

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 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 have had so many 50th Anniversary prize winners on our bus trips already and we still have prizes to give away all the way through December! Congrats to all of the winners, and good luck to the future winners!

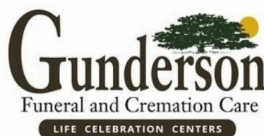
Look inside this newsletter for another chance to win a FREE trip!



VOLUNTEERS Past and Present!

**Did you RSVP for the Volunteer Luncheon on Sept. 30th?
Please do ASAP! Call the office 608-257-0003 or
email: info@theaterbus.org**

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28. 4 Glasses

Date: Sunday, Sept 7th, 2025

Price: \$114

Place: Beaver Dam Community Theater

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

10:15am — (West) Theater Bus

10:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:45m — (East) Marshall's

Approx. return to Madison 5:30pm

From the twisted mind of popular Southern playwright Marki Shalloe comes this comedy about the thin line between depression and hope. France is a 40-something with an absolute alcoholic mess of a life and a permanent seat at The Lido Deck, her local dive bar. Can the sordid advice of a questionable bartender and ridiculous trips into her memory give France clarity? Is it possible to have a path to redemption that isn't straight or direct? Are France's many problems with money and men caused by her poor choices or were they predestined by her traumatic upbringing?

Four Glasses comedically addresses very serious issues and adult situations. Due to content and tone, sensitive people may be offended by the content of this production and may wish to avoid it.

Lunch at Benvenuto's. Choices are Meat Lasagna, Chicken Carbonara or Portabella Penne (Veg) meals include salad, breadsticks and Chocolate Torte for dessert. Coffee and soda included.

29. Oklahoma

Date: Friday, Sept 12th, 2025

Price: \$150

Place: The Fireside

9:00am (West) Covenant Church

9:15am—(Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am—(East) Marshall's

Approx. Return time to Madison 5:30pm

It's an American classic! It's the show that first introduced the immortal writing team of Rodgers and Hammerstein! It's the show that ushered in the Golden Age of American Musical Theatre! It's OKLAHOMA! This bright, brassy, boisterous musical comedy is filled with colorful costumes, breathtaking dancing, side-splitting humor, and a musical score featuring such hits as "People Will Say We're In Love," "Surrey With the Fringe On Top," and the rousing title number "Oklahoma!" The original production won a Pulitzer Prize and various Broadway revivals have won multiple Tony Awards. Now The Fireside presents a fresh, new, not to be missed telling of this time honored musical.

Lunch Options: Chicken Florentine, Baked Almond Crusted Cod, Beef Short Ribs or Vegetarian Manicotti. All meals served with Scallop Appetizer, Breads, Carrot Cake and coffee, tea or Milk.

28. 4 Glasses

Date: Sept. 7th, 2025

Price: \$114

Deadline: August 21st, 2025

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

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

___ West—Theater Bus (437 S Yellowstone 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:

Lasagna Chicken Carbonara Portabella Penne

29. Oklahoma

Date: Fri, Sept 12th, 2025

Cost: \$150

Deadline: August 27th 2025

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

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___ West—Covenant Church (Segoe & Mineral Pt Rd)

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___ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____**5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:**

6. Circle one per person: Chicken Cod
Short Ribs Veg Manicotti

30. Milwaukee Boat Tour

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 2025

Price: \$130

Place: Milwaukee Boat Line, Milwaukee

Time lunch/cruise: 12:00/2:00pm

9:00am — (West) Covenant Church

9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am — (East) Marshall's

10:15—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Return approx. 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 Buffet at Mader's featuring Bratwurst and Knockwurst Medallions and Butter Chicken Schnitzel.

30. Milwaukee Boat Tour

Date: Wed, Sept. 24th 2025 Cost: \$130

Deadline: August 30th, 2025

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address _____

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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___ 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: _____

31. Quilters Delight

Date: Tuesday, October 7th 2025

Price: \$110

Place: 3 quilt Shops, lunch, Ice cream and shopping!

9:00am — (West) Covenant Church

9:30am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:45am — (East) Marshall's

10:15am—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Approx. return to Madison 6:00pm

What a great day (and FULL day) this promises to be! This trip begins at **Quilt-agious** in Mukwonago. Then on to the Elegant Farmer for lunch and a bit of shopping. From there we head to **On The Bias** in Whitewater and from there we will stop in Stoughton for a scoop of ice cream at The Ice Cream Daydream and our final quilt store will be **Blue Bar Quilts** in Middleton.

