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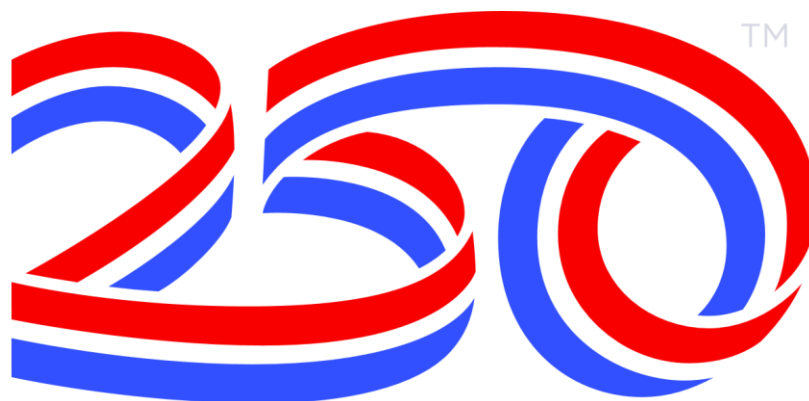
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Nevada Northern Railway's United States 250th Anniversary Paint Scheme Contest Official Rules

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond. <https://bit.ly/3OX9Ku5>



In 1976, as the 200th birthday of the United States approached, numerous railroads renumbered and repainted their locomotives in patriotic schemes to pay tribute to the bicentennial of the United States.

For the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Nevada Northern Railway Museum is committed to renumbering and repainting our EMD SD-9 Locomotive 204 to become Locomotive 250. And we are asking for your help in developing a paint scheme that commemorates the 250th anniversary.

The Nevada Northern Railway Museum is sponsoring a contest to develop a 250th anniversary paint scheme for Locomotive 250 (formally number 204.) We are inviting the public to submit designs of their 250th anniversary paint scheme. The winner of the contest will have their design painted on Locomotive 250. Furthermore, the winner will have the opportunity to operate Locomotive 250 on the Nevada Northern Railway in their paint scheme after it has been repainted.

Award Winning Destination

Best Adrenaline Rush in Rural Nevada – 2020

Best Historic Railroad of the West – 2023, 2022

Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2022, 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008

Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada - 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

SPONSOR

Sponsor of the contest is the Nevada Northern Railway Museum (“Sponsor”, “Nevada Northern”, or “NNRM”)

TERM

The Nevada Northern Railway’s United States 250th Anniversary Paint Scheme Contest (“Contest”) ends on April 30, 2024 by 11:59 pm PDT. Completed Paint Scheme entries must be received no later than April 30, 2024 by 11:59 pm PDT at Contest@nnry.com. Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Information on how to enter and prizes form part of these official rules (“Official Rules”). By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules. This is a design-based contest and chance plays no part in the determination of the winners.

WHO MAY ENTER

Eligibility: The contest is open to everyone eighteen (18) years of age and older. Up to five (5) entries, may be submitted per individual. There is no cost to enter the contest.

HOW TO ENTER

Each individual entry will consist of

- A complete Contest Entry Form. Entry forms may be downloaded from The Nevada Northern Railway Museum’s website. www.nnry.com
- An electronic copy of the Paint Scheme with the Entrant’s Name and entry number as the title, such as John Smith 1.
- If an individual selects to enter up to five designs, each entry must be submitted separately. In the case of John Smith if he submitted three entries, each entry would be submitted separately. In the subject line of the email submission, he would say John Smith 1, and on the electronic copy of the paint scheme it would be John Smith 1. On his second entry, in the entry email subject line it would be John Smith 2 and on the electronic copy of the paint scheme it would be John Smith 2. Each entry ***MUST*** be a separate email up to five (5) individual email submissions. If multiple paint schemes are submitted in one email, all of the paint schemes will be disqualified and not considered

Incomplete entries will not be considered

The participant must submit contest entries directly to Contest@nnry.com by email. You may contact the NNRM Committee by email regarding any questions.

- All designs must include the words Nevada Northern Railway, the locomotive number 250 and include the colors red, white and blue on both sides of the locomotive. The exact shades of blue and red are numbers 80075 and 80180 in the Standard Color Card of America published by the Color Association of the United States. In the Pantone system the colors are: Blue PMS 282 and Red PMS 193. The RGB numbers are: #002868 (blue) and #BF0A30 (red). Other shades of blue and red maybe used to in the design too.
- Images of Locomotive 204 as she looks now are available on the website as downloadable images. These images can be used as a guide in regards to the shape of the locomotive, the sides, front and back of the locomotive.

