

MAY—JUNE 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.

May and June Bring new trips, restaurants and more!

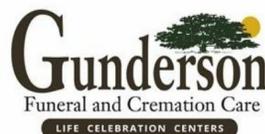
The start of summer brings lively performances and refreshing spring energy. Along with our theater outings, we're excited to introduce a **brand new trip to historic Greendale, Wisconsin**. This charming, walkable village—one of the original 1930s Greenbelt communities—offers unique shops, rich history, and a welcoming small town feel. It's a perfect addition for travelers who enjoy exploring someplace new.

It's also boat trip season. We will be taking many boat trips this summer. Remember, boat trips fill fast! Don't hesitate to sign up immediately for those. And of course, it's time for Brewer baseball! Look inside for more information on the trip to see the Brewer's play Cleveland.

You will also find a sneak peek at the what's coming in 2026 inside. You aren't going to want to miss any of it.



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11. Father of the Bride

Date: Saturday, May 9th, 2026

Price: \$111

Place: Wis. Rapids Comm. Theater

Lunch/Show: 10:45/2:00

9:00am- (West) Theater Bus

9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am- (East) Marshall's

Approximate return to Madison 6:00pm

Mr. Banks learns that one of the young men he has seen occasionally about the house is about to become his son-in-law. Daughter Kay announces the engagement out of nowhere. Mrs. Banks and her sons are happy, but Mr. Banks is in a dither. The groom-to-be, Buckley Dunstan, appears on the scene and Mr. Banks realizes that the engagement is serious. Buckley and Kay don't want a "big" wedding — just a simple affair with a few friends! We soon learn, however, that the "few" friends' idea is out. Then trouble really begins.

Lunch at Pioneer Family Rest in Westfield. Choice of

Open face hot turkey or hot beef sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy or a 1/4 pound cheese burger with fries. All meals include a side salad. Dessert is a scoop of ice cream with hot fudge and non-alcoholic beverages included.

11. Father of the Bride

Date: Sat., May 9th, 2026

Deadline: April 20th, 2026

Price: \$111

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 and Décor)

___ East—Marshall's (2117 Zeier Rd)

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact/number _____

6. Circle one per person: **Open Face Turkey Sand.**

Open Face Beef Sand.

Cheese Burger

12. Rosewood: American Bandstand

Date: Tuesday, May 19th, 2026

Price: \$118

Place: Delavan

Lunch/Show: 12:00/2:00

10:45am — (West) Theater Bus

11:15am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

11:30am- (East) Marshall's

Approx. return to Madison 4:00pm

Rosewood is one of southeastern Wisconsin's premier event and entertainment destinations. The unique theater features themed cabaret style shows featuring Gretchen and Mark's musical talents. Lunch is made and served on site with farm to table cuisine and the finest mid-western hospitality. The beautiful stone bar invites you to relax or you may wish to explore the treasures in the shopping village. The show on this day will feature the hits of The American Bandstand such as Chuck Berry, Bill Haley and the Comets, Etta James, Buddy Holly, Diana Ross and the Supremes and many more!

Lunch will be a Wisconsin "old school" supper club buffet featuring Spotted cow beer battered Cod, Baked Lemon Herb Cod and Roasted Chicken. Sides include a relish bar, hand cut fries, potato pancakes, salt potatoes, coleslaw, seasonal Vegetables and a salad. Also includes Rosewood's Grand Dessert, coffee/tea/soft drinks and dinner rolls.



12. Rosewood: American Bandstand

Date: May 19th, 2026

Price: \$118

Deadline: May 1st, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

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___ 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:

13. La Crosse Queen Boat trip

Date: Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

Price: \$116

Place: LaCrosse, WI

Time lunch/tour: Departs 10am. Lunch on board

9:30am- (West) Theater Bus

10:00am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:15am- (East) Marshall's

Approximate return to Madison 5:30pm

This 3 hour cruise out of La Crosse is a fantastic journey up and down the Mississippi River with a Captain who serves as a very knowledgeable guide. The trip goes thru the locks and you can see the Majestic Eagles soaring and nesting. It's a memorable cruise for sure! Bring your binoculars so you don't miss anything! Rain or shine.

Lunch Buffet is served on board by Castaways featuring baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, garlic mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner rolls, dessert and coffee or iced tea. There is also a cash bar on board.

14. Historic Greendale Tour

Date: Tuesday, June 9th 2026

Price: \$98 (**ONLY 36 spots available**)

Place: Greendale WI

9:45am — (West) Theater Bus

10:15am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:30am — (East) Marshall's

11:00 Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Approx. return to Madison 6:00pm

This is an on/off bus tour of Historic Greendale WI. Just outside Milwaukee sits a community like no other in Wisconsin. Greendale is the only Depression Era village built during the Roosevelt Administration in the state. In 1936, Eleanor Roosevelt came for the dedication. Today the Roosevelts, the Depression and the Norman Rockwell style living aren't the only things unique to Greendale. This planned community is one of only three "Greenbelt Communities" in the United States built by the Franklin Roosevelt Administration in 1936. The goal was to provide much needed jobs and better housing for families. This wonderful Village was designed to look like an English Garden Village and still resembles New England's Williamsburg. You will enjoy a tour of the city's gardens and over 40,000 flowers in bloom. Two knowledgeable, local Tour Docents will share Greendale's unique history. See 100's of Decorated Greendale Original Home Chimneys! Each has a story, designed by one man, each with a special meaning. Explore the downtown full of unique shops. Walk or sit as much as you like.

