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SKUNK TRAIN NOMINATED FOR USA TODAY 10BEST READERS' CHOICE AWARDS FOR BEST SCENIC TRAIN RIDE

Fort Bragg, California - April 15, 2025 - Mendocino Railway - The Skunk Train is thrilled to announce its nomination for the prestigious USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards in the category of Best Scenic Train Ride.

The USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards is a highly regarded platform that celebrates the finest destinations, attractions, and experiences across the United States. Being nominated is a testament to the Skunk Train's commitment to providing exceptional journeys through some of the most breathtaking landscapes in the country.

Voting for the awards will commence on Monday, April 15th at noon EDT and will continue until Monday, May 12th at 11:59am EDT. Daily participation is crucial, as voters are permitted one vote per day, per category. Over the years, we have witnessed the remarkable impact of sustained voting efforts. Last year, the Skunk Train proudly landed in 5th place. This year, we are determined to ascend to the top spot, but we cannot achieve this without your continued support and dedication.

To cast your daily vote for the Skunk Train, simply [VOTE HERE](#), and help us claim the title of the Best Scenic Train Ride in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our passengers, supporters, and enthusiasts for your unwavering loyalty and enthusiasm. Together, let us embark on this journey to showcase the unparalleled magic of the Skunk Train to the world.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train

located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County, is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move

redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the “10 Best Rail Tours in the Country” (USA Today), and a “Top 10 Family Activity in California” (National Geographic Traveler). The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm—minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating year-round, this multi-generational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dog, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.

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