



Largo Central Railroad, Inc.

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All aboard!!! Welcome to Largo Central Railroad.

Thank you for your interest in joining the Largo Central Railroad (LCRR). We are a volunteer club within Largo Central Park. Largo Central Railroad, Inc. was founded and built in 1991 and is now maintained through the work and dedication of LCRR Club Members and through generous donations from the public. Our interest is in trains that operate on 7 ½ inch gauge track, and through our club and its activities, we share that interest with the public. As you may know LCRR provides rides to our guests during monthly Public Runs on the first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of every month. We also schedule on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays birthday runs at various times throughout the day. The third Saturday may be reserved for maintenance of the railroad and other work activities, or may also be scheduled for birthdays.

We currently have approximately 1.2 miles of mainline track with numerous passing sidings and crossovers running through beautifully landscaped Largo Central Park. As a prospective member you will learn how our railroad operates including building and maintenance of tracks, and of course becoming qualified for the train crew to name a few. There are many opportunities to learn all the different jobs that make the railroad run. As with anything the more you put in the more you get out and enjoy this wonderful hobby. Many of our members started out knowing very little of the operation.

Club membership meetings occur once a month immediately following the Saturday Public Run.

Also when there is a 5th Saturday we plan on a 'fun run' day. This is truly a play day for all of us, take out the trains and run, or participate in the activities that maybe planned like a poker run or switching contest and often a club provided lunch or dinner. We also have a Christmas Dinner in December that is our annual meeting as well, and then some members will decorate and run trains with the lights and participate in the parks light display that night (no public riders, only members)! And there is always a few other events during the year. As you can see there is always something going on.

Membership is open to anyone with interest in large scale model railroading and the hobby of live steam. There are different classes of membership;

- Regular Member
- Family Membership
- Associate Member [*for person(s) living out of the area or who cannot actively participate*]
- Junior Member (Must be sponsored by a LCRR member)

(Junior, Associate Members and persons under 18 under the Family Membership do not have voting privileges.)

If you are interested in membership, please read further through our documentation and complete the attached forms. Upon your submission you will be considered a "prospective member" under probation for the first 3 months. During that time we will train you in conducting and engineering and will monitor your activity and progress. Make sure you sign in and log your time on the Participation Log. Once your membership is approved and dues are paid – including name tag costs if any, your nametags will be ordered and you will receive your membership card and lapel pin.

Looking forward to seeing you out at the club, and keep the wheels on the rails!

The Largo Central Railroad Club

Would you like to become a Member of Largo Central Railroad, Inc.? If you enjoy trains and railroading – this may be the Club for you.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AS A MEMBER OF LCRR

- ❖ A friendly group willing to share their love of trains and knowledge to help our train hobby grow.
- ❖ Promote Safety in handling all equipment.
- ❖ Use of the club tracks, engines, cars and facilities.
- ❖ Monthly Newsletter
- ❖ Public Run days the first full weekend of every month.
- ❖ Work Day every third Saturday of the month.
- ❖ Monthly meeting (Saturday after the Public Run)
- ❖ Board of Directors meeting is open to all members.
- ❖ Upon joining, the LCRR prospective members
 - Will need to complete a 90 day Probation Period.
 - Follow instructions from Club Members who are qualified.
 - May obtain a copy of club's By Laws upon request

WHAT LCRR EXPECTS OF YOU

- ❖ Practice Safety and proper handling of equipment at all times.
- ❖ Participation and Involvement
 - Members are expected to get involved and actively participate in operation and maintenance of the railroad.
 - Members are encouraged to participate in committees.
- ❖ Members are expected to help on Public Run Days (***This ensures the continued use of the park property.***)
- ❖ Members are expected to share and help to maintain the club property on scheduled workdays which is the third Saturday in the month.
- ❖ No club equipment shall be removed from the club property without authorization of a club officer.
- ❖ No member shall operate another member's engine or cars without the owner's permission.
- ❖ All members shall sign the club register in the clubhouse each time they use the club property.
- ❖ Children should be kept under control at all times.
 - Guests are not to be permitted on club property unless a member is present.
- ❖ It shall be the duty and responsibility of the last member to leave the club property on any given day to secure all equipment and buildings.



