2015 State Fair Busing Plan

To: 4-H State Fair Bus Drivers
From: Brad Rugg, State Fair 4-H Superintendent & Amber Greely, State Fair 4-H Assistant Superintendent
Re: 2015 State Fair Busing Plan

In 2014 the State Fair built a Transit Hub on the State Fairgrounds where all park-and-ride buses come in to. Because of this Transit Hub, the 4-H Busing Plan is changed slightly. It is imperative that you follow this plan, especially if you have been here before.

Minnesota State Fair Map – 2015 State Fair Busing Plan

LIVESTOCK ENCAMPMENT

Wednesday Arrival (8/26/15)

On Wednesday, you are allowed to drive onto the grounds to get to the barns or the 4-H Building for dropping off 4-H’ers. You can enter at the Hoyt Ave/Dan Elmer Way gate, the South Underwood Gate and the Canfield gate. The Hoyt/Dan Elmer Way gate (marked near gate #0 on the State Fair map) is available by taking either Underwood Street off Larpenteur Ave. OR Hoyt Ave. off Snelling Ave. The south Underwood Gate (marked #7 on the State Fair map) is near the Haunted House just off of Como Ave. The Canfield Street gate (marked #14 on the State Fair map) is west of the Swine Barn off Como Ave.

Sunday Load Out (8/30/15)

From the 4-H Building:

All buses picking up 4-Hers from Livestock Encampment must use the Transit Way entrance off Como west of the livestock barns. We would recommend getting on the Transit Way off of Energy Park (approximately ½ mile east of Highway 280) (it is a stoplight). All vehicles will be security checked at the Transit Way entrance. These vehicles once entering the fairgrounds from the Transit Way, will proceed east down Dan Patch and take a left onto Randall. You must stop and check in with a 4-H Representative on a golf cart that will inform you as to when you can proceed to the 4-H Building. Due to the State Fair Transit Hub, this check-in spot will be further up Randall Avenue (between the Robin and Fox Lots) than in the past. After you have checked in, you will be directed into the new bus parking area, which is in the Fox Lot. After the parade, and once your delegation, is ready to go, you will be directed to line up along Randall Avenue in front of the Fox Lot. A group of buses will proceed to the 4-H Building with a police escort through the gate. The State Fair Police and 4-H representatives will help you turn onto Cosgrove and then into the alley on the north end of the 4-H Building. You will be stopped and then advised on where to park at that point.

If your delegation of 4-H’ers is not ready to go, or is not loading the bus at the 4-H Building, you will be lead back down to the bus parking lot in the Fox Lot where you will wait for your delegation to meet the bus.

From the Barns, Territorial Hall or Bailey Hall:

Your county will instruct you if you are to meet them at Territorial Hall or Bailey Hall to pick up luggage. Most 4-H delegations will meet their bus in the bus parking lot (the Fox Lot). Follow instructions above on how to get to the Fox Lot.
GENERAL ENCAMPMENTS

**Last Eight Days of the Fair (8/30-9/7/15)**

All buses delivering and picking up 4-Hers for General Encampments must use the Transit Way entrance off Como west of the livestock barns. We would recommend getting on the Transit Way off of Energy Park (approximately ½ mile east of Highway 280) (it is a stoplight). All vehicles will be security checked at the Transit Way entrance. These vehicles once entering the fairgrounds from the Transit Way, will proceed east down Dan Patch and take a left onto Randall. You must stop and check in with a 4-H Representative on a golf cart that will inform you as to when you can proceed to the 4-H Building. Due to the State Fair Transit Hub, this check-in spot will be further up Randall Avenue (between the Robin and Fox Lots) than in the past. After you have checked in, you will be directed into the new bus parking area, which is in the Fox Lot. Once there is room in the lot north of the 4-H Building and/or your delegation is ready to go, you will be directed to line up along Randall Avenue in front of the Fox Lot. A group of buses will proceed to the 4-H Building with a police escort through the gate. The State Fair Police and 4-H representatives will help you turn onto Cosgrove and then into the alley on the north end of the 4-H Building. You will be stopped and then advised on where to park at that point. After dropping off or picking up your delegation, you will be given a police escort back out of the fairgrounds.

Delegations should be dropped off and enter the north entrance to the 4-H Building. The window for entering the grounds from the Transit Way is 2:30-4 PM. All counties will be expected to arrive at the 4-H Building within the 2:30-4 PM, 1 ½ hour window. 4-H vehicles should NOT plan to depart any earlier than 2:30 PM on the final day of the Encampment. It is imperative that all buses be here BEFORE 4 PM as this is the time frame that we are allowed by the State Fair to enter the fairgrounds with buses.

*If you have any questions about the new busing plan, please contact Amber Greeley in the 4-H Superintendent’s Office at: 651-642-2356.*