You will have plenty of shopping time at each shop, and each shop will do demos or have coupons, and the bus has lots of storage for your shopping bags! We have special quilting giveaways on the bus as well! Everything is included in the price—except your shopping! (Bottled Water also provided) Lunch at Elegant Farmer.



31. Quilters Delight

Date: Tues. Oct 7th, 2025 \$110

Deadline: Sept 14 th , 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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___ 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. Choose your sandwich for lunch: Circle one

Turkey

Ham

4 SHOW INFO AND REGISTRATION FORMS CON'T

32. Train Ride/Elegant Farmer

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 2025

Price: \$138

Place: East Troy Railway Museum

Time: Boarding at 12:15 return to station at 3pm

10:00pm — (West) Covenant Church

10:30pm — (Monona) South Towne Mall

10:45pm — (East) Marshall's

Estimated return to Madison 5:00pm

We will be taking a slow scenic journey on the East Troy Electric Train while eating lunch. There will also be a stop at the Elegant Farmer, Farmer's Market and across the street is the Elegant Cork Winery. (We have requested it be open this year!) This should be a colorful, fall ride with tasty fare!

Lunch will be House Salad, Lightly Breaded Chicken Breast, with linguini and marinara topped with Mozzarella. Seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and coffee or tea with Brownies will be served as well.

33. The Rat Pack

Date: Monday, October 20th, 2025

Price: \$119

Place: Legacy Theater, Wis. Dells

Time: Lunch 1:30/Show 2:30

11:45am — (West) Covenant Church

12:15pm — (Monona) South Towne Mall

12:30pm — (East) Marshall's

Estimated return to Madison 5:30pm

The Rat Pack is back! Join us for Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Sammy Davis, Jr as this Rat Pack tribute takes you back to the glory days of Las Vegas when the Rat Pack ruled the world of entertainment. The music & comedy of the original Rat Pack is what makes this Rat Pack tribute one of the most sought after Tribute shows around. These three had a six-month engagement in Atlantic City.

Lunch will be Chicken Parmesan with Cavatappi Noodles, Bread, Salad, and Chef's Choice Dessert. You're going to love this show!



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___ East— Marshall's 2117 Zeier Rd

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

33. The Rat Pack

Date: Mon Oct 20th, 2025 Cost: \$119

Deadline: Sept. 24th, 2025

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

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Email: _____

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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. 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., 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 for continuing to be part of the Theater Bus community!

Send this in with your registration to be entered into a drawing for a FREE trip from our November—December newsletter.

Name _____

Phone _____

_____ **Yes, I read the above Tips on traveling with Theater Bus!**

34. Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors

Date: Sun, Oct 26th, 2025

Price: \$125

Place: Racine Theater Guild

Game Time: Lunch/Show 11:30/2:00

8:45am — (West) Theater Bus

9:00am — (Monona) South Towne Mall

9:30am- (East) Marshall's

10:00—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Approx. return to Madison 6:00pm

Sink your teeth into a comedy that's perfect for all blood types. Bram Stoker's Count Dracula meets his comedic match in a madcap, lightning-fast romp to Transylvania. When Lucy Westfeldt's sister Mina falls ill with a mysterious disease of the blood, she and her meek fiancé, Jonathan Harker, enlist the help of famed vampire hunter Doctor Jean Van Helsing in a zany hunt for the devilish beast. In a nod to Monty Python, *The 39 Steps*, and *The Carol Burnett Show*, their hijinks are sure to get your heart racing and induce blood-curdling screams – of laughter!

Lunch Buffet at a restaurant yet to be determined.

34, Dracula

Date: Sun., Oct. 26th, 2025

Cost: \$125

Deadline: Oct. 6th, 2025

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

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___ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

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You are invited to join us on
October 22nd, 9:30-11am
 Conference Room (Across from Theater Bus office)
 437 S Yellowstone Dr.
 Please RSVP: info@theaterbus.org
 (608)257-0003

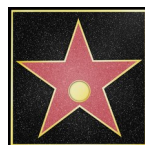
Budget updates as well as annual reporting on trips,
 fundraising, and 50th Anniversary will be held.

We can't say *THANK YOU* enough to these Superstars who donated an extra \$100 (or more) so we could raise an EXTRA \$5000 (over and above our fall fundraiser), and in honor of our 50th anniversary!
We appreciate all of you!

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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.

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.*

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Wednesdays

10am-1:00pm

Office is closed on

Thursdays and Fridays!

(email and voicemail will be checked)