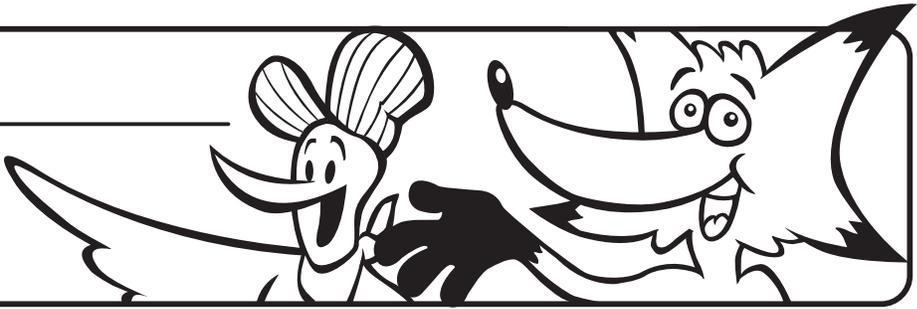


are for trains only, not people." To get them to come back to the picnic, he said. "We are just about ready to put our dinner in the smoker. Why don't you come and help us?"



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Todd and Amy loved to help pick up sticks to keep the fire under the **SMOKER** going. Their dinners were wrapped in foil and all ready to put in the tall **SMOKER** to cook.

The wind was still blowing hard and it made the **SMOKE** blow over by the picnic table. Their mothers said at least it would keep the bugs away from their food. At last their dinner was ready and they all sat around the table to eat.

For dessert, Amy's mom had made peanut butter chocolate **PIE**. It was Amy and Todd's favorite kind of pie and they each had a huge piece. Just as they were finishing their pie, they heard a loud whistle.

They turned and looked. There was a huge train coming down the **TRACKS** through the park. Everything around the train looked so small. "Wow Dad!" said Amy, "I never knew trains were so big. No wonder you didn't want us playing near the tracks."

So, Amy and Todd learned a lot that day, and they want you to remember:

We need trains to carry things that we use every day across the country and we also need trains to carry people around the country. But, trains are very large and we need to be very careful when we are around them. A train cannot stop quickly because it is so large. Even if the **ENGINEER** sees you, he cannot stop the train quickly if you are in the way of the train.

Always play away from railroad tracks and be careful when you're around them!