Lunch will be at Panther Pub and Eatery in downtown Greendale. Choices are: Apple Walnut Salad with Grilled Chicken; 1/4lb Burger with homemade chips; or a Chicken Salad wrap with homemade chips. Coffee, tea or soda included. Dessert will be ice cream at Culvers on the way home.

13. La Crosse Queen

Date: Wed, May 27th, 2026 Price: \$116

Deadline: May 5th, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

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

___ East—Marshall's (2117 Zeier Rd)

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Number: _____

14. Greendale Tour

Date: Tues, June 9th, 2026 Price: \$98

Deadline: May 19th, 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 and Décor)

___ 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: burger

Chicken salad wrap Salad with Grilled chicken

4 SHOWS AND REGISTRATIONS CON'T

15. Milwaukee Boat Trip

Date: Tuesday, June 16th, 2026

Price: \$135

Place: Milwaukee Boat Tours

Time lunch/show: 11:30/2:00pm Boat trip

9:00am- (West) Theater Bus

9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am- (East) Marshall's

10:15—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Approximate return to Madison 6:00pm

Explore Milwaukee's past and present from our rivers, harbors & Lake Michigan during this 90-minute tour. Unforgettable views and a unique perspective of Milwaukee's history & architecture. Live narration is provided by experienced and entertaining tour guides & the captain.

Lunch will be a buffet at Thunder Bay in Pewaukee, featuring BBQ chicken breast, smoked BBQ ribs, house salad, mac n cheese, roasted veggies, coleslaw, fruit platter, dinner rolls and soft drinks, lemonade and iced Tea. Dessert will be Limoncello cake.

16. Milwaukee Brewers

Date: Thursday, June 18th, 2026

Price: \$126

Place: American Family Field, Milwaukee

Time 1:10 opening Pitch

8:30am- (West) Theater Bus

9:00am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:15am- (East) Marshall's

9:45am - Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Approximate return to Madison 6:00pm

Senior Day at the Brewers vs Cleveland! Should be a great game. Shaded seats in section 212. Ticket includes \$25 in concessions on the ticket. We have a few special prize drawings on the bus.

Quartz invites seniors to enjoy a postgame stroll around the outfield track at American Family Field after select weekday afternoon home games. This will be discussed on the bus and decided if people want to participate. ALL participants must have a cell phone turned on and with them throughout the day.

A small snack will be provided on the bus for the trip home.

Hottest ticket this summer! Don't miss out!

15. Milwaukee Boat Trip

Date: Tues, June 16th, 2026 Price: \$135

Deadline: May 25th, 2026

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

___ East—Marshall's (2117 Zeier Rd)

___ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Number: _____

16. Milwaukee Brewers

Date: Thurs. , June 18th, 2026 Price: \$126

Deadline: May 20th, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: _____

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___ Johnson Creek Park n Ride

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Num-

ber: _____



17. Sleuth

Date: Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Price: \$122

Place: Sunset Playhouse, Elm Grove (**ONLY 35 seats**)

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

9:00am- (West) Theater Bus

9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am- (East) Marshall's

10:15 Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Enter the world of mystery and mind games with SLEUTH, Anthony Shaffer's brilliantly crafted thriller that keeps audiences guessing until the final moment.

Wealthy crime novelist Andrew Wyke invites his wife's lover, Milo Tindle, to his grand estate for what appears to be a civil confrontation. But as their conversation turns into a high-stakes battle of wits, elaborate schemes unfold, and nothing is as it seems.

With razor-sharp dialogue, shocking twists, and a suspenseful cat-and-mouse game, SLEUTH delivers a night of intrigue, tension, and dark humor that will leave you breathless.

Lunch Buffet at the Silver Spur includes chopped brisket in BB sauce, pulled pork shoulder, smoked boneless Chicken breast, ranch beans, cole slaw, rolls and butter, NY Cheese cake and coffee or soda.

18. Guys N Dolls

Date: Sunday, June 28th, 2026

Price: \$104

Place: Fond du Lac Community Theater

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

9:00am- (West) Theater Bus

9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am- (East) Marshall's

In this classic musical, gambler Nathan Detroit sets his sights on the biggest craps game of his career while Adelaide, his fiancée of 14 years, longs for a wedding. With a colorful cast gambling in luck and love from Times Square to Havana, this show features memorable songs "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" and "Adelaide's Lament."

Pizza for lunch at the Mineshaft in Oshkosh. Dessert will be served on the way home.

17. Sleuth

Date: Sun., June 21st 2026 **Cost: \$122**

Deadline: June 1st, 2026

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

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___ East—Marshall's (2117 Zeier Rd)

___ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

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Check: # _____

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Shhhhh... here is a sneak peek at what's coming up for the rest of 2026!

We have great boat trips lined up: Lake Geneva Mail Boat Trip; Chain O'Lakes trip; and a Celebration Belle Fall Cruise.

How about a tour of the SanFillippo Estate? Yes Please!
And a fall quilt trip headed to a different area than we went last year!

Plus, fabulous shows like Damn Yankees, Legally Blonde, Let Me Be Franks Dingaling Bros Circus, great Christmas shows and so much more! We are going to try a few new restaurants and who knows what other surprises, so don't miss out on any of it!



SHHHH

**We have Theater Bus coffee mugs (with lids) for sale in the office!
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7 THEATER BUS INFORMATION

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. 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!





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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—THURSDAY 10am-1:00pm
Office is closed on Fridays!
(email and voicemail will be checked)
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