

JULY AND AUGUST 2025

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.

We are 50 & Fabulous!

Congratulations to the winners of the free trip drawing:

Mary Ann Sveum & George Bambrough

Come to the OPEN HOUSE for another chance to win a free trip!

You are invited!

Theater Bus 50th Anniversary Open House

August 12th, 11am-2pm

437 S Yellowstone Dr, Office 214

Join us for door prizes, delicious treats, and meet the Director, the board

& some committee members.



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JULY AND AUGUST SHOWS AND REGISTRATIONS

THEATER BUS

20. Mystery Trip

Date: Wednesday, July 9th, 2025

Price: \$111 Place: ??????????

Time lunch/show: Noon

10:00am — (West) Covenant Church 10:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:45am — (East) Marshall's Approx. return to Madison 5:30pm

"Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart." ~ Cynthia D

You will thoroughly enjoy this day. Spend some time on the farm, eat delicious home cooked food and enjoy great music. I think that's all the clue's you need! Sign up fir this fun trip.



21. Celebration Belle Golden Oldies Cruise

Date: Wednesday, July 16th, 2025

Price: \$130

Place: Dubuque, Iowa Time: Boarding 10:30 8:00am—(East) Marshall's

8:15am—(Monona) South Towne Mall 8:45am- (West) Covenant Church

9:15am—Mt. Horeb Cenex

Approx. Return time to Madison 5:30pm

This trip had to be cancelled last year due to flooding on the Mississippi River. But, fingers crossed, we are going to try it again. This is the ONLY trip on the Celebration Belle we are taking this year and we only have ONE bus. Sign up early, this will be a full bus with a wait list.

Buffet Lunch will be served on the boat with non alcoholic drinks and dessert. While you're cruising down the Mississippi, just sit back and reminisce to the songs that bring back all the memories of the Juke Box era. The magical songs that made the 50's and 60's the era to remember. Enjoy a show with the Oldies coming to life once again. Imagine Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and a whole cast of others, oh and of course a little Elvis. Last but not least be sure to visit our gift shop located on the 3rd deck.

20. Mystery Trip Mon, July 7th **Date:** July 9th, 2025 **Price:** \$130 Deadline: June 12th, 2025 Check: # Additional Contribution: \$_____ Amount encl \$_____ for ____# people 1. Name/address 2. Home Phone:_____ Cell Phone:_____ Email: 3. Pick-up Location: _West—Covenant Church (Segoe & Mineral Pt) Monona—South Towne Mall (near Floor and Décor) East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd. 4. I wish to sit with: 5. Emergency Contact/number _____

21. Golden Oldies Cruise				
Date: Wed, July 16th, 2025 Cost: \$130				
Deadline: June , 27th 2025				
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—Covenant Church (Segoe & Mineral Pt Rd)				
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4. I wish to sit with:				
5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:				

SHOWS AND REGISTRATIONS CON'T

THEATER BUS

22. Always, Patsy Cline

Date: Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025

Price: \$115

Place: Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill

Time lunch/show: 12:00/2:00pm 9:00am — (West) Covenant Church 9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am — (East) Marshall's Return approx. 6:00pm

This is a great deal for a Drury Lane show! Badger Bus has donated the bus in honor of our 50th Anniversary! Don't miss this tribute to Patsy Cline.

Friendship, Heartache and Country Music. Featuring 27 of Patsy Cline's biggest hits, this is the ultimate love letter to one of the most celebrated and influential performers of the 20th century.

Lunch will be at Drury Lane. Mixed Green Salad, and a choice of Cheese Ravioli with house made tomato sauce, mozzarella and fresh basil or Bistro Steak Au Poivre with peppercorn sauce, potato puree and green beans. Dessert and non alcoholic beverages lincluded.

23. Joseph & the Techincolor Dream Coat

Date: Wed., July 26th, 2025

Price: \$119

Place: Sunset Playhouse, Elm Grove Time lunch/show: 12:00/2:00pm 10:00am — (West) Covenant Church 10:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:45am — (East) Marshall's

11:15am—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Approx. return to Madison 6:00pm

Experience the musical journey that follows Joseph, the favored son of Jacob, as he overcomes trials and tribulations, rising from slavery to power in Egypt. With a diverse and vibrant score, stunning visuals, and a timeless message of love and forgiveness, this musical celebration promises an enchanting evening for all. Throughout the ourney, audiences are treated to a visual spectacle, with stunning costumes, dynamic choreography, and a stage adorned in a brilliant array of colors.

Lunch at The Silver Spur in Elm Grove. Choice of

22. Always,	Patsy	Cline
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Date: Wed, July 23rd, 2025 **Cost:** \$115

Deadline: June 30th, 2025

Check: #

Additional Contribution: \$_____

Amount encl \$_____ for ____# people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone:_____

Cell Phone:

Email:

3. Pick-up Location: _West—Covenant Church (Segoe & Mineral Point)

_Monona—South Towne Mall (near Floor N Décor end)

East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with:

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Number:_

6. Circle one per person:

Cheese Ravioli **Bistro Steak**

13. Joseph

Date: Wed. July 26th, 2025 \$119

Deadline: July 7th, 2025

Check: #_____

Additional Contribution: \$_____

Amount encl \$_____ for ____# people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone:_____

Cell Phone:_____

Email:

3. Pick-up Location:

West—Covenant church (segoe & Mineral PT Rd)

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

East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

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4. I wish to sit with:_____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Number:

SHOW INFO AND REGISTRATION FORMS CON'T

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24. Bright Star

Date: Sunday, August 3rd, 2025

Price: \$50

Place: Oregon, Straw Hat Theater Time: NO MEAL Show 2:00pm 12:15pm — (West) Theater Bus

12:30pm — (Monona) South Towne Mall

12:45pm — (East) Marshall's

Estimated return to Madison 5:00pm

Yes, you read that correctly! **We are celebrating 50 years with a \$50 trip!** NO Meal for this trip. Just a snack on the way home.

