

# *Participant Bussing*

Buses are available to transport participants to the South Staging Area on Friday morning or Friday afternoon. These are coach buses. If you have any questions please contact your club rep or Owosso Tractor Parts.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE CHANGES FOR 2018.  
PLEASE READ BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## Option 1 - Friday AM (September 7)

Purpose: To transport you from the St. Ignace side to your tractor before the Crossing

Where: From Little Bear Arena (downtown St. Ignace) (aka North Staging Area) to South Staging Area (Mackinaw City side)

When: 5:00 AM - 7:30 AM. Two buses will be running. Times are approximate and are dependent upon traffic and number of bus loads.

Cost: \$5 per person. This must be paid in advance of the Crossing, at our Information Tent in the South Staging Area

Important Information:

- Vehicles at Little Bear must park in the gravel lot north of Little Bear. **Do not** park in the paved lot, as that is for tractors and your vehicle may get blocked in or towed.
- Two members of the event staff will be onsite for questions
- **New for 2018**: Bus passes may not be purchased at Little Bear the morning of. Please purchase ahead of time in the South Staging Area

## Option 2 - Friday PM (September 7)

Purpose: To transport you back to your vehicle at the South Staging Area (this is for people who drove their vehicle to their tractor on Friday morning)

Where: From Little Bear Arena (downtown St. Ignace) (aka North Staging Area) to South Staging Area (Mackinaw City side)

When: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Times are approximate and are dependent upon traffic and number of bus loads. Please note the drivers may wait for the bus to fill up a bit before leaving. If you have an urgent need to get back to your vehicle, please see Rebecca in the Information Tent.

Cost: \$5 per person. This must be paid in advance at our Information Tent, either on the South Side in Mackinaw City or the North Side at Little Bear

## **PLEASE READ**

In 2017 we were notified that the Bridge Authority shuts down the Bridge at 7AM for any wide loads. This had never happened to us in nine years, but did twice in 2017. This cost the buses sometime in the morning, as they were stuck at either side waiting 30 minutes to cross.

This may happen again in 2018 so we want to reassure participants...we will not leave until all the buses and participants are over to their tractors. If the buses are running behind we will know it, as we have staff on the North side and we are talking with the Bridge Authority. If you are at the bus pick up location when you are supposed to, we will make sure you get a ride over.

**WE WILL NOT LEAVE THE STAGING AREA UNTIL ALL BUSES HAVE ARRIVED.**

## **NEW FOR 2018:**

Due to the delays last year, we want to make sure participants that will be leaving first arrive at the Staging Area first so they can get their tractors ready. When you purchase your bus ticket, there will be a Group A and a Group B. Group A will have priority boarding and should board between 5:00 AM - 6:30 AM. Group B will board second (or if there is room on first buses) from 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM.

The idea is that the Group B people have more time to get ready when they arrive at the Staging Area, because they won't be the first people leaving.

If your club is listed in Group B, but you need to get over earlier, please see Rebecca at the Information Tent.

All designated Club Reps will be in Group A.

To find out if you are in Group A or Group B, please see the parade order on our website.

If you have any questions on this please call us at 989-729-6567.