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### Lights, Camera, Tweetsie!

*Mandie and the Cherokee Treasure* Set to Film on Location at Tweetsie Railroad

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**Blowing Rock, N.C. (April 1, 2010)** – Tweetsie Railroad, North Carolina's first theme park will serve as an on-location movie set for the filming of *Mandie and the Cherokee Treasure*. The park will host the cast and crew during filming of the movie's turn-of-the-century North Carolina scenes.

Based on the popular *Mandie* children's book series, *Mandie and the Cherokee Treasure* will begin filming at Tweetsie Saturday, April 3 and wrap up Friday, April 10. The motion picture will be the second film installment of the series following *Mandie and the Secret Tunnel* (2009).

The *Mandie* books, authored by the late author Lois Gladys Leppard, have been charming the hearts of young readers for almost 20 years and over seven million copies are in print. Based in the early 1900's, these books are filled with rich history about Mandie's Cherokee Indian heritage and are set in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, making Tweetsie Railroad an ideal setting.

The film's stars include famed actress Hayley Mills, and Lexi Johnson as Mandie. Approximately one third of the motion picture will be filmed at Tweetsie Railroad including scenes in the park's Old West Town. Tweetsie's historic steam engine No. 12 will be featured in several scenes.

"There were several reasons we chose to film at Tweetsie Railroad," stated Joy Chapman, one of the film's producers. "Tweetsie offered so much, from the beautiful, natural terrain of the Blue Ridge Mountains and scenic train trestle, the Western Main Street, and the beautiful vintage steam locomotive. In addition, the *Mandie* book series is geared towards children and perfect for family reading, and it doesn't get more family-friendly than Tweetsie Railroad!"

Tweetsie Railroad is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains on U.S. Highway 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock, North Carolina. For more information about the 2010 season at Tweetsie Railroad, call 1-877-TWEETSIE or visit [www.tweetsie.com](http://www.tweetsie.com). Become a Fan of Tweetsie Railroad at [www.facebook.com/Tweetsie](http://www.facebook.com/Tweetsie) or follow Tweetsie on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/TweetsieRR](http://www.twitter.com/TweetsieRR).

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