Inspired by a true story with music, book, and story by Steve Martin and music, lyrics, and story by Edie Brickell.

When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past, and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives.

25. Field of Dreams

Date: Thursday, August 7th, 2025

Price: \$135

Place: Dyersville, Iowa

Time: This is a PACKED day. Read below

7:00am — (East) Marshall's

7:15 am — (Monona) South Towne Mall 7:45am — (West) Covenant Church

Return approx. 6:00pm

This is a BIG agenda of FUN! You can sit or walk. Here we go...

We arrive in Dyersville by 10:00am. We will have an all day personal guide on the bus tell us all the history and give us a tour of the city. We will head to the Field of Dreams for a tour and history, we will also have free time here. Then, we go on to a buffet lunch at a local brewery. Feel free to try a craft beer! (Beer is at your own expense) Then we go on to the If You Build It Exhibit and the Baseball Hall of Dreams. Before we head out of town, we will be stopping at the Millwork Creamery for a delicious treat! (All covered in your price!) We leave Dyersville and head on home by 4:30.



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Date: Sui	nday, August 3rd, 2025 Cost: \$50
Deadline	:: July 15th, 2025
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East-	- Marshall's 2117 Zeier Rd
4. I wish	to sit with:
5. Emerg	ency Contact Name & Phone Number:
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25. Field of Dreams			
Date: Thursday, August 7th, 2025 Cost: \$135			
Deadline: July 10th, 2025			
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—Covenant Church (corner of Segoe & Mineeal Point Rd)			
4. I wish to sit with:			

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

THEATER BUS

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.
- 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.
- Theater Bus accepts checks, 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., 437 S. Yellowstone Dr. #214, 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 church and businesses. (Park at the far end of the church lot, etc) We do not want to disrupt funerals at the church or businesses that are open.

Thank you!

Congratulations to our winners of giveaways on bus trips!

We have lots of great giveaways we are doing on *every* trip through December. How can you win? Go on a trip!

Everyone on a trip gets a prize ticket and a ticket gets drawn on the bus. Easy!

26. Milwaukee Brewers

Date: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

Price: \$125

Place: Milwaukee, WI Boarding: 9:45am

Departure Time: 10:00am

8:45am — (West) Covenant Church 9:00am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:30am- (East) Marshall's

Approx. return to Madison 6:30pm

Take me out to the Ballpark, Please!

We learned some tips and tricks last year. We are leaving plenty early so we don't miss the 1st pitch! And—this year, you have \$24 in Concession money ON your ticket. That's right, lunch is at the ballpark. You use your ticket stub to buy your peanuts and Cracker Jacks! (and hotdogs or soda)

So let's root, root, root for the home team playing against Pirates. And we will take care that you ALL get back. It's senior day at the Ballpark and we hope to be taking a FULL bus and of course, we will have several fun give aways on the bus! Don't miss out!

Date: Wed., August 13th, 2	025 Cost: \$125
Deadline: July 15th, 2025	
Check: #	
Additional Contribution:	\$
Amount encl \$ for _	# people
1. Name/address	
2. Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email:	
3. Pick-up Location:	
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4. I wish to sit with:	
5. Emergency Contact Na	me & Phone Number:

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27. Kitchen Witches

4. I wish to sit with:

27. Kitchen Witches

Date: Sunday, August 24th, 2025

Price: \$130

Place: Bell Tower, Dubuque Time: Lunch/Show: 11:30-2:00pm 7:00am — (East) Marshall's

7:15 am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

7:45am — (West) Theater Bus

Estimated return to Madison 6:00pm

Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two "mature" cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for thirty years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. When circumstances put them together on the same show, the insults are flung harder than the food and the show is a ratings smash! Can Stephen, Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer son, keep them from destroying each other and the show?

Brunch at Timmerman's—of course!

Date: Sun., August 24th, 2025 Deadline: August 1st, 2025	Cost: \$130
Check: #	
Additional Contribution: \$	
Amount encl \$ for	# people
1. Name/address	
2. Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
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3. Pick-up Location:	
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5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

We are looking for 3 MORE SUPERSTARS!

For our 50th Anniversary in 2025, we are doing something special! We are looking for **3 more people** to donate an EXTRA \$100! We need just \$300 more to reach this goal!

We are hoping to raise an additional \$5000 by the end of August! We have raised \$4700 so far! Each person that donates \$100 (or more) between April 1st and August 31st will receive a special gift from Theater Bus and your name will go on our "Wall of Fame" in our office, honoring the Superstars that helped us reach our goal. (If you have NOT received a letter and gift in the mail, please contact the office.)

Why the extra fundraiser? Well, the economy is changing rapidly, and for Theater Bus to grow and continue to be competitive, we need to make upgrades to our technology and equipment. Our annual fundraiser helps us keep the lights on. This special fundraiser in honor of our 50th, will help us make needed upgrades.

Theater Bus, Inc. is a 503(c) and your donation is tax deductible.











Yes! I'll be a Theater Bus SuperStar!

Enclosed is my (minimum) \$100 donation.

Name	
Check Number	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

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If you no longer wish to receive this mailing, please let us know. Call 608-257-0003 Thank you!

Pickup Locations

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

West - Covenant Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Mineral Point & Segoe Roads (weekday events), Park at far end of lot Theater Bus Office, 437 S. Yellowstone Dr. (weekend events.)

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.*

Contact Info

Ruth Hellenbrand Director Theater Bus 437 S. Yellowstone Dr. #214 Madison, WI 53719 (608) 257-0003

Email: info@theaterbus.org **Website:** www.theaterbus.org

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)