



NICKEL CITY LINE RAILROAD
TRAIN OPERATIONS SESSION DATES

All Dates are Subject to Change

2024

January

Thursday, January 11, 2024 - 9:30a to 12:30p
Saturday, January 20, 2024 - 10a to 1p - ***Beltway Ops Group***

February

Thursday, February 8, 2024 - 9:30a to 12:30p
Monday, February 12, 2024 - 7p to 9p

March

Monday, March 4, 2024 – 7p to 9p
Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p

April

No Sessions – Spring Break

May

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p
Monday, May 13, 2024 – 7p to 9p

June

Saturday, June 22, 2024 - 10a to 1p

July

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p
Monday, July 15, 2024 – 7p to 9p

August

Thursday, August 8, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p
Saturday, August 24, 2024 – 12p to 4:30p *Tentative*

September

Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p
Saturday, September 21, 2024 – 10:00a to 1:00p - ***Beltway Ops Group***

October

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p
Monday, October 14, 2024 – 7p to 9p

November

Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 9:30a to 12:30p
Nov 22-24 - DC/NJ Interchange – Ops Date TBA

December

No Sessions – Winter Break

Red text denotes schedule changes

Guest Throttles

The Nickel City Line is a Digital Command Controlled Layout using the Digitrax DCC System. Guest operators may use their own Digitrax DCC throttle or use one of the following guest throttles. Please note that the Nickel City Line is radio controlled using the Digitrax Simplex and duplex radio systems.

Throttle Status

Digitrax UT2 Throttle (non-radio - Plug in only) - 1 unit Available

Digitrax UT4 Throttle (non-radio - Plug in only) – 3 units in use

Digitrax UT4R Throttle (Simplex Radio) - 4 units available

Digitrax DT400R Throttle (Simplex Radio) - 1 unit available

Digitrax DT500D Radio Throttle (Duplex) – 1 unit available

WiFi Throttles

iPhone using WiiThrottle – 2 phones available

WiFi Throttles and apps which interface with JMRI through WiFi are supported. Examples are EngineDriver, WiThrottle, Train Driver, and TCS's UWT-50 and UWT-100 throttles.

Two Way Radios

Train Crews on the Nickel City Line communicate with the Dispatcher and Yardmaster via two- way FRS/GMRS radios or via the Internet on Zello.

Guests are welcome to bring their own FRS/GMRS radio to each session.

The NCL Management maintains 10 radios for use by Trains Crews, the Dispatcher and Yardmaster.

Radio Channels used by the NCL are:

Road Channel : 8.19 (Zello – NCL Dispatch)

Yardmaster Channel: 9.19 (Zello – NCL Yard)

Track Authority Channel: 10.19 (Zello – NCL Switching)

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