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## ROARING CAMP STORY IDEAS

**A WILD AND ROARING CAMP** – From its wild beginnings as a raucus whiskey still and sawmill, to its past as a gloried railroad center, Roaring Camp has grown in reputation as one of California’s most enduring and authentic tourist rail attractions.

**A HUNDRED PLUS YEARS YOUNG** – More than a hundred years after they were made, Roaring Camp’s historic steam locomotives still pull passengers up the steepest narrow-gauge grade in North America.

**CONSERVATION BEGAN HERE** – The American Civil War had just ended. John Muir had just arrived in California but had not yet become a voice for conservation. What then motivated San Francisco businessman Joseph Welch to spare a forest of California coastal redwoods from being cut, thereby establishing the first preserve of big trees? Could it be their exceptional beauty?

**PETTICOAT JUNCTION** – Chief Executive Officer Georgiana P. Clark is the only known female CEO of a railroad in the United States. She operates two railroads that profitably carry both passengers and freight. Since 1985, she has overseen operations, restored historic rail equipment, constructed a major new meeting hall and brought the 1875 line into the 2000s.

**WEDDINGS IN A 2000-YEAR-OLD CATHEDRAL** – Dozens of couples say their vows in a 2000-year-old cathedral at Roaring Camp each year. The cathedral is a grove of Sequoia Sempervirens (coastal redwoods) that has grown from a ring of seedlings that sprouted from a mother tree. Filtered light enters this ring of tall trees like the light entering a cathedral from its clerestory windows, providing a beautiful and romantic setting to say “I do.”

**WHERE HISTORY COMES TO LIFE** – Roaring Camp is not only two historic railroads, it is a living history center where examples of life in the 1880s comes to life. Logging camp skid sheds, a one-room school house, the smallest covered bridge in California, a steam-powered saw mill, opera house and a carefully crafted depot all serve to stage an authentic backdrop for living history reenactments on weekends and holidays throughout the year.

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