



SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2024

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.

Fall Office Hours

Theater Bus has always been a volunteer driven organization and we have amazing volunteers working in our office Monday—Wednesday. As the Director, I am the only employee and work part-time.

Our winter office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-1pm. If the weather is bad and/or driving conditions poor, our volunteers will not open the office. My hours, will continue to be Monday- Thursday from 9am-3pm. You can always leave a voicemail or email and it will be returned during those hours.

We appreciate seeing all of you on our trips and look forward to the last quarter of 2024 being full of great trips and lots of smiles.

Thank you!
Ruth

A very SPECIAL Thank you to the Pleasant T Rowland Foundation for their continued support.



27. Green Bay Packer Tour

Date: Thursday, Sept. 5th, 2024

Price: \$125

Place: Lambeau Field, Green Bay

Champions Tour 10:00am Lunch: 11:30am

Hall of Fame and Pro shop on your own, after lunch.

7:00am — (West) Covenant Church

7:15am — South Towne Monona

7:30am — (East) Marshall's

Approx. return to Madison 5:30pm

NO FITCHBURG PICK UP for this trip.

Join us for a FUN day of touring Lambeau Field and the Hall of Fame. The Champions Tour is a 1.5 hr Tour (Sitting/walking) including the endzone, terrace suites, Champions club, Player's Tunnel and field. After lunch, tour the Hall of Fame and Pro Shop at your leisure.

Lunch is the Lambeau Traditions meal: Brats and Hamburgers (with fixin's), chips, Potato Salad, cookies, Tea and water.

27. Green Bay Packer Tour

Date: Thursday, Sept. 5th, 2024 Cost: \$125

Deadline: August 12th, 2024

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 old McDonald's)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____**5. Emergency Contact/number** _____**28. 1776 (National Tour)**

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 2024

Price: \$150

Place: Marriott Theater, Lincolnshire, Ill.

Time: Lunch/Show 11:00am/1:00pm

Approx. return to Theater Bus 5:00pm.

8:00am—(West) Covenant Church

8:15am—(Monona) South Towne Mall

8:30am (East) Marshall's

9:00am—Johnson Creek Park N Ride

Estimated return to Madison 6:30pm.

NO Fitchburg Pick up for this trip.

Summer, 1776 - The nation is ready to declare independence...if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! Witness the birth of the nation as the likes of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson struggle, through courage and conviction, to craft the Declaration of Independence. 1776 puts a human face on the pages of history as we see the people behind the national icons: proud, frightened, uncertain, charming, and often petty, determined to do the right thing for a fledgling nation. Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Musical, the seminal events in American history blazes to vivid life in this funny, insightful and compelling drama.

Lunch menu has not been announced yet.

28. 1776

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 2024

Cost: \$150

Deadline: Aug. 19th, 2024

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

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

___ West—Covenant Church corner of Segoe & Mineral Pt

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

___ Johnson Creek Park N Ride

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

29. The Audience

Date: Wednesday, Sept 18th, 2024

Price: \$150

Place: Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, Ill

Time: Lunch/Show 11:30/1:30pm

8:15am — (West) Covenant Church

8:45 am — South Towne Monona

9:00am — (East) Marshall's

Estimated return to Madison 6:30pm.

No Fitchburg pick up.

Peek behind closed doors of Buckingham Palace with The Audience, an intimate portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and the pivotal private audiences she held with her prime ministers. The Audience is an enthralling exploration of the delicate balance of power and unspoken rules of engagement that underscore these confidential meetings. Masterfully blending the personal and the political, The Audience gives an extraordinary glimpse into the woman behind the crown and the leaders she outlasted.

Lunch choices are Vegetarian Ratatouille (lattice crust filled with eggplant, tomato, peppers, zucchini , herbs and rice) or Bistro Steak with peppercorn cream sauce, mashed potatoes and green beans. Plated lunch includes salad, coffee/tea/soda and dessert.

30. Celebration Belle Fall Cruise

Date: Wednesday, Oct 2nd, 2024

Price: \$125

Place: Celebration Belle, Prairie du Chien

Time: 12:00/2:00pm

7:30am — (East) Marshall's

7:45am — South Towne Monona

8:30am — (West) Covenant Church

9:00am —Mt. Horeb Cenex

Estimated return to Madison 5:30pm

No Fitchburg pick up.

We have 2 busses reserved for this beautiful, annual fall trip down the Mississippi River. Imagine yourself cruising down the Mississippi, admiring the colors of nature all around you. Beautiful scenery abounds as you float up and down the river while in the background the great sounds of music from the 40's to the present. Sit back, listen, and even dance to the sounds of your favorite tunes. Big Band, Country, and Rock and Roll, it's all there. Don't forget your cameras to capture the scenic views!