Membership Options

1) Regular Member (Individual)

Persons of good reputation having reached the age of eighteen years who have a serious interest in 7 ½ inch model railroading and who wish to actively participate on a regular basis shall be eligible for active membership. Active members will be afforded one vote at all elections and on all matters, which come before the membership during the course of a duly called meeting (monthly).

2) Associate Member

Persons who do not meet the requirements for active membership may qualify for associate membership. Associate members may attend meetings but shall not have a vote. Associate Members may not be elected or appointed to serve as Officers or Directors of the Largo Central Railroad, Inc.

3) Family Membership

Family membership is defined as husband, wife and any children under 18. Each family member over the age of 18 will have full voting privileges. Children under 18 are to be accompanied by an adult while participating in club activities.

4) Junior Member

Persons under the age of 18 years who qualify for Junior Membership as listed below by being the children of members, a close relative of a member, or who are sponsored by a member may be appointed to Junior Membership in the Largo Central Railroad, Inc., provided the candidate meets the following qualifications and is approved by the Board of Directors:

- a) The Junior Member candidate has attended four or more club events where members have observed him/her and who have witnessed his/her qualifications as set forth herein and attest to them at the voting meeting.
- b) The candidate deports himself/herself in a respectable manner, creditable to his sponsor and the Largo Central Railroad, Inc.
- c) The candidate demonstrates respect for other people's property, is courteous and obedient, and will perform such work as he/she is directed to do which is within his/her capabilities when directed to do so by members.
- d) The parent or sponsor of the candidate pledges himself/herself, as attested to in the written application for Junior Membership, to be fully responsible and liable to pay for or repair any damage to a members, visitors or club's property whether damage was caused by accident or maliciously by said junior member.
- e) The candidate's sponsor must apply in writing to the Secretary of Largo Central Railroad, Inc., for admission of the candidate to Junior Membership and must include a statement to the effect that he accepts responsibility as set forth above for any property damage for which his candidate is found responsible.
- f) A Junior Member shall have the privilege of presenting himself/herself as a Junior Member, wearing any badge or insignia or of carrying a dues card of his office presented by the Largo Central Railroad, Inc. He/she will also have the privilege of attending open meetings. He/she shall receive instruction in the operation of club equipment and may operate after being qualified as determined by applicable By-Laws and certification by the Operations and Safety Committees.

Probation Period

Persons desiring membership in the Largo Central Railroad for regular or junior classes will be required to complete a three (3) month probation period. During this probation period the applicant will be monitored for participation and abilities during monthly scheduled run weekends and on normally scheduled work Saturdays. Upon completion of the probation the membership committee will recommend approval or disapproval to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then submit the prospective member's application to the membership with their recommendation for approval or disapproval.

Member In Good Standing Status

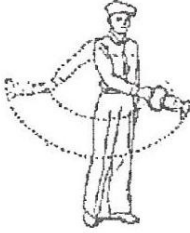
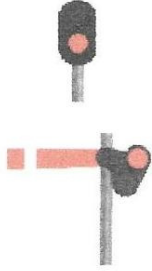




Renewing members become members in good standing upon payment of the required annual dues and fees. New members become members in good standing upon completion of their probation period and payment of their required annual dues and fees. Membership in the corporation confers the right to hold office, to serve on committees, and to vote on matters concerning the operation and direction of the corporation.

