

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2026

Theater Bus, Inc. is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the quality of life for all adults over 55 by providing safe, affordable, volunteer led outings to theatrical, cultural and social events.

Inclement Weather Policy

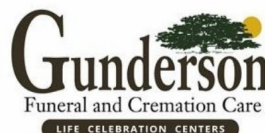
In the RARE event that we must cancel a trip due to weather or other unforeseen last minute circumstance, we will make every effort to reschedule. Typically, Theater Bus does not receive refunds from our venues or bus companies for last minute cancelled trips, so please understand we are not able to offer refunds to our attendees. If you can not go on the rescheduled date, or if we are unable to reschedule a cancelled trip, refunds will not be issued.



2026 pricing

The Board does not make this decision lightly; however, it is clear that prices need to be increased once again. The costs of bus transportation (including fuel), food (including tips), and show tickets are continuing to rise. Theater Bus is actively seeking ways to reduce trip prices, but we must also cover our expenses. We do not make a profit from these trips; our goal is to break even and pay our bills. We understand that this may affect the number of trips our participants can enjoy. Thank you for your understanding.

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1. Anything Goes

Date: Saturday, Jan 24th 2026

Price: \$99

Place: Verona Area Community Theater

Lunch/Show: 12:00/2:00

10:30am- (East) Marshall's

10:45am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

11:15am- (West) Theater Bus

Approximate return to Madison 5:30pm

Climb aboard for a tap-filled classic! Cole Porter's hilarious musical comedy *Anything Goes* debuted nearly 90 years ago and was last seen on our stage in 1999. In this tap-dancing romp on the high seas, two unlikely pairs board the S.S. American between New York and England and set sail for true love, a madcap group of passengers, and a boatload of comedic chaos. The 2022 revision includes familiar classics from the Great American Songbook such as "Anything Goes," "You're the Top," and "I Get a Kick Out of You." This musical will have you rooting for true love to win out in the end. It's delightful, delicious, and de-lovely.

Buffet at Pizza Ranch in Verona for lunch including non-alcoholic beverages and dessert.

2. Beehive

Date: Friday, February 13, 2026

Price: \$156

Place: Fireside Theater

Lunch/Show: 11:15/1:30

8:45am — (West) Theater Bus

9:00am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:30am- (East) Marshall's

Approx. return to Madison 6:00pm

Everybody loves the '60s – the fashions, the movies, the moon landing, and, of course, the music! It was the greatest decade for popular music. BEEHIVE celebrates the powerful female voices of the 1960s, featuring songs by everyone from Lesley Gore to Janis Joplin, The Shirelles to The Supremes, Aretha Franklin to Tina Turner, and so many more! The show is a nostalgic journey through the decade, told from the perspective of six young women coming of age and accompanied by a live band. Join us as we showcase hits like "My Boyfriend's Back," "Be My Baby," "Son of a Preacher Man," and "Me and Bobby McGee."

Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Bread along with your choice of Grilled Pork Ribeye, Mediterranean Short Ribs or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera. Pecan pie for Dessert and coffee, tea or Milk. Cash bar is available.

1. Anything Goes

Date: Sat., Jan 24th, 2026

Price: \$99

Deadline: January 5th, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address**2. Home Phone:** _____**Cell Phone:** _____**Email:** _____**3. Pick-up Location:**

___ East—Marshall's (2117 Zeier Rd)

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near Floor and Décor)

___ West—Theater Bus (559 D'Onofrio Dr)

4. I wish to sit with: _____**5. Emergency Contact/number** _____**2. Beehive**

Date: Friday, Feb 13, 2026

Price: \$156

Deadline: Jan. 20th, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address**2. Home Phone:** _____**Cell Phone:** _____**Email:** _____**3. Pick-up Location:**

___ West—Theater Bus (559 D'Onofrio Dr)

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near Floor N Décor end)

___ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

___ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

4. I wish to sit with: _____**5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:****6. Circle one per person:** Grilled Pork Ribeye

Short Ribs

Veg Pasta Primavera

3. Fortune

Date: Saturday, February 28th, 2026

Price: \$130

Place: Bell Tower Theater, Dubuque

Time lunch/tour: 11:30/2:00pm

8:30am — (East) Marshall's

8:45am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:15am — (West) Theater Bus

9:45am- Mt. Horeb

Return approx. 6:00pm

Maude, a lonely, surly, storefront psychic, can see the future, and she tells it like it is, no matter how brutal. But when Jeremy, a despondent love-hungry accountant threatens to end it all if she sees no love for him, she must wrestle with fate. In changing his destiny, might she also change her own. This witty and charming comedy is perfect for Valentine's Day.

Lunch at Timmerman's Super Club includes dinner salad, rolls plated meal including roast beef, baked chicken, baked potato, and green bean almondine. Non alcoholic drinks and Carrot Cake also included.

3. Fortune

Date: Saturday, February 28th, 2026 Price: \$130

Deadline: Feb . 2nd, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address _____

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

___ East-Marshall's (2117 Zeier Rd)

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near Floor N Décor end)

___ West—Theater Bus (559 D'Onofrio Dr)

___ Mt. Horeb Cenex

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Number: _____

American Family Insurance Golf Tournament

It is more crucial than ever, to raise money to keep the costs of trips down. To secure our spots and participate in this fundraiser, we must confirm our volunteer numbers well in advance. We need to know by **MARCH 15, 2026**, if we have enough interest to move forward. If we do NOT have enough volunteers by then, we won't commit to this fundraiser. **We need you to commit now!**

The funds from this effort go directly to the cost of trips. Help us by signing up early. Volunteer shifts are approximately 4-5 hours with some overlap. We need committed volunteers for mornings and afternoons across all three days. **You can sign up for more than one shift or you can work the whole day or weekend if you like.** You will receive free admission on the day that you work, access to golf viewing and a meal the day of your shift.

