RIDING WITH US!

Tri-Valley Heartland Express (T.H.E. Bus) is a rural public transportation system serving northwest Minnesota.

T.H.E. Bus is available for anyone. There are no age or income guidelines – however, children under the age of five must be accompanied by an adult.

We provide curb-to-curb service, allowing those with special needs more comfortable, safe and convenient method of transportation.

All of our buses are handicapped accessible and lift-equipped. All of our drivers are trained and certified.

RIDER INFORMATION

Hours of Service:
* Monday and Wednesdays within Red Lake County 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.
* Tuesdays and Thursdays to Thief River Falls 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.
* Wednesdays on first and fifth Wednesdays of the month to Crookston.
* Fridays on the second and fourth of the month to Bemidji
(Call dispatch for more information)

Hours of Dispatch:
Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Phone: 800-201-3432
Website: www.tvoc.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TVOCInc
Twitter: @TriValley_TVOC
FARE RATES

- Drivers do not carry change. Please have correct fare when boarding the bus. ~ No charging ~
- We accept cash, check or bus pass for payment of rides. Bus passes are available for purchase from the bus drivers or an office location.

BUS SERVICE:
* Red Lake County on Monday and Wednesdays within Red Lake County.
* Red Lake Falls City Service: $1.00 per ride in city limits.

Out of Red Lake Falls City Service:
0-5 miles - $3.00/$3.00 to return
5-10 miles - $4.00/$4.00 to return
10-15 miles - $5.00/$5.00 to return
15-20 miles - $6.00/$6.00 to return

* Red Lake County on Tuesday and Thursdays to Thief River Falls. $5 Round trip with one stop included. Additional stops are $2 each.

Service to Crookston: Available on the first and fifth Wednesday of the month – Only $10 round trip (extra stops are $2 each).

Service to Bemidji: Available on the second and fourth Friday of the month – Only $20 for the round trip (extra stops are $2 each).

TO SIGN UP - Go to Crookston and Bemidji. Call at least one business day prior to the scheduled trip to reserve a seat (cutoff is 3:00 pm).
* If you have signed up for a rural route you will receive a confirmation call around 3:00 pm on the business day prior to the route.
* Route will arrive at the destination at 10:00 am and leave around 2:30 pm.

BUS RIDING RULES

- The bus is considered ON TIME – 10 minutes before or 10 minutes after your scheduled time.
- The bus will depart after 2 minutes at the pickup location.
- Only large items you are able to carry will be allowed.
- Luggage/Bags/Backpacks/Packages: must not block the aisle, stairs or doorway.
- Items must remain under the rider's control. When unloading items will be placed on the curb.
- No open food or beverages allowed.
- Keep cell phone use to a minimum.
- Keep cologne, perfumes, body odor etc. to a minimum.
- Shirt, shoes, and appropriate clothing are required.
- No swearing, rude language, raised voice, and/or inappropriate behavior.
- Parents/guardians are responsible to secure children into infant car seats if under 1 year old and if over 1 year old properly seat belted.
- No weapons allowed.
- Remain seated and buckled while the bus is moving.
- Drivers are not allowed to accept tips or gratuity.
- One ride will be provided per rider to and from a liquor establishment to purchase alcohol. No other rides can be scheduled for that day to any location.
- For the safety of all riders, if a rider appears intoxicated, or smells of alcohol he/she may be refused the ride.

Any riders not following the above rules may be suspended from T.H.E. Bus for one week. If issues continue, there may be a two-week suspension and possible loss of riding privileges.

MISSING T.H.E. BUS AND NO-SHOW POLICY

- Please call ½ hour before your scheduled pick-up time to cancel your ride.
- The bus is considered on time 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after scheduled pick-up time.
- If we go to your requested location and you don't show for your scheduled ride it is considered a NO SHOW.
- If you receive a no show, you will be required to pay for the no show prior to receiving another ride.
- No show fare will be $1.00 for in-city no shows and out of town rates for out of town no shows.
- Remember: We have no control of traffic, trains, weather conditions or other riders ahead of you.