Sample Train Signals

Hand or Lantern Signals

Whistle Signals

Track Signals

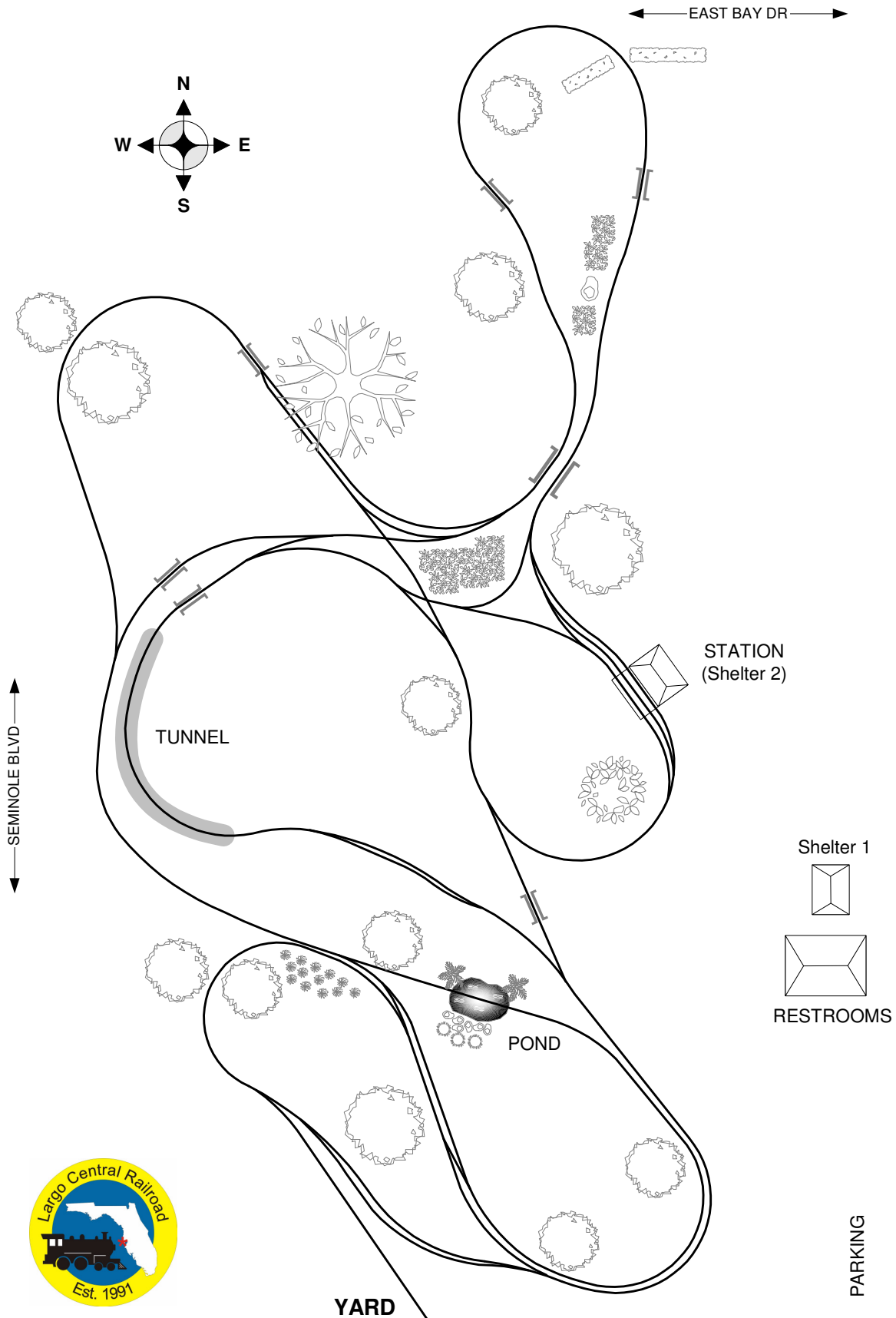
 <p>Stop - Swung horizontally at right angle to the track.</p>	<p>1 short blast Stopped- Apply brakes or wheel chocks.</p>	 <p>Stop- Full stop before reaching the signal. Do not enter this block.</p>
 <p>Proceed - Raised and lowered vertically.</p>	<p>2 short blasts Start - Indicates the intention to start a standing train</p>	 <p>Proceed - You are cleared to enter this block.</p>
 <p>Back - Swung in a circle at right angle to the track.</p>	<p>3 short blasts Back - Indicates the intention to back up a standing train</p>	 <p>Caution - Be prepared to stop at next signal (slow down).</p>
<p>2 longs, 1 short and 1 long (the final long being held until the train has entered the crossing) Grade Crossing - Sound signal when approaching public crossings (roads, streets or walkways).</p>		