What: The AmFam Golf Tourney

When: June 5-7, 2026

Where: TPC Wisconsin (Formerly Cherokee Golf Course) on the North side of Madison

Shifts are the following:

Location	Shifts Needed (Per Day)	People Per Shift	Total Shifts Over 3 Days
Beverage Booth	Morning & Afternoon	2-3 people	6
Beverage Cart(s)	Morning & Afternoon	2 people	6

Contact Dawn at volunteer@theaterbus.org and let her know you are committing to work this fundraiser and what shift you would like to commit to, as well as where you would like to work (cart or booth).

Thank you!

Please review these important tips:

- We will not contact you to tell you we have received your check. We will only contact you if the trip is full and you are on a waitlist or if the trip is cancelled. If you are on a waitlist, your check will be returned immediately.
- Checks are deposited after the deadline listed in the newsletter. No refunds after the deadline.
- You will get a reminder call from us 2-3 days before the trip. We will make 2 attempts to contact you. It's important that you check your voicemail **or call in to verify if you didn't receive a call.**
- Sometimes we have to adjust trip pick up times/locations for construction, weather, etc. PLEASE pay attention when you get your reminder call so that you are aware of any changes. The volunteers that call have the most up to date info. Please listen to your phone messages. If we can't speak to you when we call, we will leave a message with all the information.
- It is **important** that you are able to get up and down the bus steps on your own. Our volunteers are not trained to give any care assistance.
- Registrations will **not** be taken over the telephone or spaces held unless payment has been received.
- Select the form for the event you wish to attend. Please complete all of the information. (Use a return address label if you have them) Otherwise, print your name and address and telephone number clearly. Please do not assume we will get your information from your check. Sometimes, checks get separated from the registration form. Please complete your name and address. Print CLEARLY. Please DO NOT leave this blank!
- Number attending—If you are registering just yourself, enter "1." If you are registering more than one person, write the number attending and then write the name, address, phone number, pickup location, and meal choice, if required, for EACH person.
- ***The deadline listed on the registration form is the date all checks will be deposited and you no longer will get a refund for cancellation. While many trips fill quickly, even with waitlists, there may still be openings. Please call the office to verify.***
- Theater Bus accepts checks, and cash, but not credit cards, as payment. ***Separate checks must be written for each event.*** Checks should be made payable to Theater Bus.
- Mail or drop off your registration form(s) and payment to: Theater Bus, Inc , 559 D'Onofrio Dr, Suite 17, Madison, WI 53719. If you want to drop off your registration after office hours, we do have a mail slot you can use.
- All tips are included in the cost of the trip, including a tip for the bus driver and wait staff.
- It is *very important* that you bring your cell phone on the trip and keep it with you. We do need a cell phone number on file.
- Please park away from the office and businesses. (Park at the far end of the office lot, etc) We do not want to disrupt parking for businesses that are open.

Thank you for continuing to be part of the Theater Bus community!

We will be sending out tax letters for donations OVER \$100 in January.

Thank you to all of our donors in 2025. We appreciate you.
If we missed an acknowledging your donation in the newsletter, I apologize.
We make our best effort to not forget anyone.

We have moved!

We have exciting news to share! We are up and running at our new home at 559 D'Onofrio dr, Suite 17, just 1.5 miles from our old office but much nicer for parking. *Everything else about us remains the same!* **This is our new west side pick up point as well!** (We will no longer be picking up at the church.)

Our office hours will remain the same. Mon-Wed 9-1pm. You can leave voicemail anytime or email. Our phone number will be the same. We also have a mail slot in the door for you to drop off registrations.

Holiday Office Hours

Closed Nov 27 and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Closed December 22nd—January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

No Volunteers during these days/times.

Help us lower costs!

In an effort to lower costs, we would like to reduce our newsletter postage. We are asking people to switch to the E-Mail version, if possible. You can always stop in the office and ask for a printed copy or you can stop in to register if you aren't able to print the E-version.

We **will** continue to mail the newsletter but we are hoping to avoid waste and expense by trimming our mailing list. E-mail us to stop receiving the printed version. Thank you!

We have Theater Bus coffee mugs (with lids) for sale in the office!
A Perfect Christmas gift for just \$5.00 each

New Theater Bus Merchandise is Available for Sale!

T-shirts, Hats, Sweatshirts, Mugs, Bags & Water
Bottles!

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/theater-bus-2025/>

There is also a link on our website
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Pickup Locations

Theater Bus provides the following convenient Madison pickup locations. **Please arrive 15 minutes earlier than listed in the newsletter.**

West - All WEST side trips will now start at the *Theater Bus Office*, 559 D'Onofrio Dr. any day of the week.

East - *Marshalls*, 2117 Zeier Rd., park in stalls at far end of lot, away from the entrance of the store.

Monona - *South Towne Mall*, Broadway Dr, near Floor and Décor end of parking area.

Note: Before each trip, we check messages at (608) 257-0003. *Please let us know if your plans change.*

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After hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned during regular business hours. After office hours, we do have a mail slot in the door for dropping off registrations.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Wednesdays

10am-1:00pm

Office is closed on

Thursdays and Fridays!

(email and voicemail will be checked)

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