-with-thomas](http://visit.cvsr.com/day-out-with-thomas).

*Thomas the Tank Engine™* is the star of *Thomas & Friends* the award-winning global brand franchise enjoyed by families in more than 150 territories and in over 40 languages across multiple touch-points and formats, including: 400+ original TV shows; 12 feature-length films; 14 websites in nine languages; apps; toys (ranked number one property in the pre-school toys category in the UK and Australia and number two in the US); consumer products; publishing; live attractions and much more.

For general information about the tour or to find a ***Day Out with Thomas: Big Adventures Tour 2018*** event near you, visit [www.dayoutwiththomas.com](http://www.dayoutwiththomas.com).

#### **About the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR has been providing excursion rail service for 45 years. For more information about the railroad, visit [CVSR.com](http://CVSR.com).

#### **About Thomas & Friends™**

Thomas the Tank Engine™ was created over 70 years ago by a British clergyman, the Rev W Awdry, as a storybook for his son. That story quickly grew to become the award-winning global brand franchise it is today, enjoyed by families in more than 150 territories and in over 40 languages across multiple touch-points and formats, including: 400+ original TV shows; 12 feature-length films; 14 websites in nine languages; apps; toys (ranked number one property in the pre-school toys category in the UK and Australia and number two in the US); consumer products; publishing; live attractions and much more. Thomas & Friends has scooped prestigious accolades including a Parent's Choice Award, a Webby and a Licensing Award for Best Classic Licensed Property. The famous and cheeky No.1 blue engine and his friends invite children to enter a world of imagination through the tracks of a train. Together, the children and engines embark on timeless adventures while experiencing valuable yet fun life lessons of discovery, friendship and cooperation. For more information about the wonderful world of Thomas & Friends please visit: [www.thomasandfriends.com](http://www.thomasandfriends.com), [www.facebook.com/thomasandfriends](http://www.facebook.com/thomasandfriends) and for bonus material and exclusive content [www.youtube.com/user/thomasandfriends](http://www.youtube.com/user/thomasandfriends).

#### **About Mattel**

Mattel is a global learning, development and play company that inspires the next generation of kids to shape a brighter tomorrow. Through our portfolio of iconic consumer brands, including American Girl®, Barbie®, Fisher-Price®, Hot Wheels® and Thomas & Friends™, we create systems of play, content and experiences that help kids unlock their full potential. Mattel also creates inspiring and innovative products in collaboration with leading entertainment and technology companies as well as other partners. With a global workforce of approximately 32,000 people, Mattel operates in 40 countries and territories and sells products in more than 150 nations. Visit us online at [www.mattel.com](http://www.mattel.com).

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