



The Kandiyohi County Historical Society is happy to announce, "**Willmar Railroad Days 2021**". This event will be held on September 18th & 19th, 2021 (Saturday & Sunday) at the Willmar Community Center in Willmar Minnesota. There will be a full slate of presentations and self-guided walking tours on Saturday. There will be bus tours of the BNSF property and display of unique BNSF equipment on Sunday.

Willmar Railroad Days 2021 is excited to include a "RailFair" for vendors to sell their goods. **The RailFair will ONLY be held on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm!** Setup for the RailFair will be Friday evening, September 17th from 5 pm - 8 pm. The RailFair, as well as the presentations and lunch, will be at the Willmar Community Center located at 624 US-71 BUS, Willmar – about 2 blocks east of the KCHS Museum.

Total vendor space at this venue is limited to only 12 tables! Because of the small (but adequate) area, we can only offer TWO tables MAX. for each vendor. Cost is \$25 for one table OR \$45 for two tables. ALL proceeds will go to the Kandiyohi County Historical Society. If you would like to join us, please fill in the application attached.

"Railroad Days" hopes to be well attended by history buffs, railfans and railroad modelers alike. Willmar has hosted three railroads for over 150 years - currently the BNSF, the Burlington Northern from 1970-1986, and of course the Great Northern Railway (and its two predecessors) prior to March of 1970. Though not limiting your sales options, we expect those railroads to grab the most interest so plan accordingly! We would welcome model trains, memorabilia, books, or any articles of historical interest to the area.

We are currently taking applications for table space. Questions about the event should be directed to Joel Weeks at: [gnfan1969@gmail.com](mailto:gnfan1969@gmail.com) or direct cell (920) 268-8611. (Please contact Joel if you can only set up early on Saturday morning. We can make arrangements if required.) We have a special room rate at the Best Western Plus in Willmar (phone: 320.235.6060). Mention Willmar Railroad Days when booking! Of course, there are other hotels in Willmar as well.

Checks for RailFair should be made out to "Kandiyohi County Historical Society" and mailed to:

Kandiyohi County Historical Society  
Attn: Rail Fair  
610 Highway 71 NE  
Willmar, MN 56201

Thank you for your consideration, and please pass this event information on to other interested parties!

*Joel Weeks*

(RailFair coordinator and member of Kandiyohi County Historical Society)