



Carpooling to Projects and using public transportation!

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Benefits to Carpooling

- Making it more convenience to volunteer, by providing a way to get to and from projects
- Less cars used for travel means less gas used, which is environmentally friendly
- A great way to bond with each other and have fun car ride memories
- Arriving at a project together gives the club a stronger presense and first impression
- Members are more likely to show up if they can carpool

Setting up Carpools: Choosing a Location

- When choosing a location it should be a convenient place where other members can leave their cars
- It should also be a well known spot to most members
- Somewhere on campus is usually a good carpool location

Setting up Carpools: Choosing a Time

- Consider the following factors when planning a time for everyone to meet up for carpools:
 - How long it takes to get to the project site from the carpool location
 - Will everyone be on time
 - It can take a while to actually leave carpool location once everyone is gathered
 - Possibility of getting lost
 - Traffic
- Early morning projects have a higher risk of members being late to carpool location, allow extra time for tardiness
- Plan as if there could be bad traffic and assume it will take around 10-15 mins after set time to actually leave carpool location

Setting up carpools: Recruiting drivers

- It can be difficult to find the necessary amount of drivers sometimes
- Have one or two back up drivers just in case main drivers back out
- If you don't know how many drivers will be necessary then have members contact you in advance if they need to carpool (not all members need or want to carpool to projects)

Setting up Carpools: Recruiting Drivers

- Rotate main drivers so that it is fair to everyone
- Some schools have the resources to refund drivers the cost of gas, this can be used to recruit more drivers
 - let them know that there isn't a financial burden to be a carpool driver
- Make sure you can count on the carpool drivers to be on time

Setting up Carpools: Important Tips

- When you announce where and when the carpool will be for a certain event, make sure that every member not only hears this information but also has access to a written form of this information
- Make sure if parking for an event is limited or restricted that the carpool drivers have a place to park and have the any proper permits they may need

Setting up Carpools: Important tips

- Make sure that there is at least a rough estimate of when the carpool will be dropping everyone off from the project, that way your members are aware of when they will be returning



Using Public Transportation to Get to Projects!

Benefits for public Transportation

- Convenience
 - Avoid necessity of looking for drivers
 - This can allow more members to attend service events when there are not enough drivers for an event.
 - Avoid excess hassles and fees from driving
 - Taking the bus avoids looking for a parking spot or paying for parking
- Friendship
 - Helps create bonds through games and conversation on long bus rides to the event

Benefits (cont)

- Money
 - Many schools subsidize the cost of using the bus so it can be a lot cheaper than driving.
 - Helps avoid paying for gas and parking saving the club money
- Helping the environment
 - Using public transportation means less gas will be used compared to driving thus helping the environment

When to consider public transportation

- Event is located close by to campus
 - Depending on your area, taking the bus to close by events saves you time from looking for a driver.
 - It also makes it easier for people to leave their cars on campus.
- Weekday daytime events
 - These events are during school hours which make it more difficult to find drivers.
 - Weekday events provide a central location to meet up for the bus as well as a place for people to leave their cars.

When to consider public transportation (cont)

- Events located at tourist hotspots or traffic heavy areas
 - Tourist locations have little parking or high parking costs. Taking the bus to these locations can help avoid this.
 - Consider taking the bus to a beach cleanup to avoid high costs in parking.

Setting up a meet up location

- Similar to carpooling, choose a convenient and well known location for members.
 - This typically is somewhere close to campus.
- Meet up location should also be at the bus stop or in walking distance from it.

Important Tips to Public Transportation

- Like driving, find out what routes beforehand that you should take
 - If your area has rapid buses, consider using those in your route
- Determine how long the trip will take
 - This will help you plan and notify your members on how long the event will be.
- Account for bus times
 - Members may arrive late and this may cause you to miss the bus and wait another fifteen minutes.

Important tips (cont)

- If your school does not subsidize bus rides to be free, remind the members to bring bus fare
 - Bring extra change in case members forget
- Safety in numbers
 - Avoid taking public transportation by yourself in a small group if the event is located in an unsafe area or occurs at night.
- Always keep a contact number in case you get lost.
 - Getting lost on the bus is not fun and a contact number can help you find your location.