

# 4H ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

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## A VIST TO THE NJ MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION

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Club members took a trip back in time on the Pine Creek Railroad at the NJ Museum of Transportation in Wall Township NJ. One of the oldest continually operating narrow gauge steam preservation railway exhibits in the country, the NJMT is manned solely by volunteers to operate and restore historic trains and preserve the history of railroading. We rode in the coach from the 1902 Newfoundland Railway and immediately noticed the smell of the old wood and original train furnishings! Two other visitors were also on our train ride. One was a group training seeing eye dogs. The other was Santa, who was part of the seeing eye dog training.

After the train ride our train conductor gave us a tour of all the different trains and workshops on the premises. We learned about the restoration process, and also how important the train systems were and still are in NJ. To learn more about NJMT or enjoy the Christmas railroad experience, visit the website <https://njmt.org>. (Photos courtesy of Lucas K, Nicole M. and Christie D.)



## MEMBER TAKE AWAYS:

- "I found it interesting that rail has such a big impact on our economy and is used in our state for transportation, freight, and tourist excursions. I also enjoyed watching the seeing eye dogs in training at NJMT; it was interesting how many different experiences they were exposed to on with the train cars." Nicole M.
- "I thought the train museum was very educational even though I didn't have a big interest in trains. I went in not knowing what to expect, but our tour guide carried so much knowledge about trains and their history. He covered every single train at the site. I really loved the train ride we had and I think this museum piqued my curiosity about trains." Manas V.
- "I take a train at least three or four times a year and I have never thought about the history of trains and transportation before. I thought it was really interesting to learn about the expenses and history of some of the locomotives they had at the museum, especially the one from Ireland." Noelle D.