Lunch buffet onboard the boat includes Marinated Chicken, Alfredo pasta with veg, Homemade garlic mashed potatoes, Chicken Gravy, Hot Vegetable, Tossed Spring Salad with Dressing, Rolls and Butter, Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea included with your meal.

29. The Audience

Date: Wed. Sept. 18th, 2024 **Cost:** \$150

Deadline: August 25th, 2024

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

___ West—Covenant Church (Mineral Point and Segoe)

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

___ East—Marshall's, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

6. Choose one per person:

Veg. Ratatouille

Bistro Steak

30. Celebration Belle Fall Cruise

Date: Wednesday, Oct 2nd, 2024 **Cost:** \$125

Deadline: Sept. 10th 2024

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 the old McDonald's)

___ West—Covenant Church, Mineral Point and Segoe Rd

___ Mount Horeb Cenex

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

THEATER BUS

31. East Troy Train and Elegant Farmer Market

Date: Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

Price: \$133

Place: East Troy Train Museum, East Troy

Time: Ride/Lunch 11:30

9:30am— (West) Covenant Presby. Church

9:45am — South Towne Monona

10:00am — (East) Marshall's

No Fitchburg Pick up

Approximate return to Madison 5:00pm

Join us for an scenic train ride on an electric train while having lunch in the dining car. We will stop at the Elegant Farmer for an hour to shop the Farmer's market for fresh apples and pumpkins or cross the road to the Wine Room for local wine tasting. We will reboard the train and head back to the station.

Lunch will include a house salad, lightly breaded chicken breast topped with mozzarella over linguini, seasonal vegetable, dinner rolls and brownies for dessert. Includes non-alcoholic drinks.

32. Love, Lies & the Lottery

Date: Saturday, October 26th, 2024

Price: \$125

Place: The Bell Tower, Dubuque WI

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

9:00am — (East) Marshall's

9:15am — South Towne Monona

9:30am — (West) Theater Bus office

10:00 am- Mt. Horeb Cenex

No Fitchburg pickup.

Approximate return to Madison 6:00pm.

Peter is an unlucky guy. With a treacherous soon-to-be ex-wife, an overbearing mother and a not-so-bright best friend, he just can't catch a break. When he finds a winning lottery ticket worth \$510 million, his luck seems to turn around, but with just a couple of days left to cash in the ticket, this bizarre band of characters must navigate mistaken identities, psychics and the home shopping network to secure the grand prize!

Plated lunch at Timmerman's includes 4 oz chicken breast and Baked ham with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, dinner rolls and carrot cake. Beverages— coffee and tea.

31. Train ride and Elegant Farmer

Date: Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 Cost: \$133

Deadline: September 19th, 2024

Check: # _____

Additional Contribution: \$ _____

Amount encl \$ _____ for _____ # people

1. Name/address

2. Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

___ West—Covenant Church, corner of Segoe and Mineral Pt

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near the old McDonald's)

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

6. ___ I need vegetarian

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Email: _____

3. Pick-up Location:

___ East—Marshalls, 2117 Zeier Rd.

___ Monona—South Towne Mall (near old McDonald's)

___ West—Theater Bus Mineral Point

___ Mt. Horeb Cenex

4. I wish to sit with: _____

5. Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number:

6. I need ___ vegetarian

Please review these important tips as some of them have changed or are new!

- 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.
- Checks are deposited after the deadline listed in the newsletter.
- You will get a reminder call from us 2-3 days before the trip.
- 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 if you cancel after that date.
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 at the office, 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.
- 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.
- We cannot plan for all diets. We DO NOT offer gluten free options nor do we allow for ordering off a menu.
- If you do not like the food choices, please do not sign up for the trip.
- Please remember, that the people you meet in the Theater Bus office, as well as our group leaders, are VOLUNTEERS. Please speak kindly to them and treat them respectfully.

Thank you!

Volunteers Needed!

Assist on a Trip or IN the office!

- We need Group Leaders! Group leaders help make the trip a safe and fun experience for all.
- We also need a few office volunteers. We are looking for a few people that have computer skills as well as customer service experience to assist in the office 4 hours a week.

Volunteers must have traveled with Theater Bus and have an understanding and appreciation of our organization. If you are interested in learning more about how you can assist on a trip, please contact Ruth at info@theaterbus.org.



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Our trips fill quickly,
Mail your reservation today!

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.)

Fitchburg—We are no longer picking up at the AMC location due to lack of interest.

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 the Flooring Décor and More.

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



Contact Info

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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:

Office closed on
Thursdays and Fridays!
Summer office hours are limited.
Please call before visiting.