

Young and Old to Get Rides on C&O Diesel Special

(Columbus Dispatch, June 4, 1953) Youngsters and oldsters who like trains and model railroading will have a “field day” on Sunday, June 14, which has been marked as “Children’s Day” by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

An afternoon “Educational Train Ride Special” pulled by a stream-lined brilliantly painted diesel will leave Union Station at 1:15 p.m. for the Hocking Hills and Athens.

Operating at excursion fares, the train will carry air-conditioned coaches and sightseeing baggage cars. It is due back in Columbus at 7:45 p.m. Several cars on the train are being reserved for scout groups from Worthington, Beechwold and Canal Winchester.

Local stops are scheduled for passengers at Groveport, Canal Winchester, Carroll and Lancaster.

Also scheduled are picture stops in the Hocking Hills district. At these stops, rail officials will show children through the fascinating cab of the big diesel locomotive, while proud parents photograph their youngsters “at the controls.”

“Train ride Headquarters” for tickets and information have been established at the Hobby Mart, 73 E. Gay St.