Largo Central Railroad Safety Guidelines

In effect on Public Run days and for Birthday runs

1. All station and train crew duties are to be performed by members certified to carry out their respective jobs. The minimum operating crew shall consist of a Station Master, train Engineer, and Conductor.
2. All children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. All trains must carry the following safety items:
 - Whistle or air horn or alternative means of immediate communication from Conductor to Engineer
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Lights as needed
4. At no time is a running diesel or hot steam engine to be left unattended in a public area.
5. The public must be kept clear of the Station platform while trains are pulling in or through the station area.
6. Safe loading of trains is of utmost importance. Cars must not be overloaded either in weight or in number of passengers and weight on cars must be balanced.
7. Each time the train stops at the station, the conductor is to inspect the couplers and safety chains and look for any other possible safety issues. The conductor may also assist the Station Master in loading the train.
8. Members who are not “on duty” in a particular job are to stay clear of the station platform so as not to be in the way of passenger loading or be a distraction to the crews on duty.
9. The pre-recorded safety message must be played before each train leaves the station. The message should be augmented by verbal reminders to passengers who may not have understood the rules.
10. In the event the pre-recorded safety message is unavailable, the Station Master must verbally review the safety rules to each set of passengers.
11. On Public Runs, all trains are to obey speed restrictions. The limit is 5MPH on main line track, and slower speeds over the pond, through the tunnel, through the station, and in areas the track is being serviced.
12. No extra gasoline is to be carried on trains with the public. Refueling of diesel engines is to be done with the engine shut off, on the refueling siding or in the yard.

Track Layout



**Please print
the following pages
and return all completed forms
with your application**



Largo Central Railroad

Application for New Membership

Mail to: Largo Central Railroad, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 823, Largo, FL 33779-0823

Date: _____

Type: Individual (\$25) Family (\$40) Associate (\$20) Junior (\$15)
Name tag (\$6): Safety Pin style Military Pin style Magnetic style None

❖ **Adult applicant information (all membership types):**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Birth Month: _____

Equipment Owned: _____

Ownership of Track or Equipment is **NOT** required for active membership.

❖ **Family Membership additional information - Other family members:**

Spouse's Name _____ Birthday (Month only) _____

Name tag (\$6): Safety Pin style Military Pin style Magnetic style

Child Name _____ Birthday (Month/Day/Year) __/__/____

Name tag (\$6): Safety Pin style Military Pin style Magnetic style None

Child Name _____ Birthday (Month/Day/Year) __/__/____

Name tag (\$6): Safety Pin style Military Pin style Magnetic style None

List additional children on reverse side of this application

❖ **Junior Membership additional information:**

Junior Member Sponsored By: _____ Sponsor must be an active member of LCRR.

1. Dues are to be paid at the time of application.

(After the 90 day probationary period, if membership is not finalized, application will be changed to Associate.)

2. Children of active members will be considered Junior Members. Parental supervision is required

Note: Dues for Renewal of membership are due January 1st of each year.

For Membership Committee Use Only

Date dues paid: _____ Amount: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____ Date of Check _____ Check No. _____

Date Recommendation to Board of Directors: _____ Approved/Disapproved (Circle One)

Date Recommendation to Membership: _____ Approved/Disapproved (Circle One)

Comments: _____

Date: _____ Membership Chairperson _____ (Signature)

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Member/Applicant Disclosure Form

The Largo Central Railroad, Inc. and the City of Largo Recreation and Parks Department screens prospective members, employees and volunteers to evaluate whether the applicant poses a risk of harm to the population it serves. Information obtained is not an automatic bar of membership, employment or volunteer opportunity, but is considered in view or relevant circumstances. In order to be considered, an applicant is required to complete this disclosure. If the applicant is under the age of eighteen, the applicant's parent or guardian must complete the form on behalf of the applicant. Any falsifications, misrepresentations, or incompleteness in this disclosure alone is grounds for disqualification or termination, wherever said falsifications, misrepresentations, or incompleteness is discovered.

