Cincinnati Junior Clinic Program a Success

Some may describe it as organized chaos, but the 140 children who participated in the Junior Clinic Program at the Cincinnati National Train Show went away with improved model railroading skills.

The participants, ranging in age from six to 16, built car kits, cut and painted foam tunnel portals, made trees, built a building, ran switching problems and experienced a train simulator.

In addition to all these activities, they helped build a 4 x 8-foot layout that was donated to Beech Acres, an agency serving special needs children in Cincinnati.

Twenty-five volunteers worked with the 31 girls and 109 boys for the three days of the show. Eighteen manufacturers and vendors donated materials and kits used during the event. Each participant went home with his or her finished kits and trees.

JCP will be held again at the Philadelphia National Train Show on each of the show days. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful program. If you can help for a few hours, please contact Dick Flock at educate@hq.nmra.org. We all have an obligation to expand our hobby by reaching out to the younger generation. See you in Philly.