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High Altitude Happy Hour Slated for August 22 in Manitou

An evening of high altitude views, entertainment and socializing is in store for the passengers of the last train of the day on the Cog Railway in Manitou Springs. A fundraiser for the Economic Development Council of Manitou, the High Altitude Happy Hour is a perfect opportunity to enjoy the last days of summer on America's Mountain. Add to that dining specials from three premier dining establishments, and it's an evening that can only be experienced in Manitou Springs.

"The event will begin with a social hour at 4:15 in the Cog Railway Depot, and then will proceed to the train at 4:45," says Kitty Clemens, Director of the Economic Development Council. For \$50 per person, guests will be treated to hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from The Cliff House, onboard entertainment and wine that will be provided by D'Vine Wines of Manitou Springs. The train will arrive back at the Depot at 7:50 p.m. Door prizes will also be given away throughout the train ride up Pikes Peak. After the Happy Hour, those wishing to stay in Manitou for dinner can take advantage of dining specials being offered at the Stagecoach Inn, The Craftwood Inn and The Cliff House. The Cliff House is offering a four-course tasting menu. Reservations are recommended call 785-2485. The Craftwood will also offer a four-course dinner for two, starting at \$60. Reservations can be made by calling the Craftwood at 685-9000. Be sure to request the High Altitude dining special. The Stagecoach Inn offers a more casual special for participants: buy one entrée and receive the second half price. Call 685-9400 for reservations.

Advanced reservations for the special Cog train ride are required (call 685-9741) and because this event is a fundraiser, all tickets purchased may be taken as a tax deduction. "The Economic Development Council has as its mission to revitalize Manitou Avenue through streetscape improvements, market those improvements to attract new business, and work to keep Manitou Springs' economy strong and vibrant," says Clemens. "When the community shows its support for the EDC through these fundraisers, they are also taking an active part in moving this city forward."

For more information on the Economic Development Council, go to www.manitouspringsahead.com.
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