- The Paint Scheme design may or may not include either the NNRM’s **Safety First** logo or **National Historic Landmark** logo. Incorporating either logo in the design is not required, the decision to incorporate or not incorporate either logo is up to the designer. These are downloadable on the website.
- All Paint Scheme entries must be in **JPEG, JPG, PNG, or PDF** format.
- Contestants can use any applicable design software including the use of physical art; the entry must be submitted in JPEG, JPG, PNG, or PDF format.
- Each Entry must be a single work of original material created by the Contest entrant. Up to five (5) individual entries may be accepted from an individual. Each entry must be submitted individually. Any entries over five (5) will not be considered.
- By entering the Contest, the entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted Paint Scheme is an original work created solely by the entrant and that no other part has any right, title, claim or interest in the Paint Scheme.
- By entering the Contest, the entrant gives permission for NNRM to use and post images of the designer’s work for promotion purposes.
- Obscene, provocative, inappropriate use of language, or otherwise objectional content will not be considered, and such determination is solely at the discretion of the Sponsor.
- The entries will be judged in accordance with the Judging Criteria, as defined below. All entries must be submitted and received by April 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm PDT. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.

LICENSE

The winning entrant agrees to allow the NNRM to use their design at no cost or remuneration. NNRM also reserves the right to edit or modify the design to fit the locomotive or limitations of detail.

CONTEST PRIZES

Winners will be announced on May 17, 2024 at 10:00 am PDT with the prizes awarded then. The winners can pick the date they want to operate Locomotive 250 either before its painted or after.

- One (1) Grand Prize Winner will be selected. The prize will consist of \$1,000 cash prize and the opportunity to operate Locomotive 250 with a train as the engineer on a 14-miles round trip.
- One (1) 1st Place Winner will be selected. The prize will consist of \$500 cash prize and the opportunity to operate Locomotive 250 as the engineer on a 14-miles round trip.
- Four (4) runners-up will be selected. The prize will consist of \$250 cash prize and the opportunity to ride in the cab of Locomotive 250 on a 14-miles round trip.
- No prize transfer or assignment by the winner is permitted. No cash equivalent will be provided for the operating or riding in the cab of Locomotive 250.
- The Sponsor reserves the right to substitute the prize.
- Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received and the skill of the entrant.

JUDGING CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

Judges will select the top entries by applying the following criteria (“Judging Criteria”). The five judging criteria will each carry the potential to earn a maximum of 20 points, resulting in a total possible score of 100 points. The highest number of points awarded will be the winner of the contest.

1. Relevance – Does the design reflect the celebration of 250th Anniversary?
2. Visual Presentation – originality of the depicted theme.
3. People’s Choice – All qualifying entries will be posted on the contest website allowing the general public to vote for their five favorites.
4. Creativity — does the design stand out?

5. Feasibility of painting — how realistic is it, technically and economically, to apply this design to the locomotive?

Decisions of the Judges are final.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

By participating, participants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Nevada Northern Railway Museum and its partners and affiliates and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in the Contest or any Contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder.

The Nevada Northern Railway Museum assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or delay in operation or transmission; communications line failure; theft or destruction or unauthorized access to Contest entries or entry forms. NNRM is not responsible for any problems with or technical malfunction of any telephone networks or lines, computer online systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail entry to be received on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any Web site, human errors of any kind, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to entrants' or any other persons' computers related to or resulting from participation, uploading or downloading of any materials related to this.

CONDITIONS

THIS CONTEST IS VOID WHERE PROHIBITED

Participants also agree (a) to be bound by the Official Rules and (b) that the decisions of the Judges are final on all matters relating to the Contest.

RIGHT TO CANCEL OR SUSPEND CONTEST

If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, due to infection by computer virus, bugs, worms, Trojan horses, denial of service attacks, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of NNRM that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, NNRM reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual(s) who tamper with the entry process, and/or to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest. If Sponsor elects to cancel or terminate the Contest, Sponsor will not retain any rights to the submitted artwork.

DATA PRIVACY

Entrants agree that personal data, especially name and address, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purpose and within the context of the Contest and any other purposes outlined in the Official Rules. Personal data will be used by the Sponsor and its affiliates exclusively for the purposes stated herein.

QUESTIONS

Direct questions regarding technical requirements to Contest@nnry.com with "NNRM 250th Paint Scheme Contest Question" in the subject line.