



Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven

Kiwanis Bus Project

Bus Project Mission Statement:

It is the challenge of the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven to provide safe, reliable, and inexpensive transportation to community groups serving the needs for children, adults, and senior citizens that fall within the six objectives of Kiwanis International.



The Kiwanis Bus Project:

Since our very humble beginning in May 1987 with a well worn fifteen year old school bus purchased for \$1,000.00, the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven provided the Wegienka Girl Scout Troop transportation to a Girl Scout event held on the U of M Campus in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven Bus Project has grown to the point where we now have two 71 passenger Kiwanis busses. Both were purchased new.

Since our first trip in May 1987, the Kiwanis busses have traveled untold miles. Trips range from Comerica Park to Cedar Pointe. We have been to church camp, boy scout camp, band camp and girl scout camp. We have provided our busses and drivers for local recreation departments, fire departments and police departments.

Our passengers range from senior citizens living in an assisted living center to attend an event at the Fox, to preschoolers learning bus safety in a Safety Town® program.

To Learn more about the Kiwanis busses:

To learn more about the Kiwanis busses or to reserve a date for your organization contact Paul Eley at (734) 771-0552.

- Trips must be within 100 miles of Woodhaven
- One of our volunteer drivers must be available.

As drivers are volunteers, dates should be arranged in advance to assure the availability of a driver.

What does it cost to use the Kiwanis Bus:

Our community busses are available to community groups traveling within 100 miles of Woodhaven. We request groups to make a voluntary contribution of \$1.50 per mile from when the bus leaves the Woodhaven-Brownstown Bus Garage to when it returns to the garage. (A \$1.50 per mile represents about 75% of our operating cost for the busses.)

Should your trip be deemed a "drop off" and "pick up," meaning the driver doesn't stay on the site of your trip, your organization would be requested to donate for both round trips.

Each bus seats 46 adults or 71 elementary school aged children.

Additionally:

It is the responsibly of groups using the bus to provide:

- Someone who knows the directions for the trip to sit behind the driver and provide directions as the trip progresses.
- If the group is attending an event such as a baseball game or play, a ticket should be provided for the driver. Remember the driver has given up their free time to volunteer for your group. *The Driver doesn't get paid.*
- If there is a meal during the course of your event, the driver should be treated to a meal.
- The group is required to provide proper supervision for all youngsters under the age of 18. Riders are required to remain seated during the trip.
- Groups should make sure the bus is left clean and free of litter at the end of the excursion.
- Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the bus.

Our Busses and Drivers:

Our busses are maintained by State Certified Mechanics. Our drivers are members of the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven who volunteer their time to provide transportation to community groups. Drivers meet all State requirements and hold appropriate licenses.

Trip Cancellation:

The Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven reserves the right to cancel trips:

- Should a volunteer driver not be available
- Should our bus have a mechanical difficulty
- Should the weather conditions warrant a trip being canceled.

In all cases, the driver has the full right in the interest of safety to cancel the trip.

