Learn to be a Museum Train Conductor February 20

TIFTON—If the thought of shouting “all aboard” runs a chill of excitement down your spine, make your plans to attend the volunteer train conductor workshop on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Museum Volunteer Coordinator Lynn McDonald said the Museum is looking for all types of volunteers, but particularly those who can help out as conductors with the 1917 steam locomotive.

“Train conductors are a key position with the train operation,” McDonald said. “The conductors are some of the first people to welcome visitors to the Museum, and they set a positive tone for their experience. Conductors also provide guests with general information about the site and any special events of the day.

“The volunteer who conducts also is a safety official watching for children running toward the train, helping load and unload our guests, signaling to the train engineer about departures and reminding guests to remain seated.”
The information session for volunteers will be held in the Peanut Museum Conference Room. Interested individuals can sign up for the session by calling McDonald at (229) 391-5223 or by e-mailing her at lmcdonald@abac.edu.

“Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that you are at the Museum four or five hours every other month,” McDonald said. “We have been blessed to have a core of faithful volunteers who over the last few years have worked Saturdays to ensure that our guests have a wonderful experience. The train usually runs only on Saturdays.”

McDonald is also looking for volunteer greeters who welcome and organize guests who are waiting for the train. These individuals are located at the Country Store Station and the Train Depot.

“The Museum would love to have these volunteers each Saturday,” McDonald said. “They are a must on special event days.”

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