By signing this form, I am certifying that I have not been found guilty or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere (no contest), regardless of the adjudication, to any of the following charges under the provisions of the Florida Statutes or under any similar statute of another jurisdiction. I also certify that I do not have a delinquency record that is similar to any of these offenses.

I understand I must acknowledge the existence of any criminal records relating to the following list regardless of whether or not those records have been sealed or expunged. I understand that I am obligated to notify the Largo Central Railroad, Inc. of any possible disqualifying offenses that may occur while a member of the Largo Central Railroad, Inc. If you have been found guilty or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contender, you may not work in any position involving the public unless you apply for and are granted an exemption from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Sections	415.111	adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults
	741.30	domestic violence and injunction for protection from domestic violence
	782.04	murder
	782.07	manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child
	782.071	vehicular homicide
	782.09	Killing an unborn child by injury to the mother
	784.011	assault, if the victim of offense was a minor or family or household member
	784.021	aggravated assault
	784.03	battery, if the victim of offense was a minor or family or household member
	784.045	aggravated battery
	784.075	battery on a detention or commitment facility staff kidnapping
	787.01	kidnapping
	787.02	false imprisonment
	787.04(2)	taking, enticing, or removing a child beyond state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings
	787.94(3)	carrying a child beyond the state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing a child at a custody hearing or delivering the child to the designated person
	790.115(1)	exhibiting firearms or weapons within 1000 feet of a school
	790.115(2)(b)	possessing an electric weapon, destructive device, or other weapon on school property
	794.011	sexual battery
	794.41	prohibited acts of persons in familial or custody authority

Chapters	796	prostitution
	800	lewd and indecent exposure
	812	felony theft and/or robbery
Sections	796.02	lewd and lascivious behavior
	806.01	arson
	817.563	fraudulent sale of a controlled substance, if its offense was a felony
	825.102	abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of disabled adults or elderly persons
	825.1025	lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	825.103	exploitation of disabled adults or elderly persons, if the offense was a felony
	826.04	incest
	827.03	child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child
	827.04	contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child
	827.05	negligent treatment of children
	827.071	sexual performance by a child
	843.01	resisting arrest with violence
	843.025	depriving an officer means of protection or communication
	843.12	aiding in an escape
	843.13	aiding in the escape of juvenile inmates
Chapters	847	obscene literature
	847.05(1)	encouraging or recruiting another to join in a criminal gang
	893	drug abuse prevention and control only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor
	944.35(3)	inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment of an inmate resulting in bodily harm
	944.46	harboring, concealing, or aiding an escaped prisoner
	944.47	introduction of contraband into a correctional facility
	985.4045	sexual misconduct in juvenile justice programs
	985.4046	relating to contraband introduced into detention facilities

Applicant/Member Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

I hereby authorize the Largo Central Railroad, Inc. and/or the City of Largo to complete on me a public records check including without limitation, a criminal background check, in connection with my membership renewal/application. I further authorize the Largo Central Railroad, Inc., and the City of Largo, its officers, agents, and employees, including but not limited to department directors, supervisors, and other staff, to review and discuss information revealed about me during the background investigation for the purpose of determining my qualifications and fitness for membership I am seeking.

Applicant/Member Signature

Date



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Participation Log

Name _____ Application Date: _____ Probation End Date: _____

Instructions for prospective members:

1. When arriving at LCRR, **please sign in** – Book to sign in is in the clubhouse on the desk.
2. Please record work (*below*) that you perform during your probationary period. For your convenience, you may put this sheet in the binder on the desk in the clubhouse.
3. When your probationary period is up, **please be certain to turn the sheet in to the Membership Chairperson** or to a Board of Directors member. The Board of Directors (BOD) will then consider your membership application and if approve will forward recommendation to the membership.

Date	Worked Performed	Total Hrs.	Signed