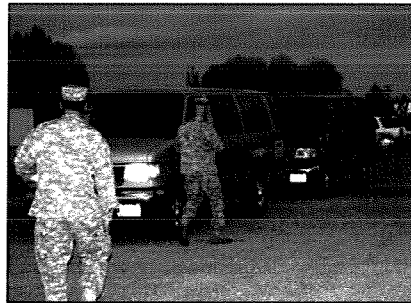
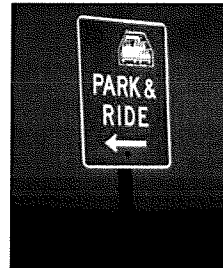


Mass Transportation Fringe Benefit

You may be eligible for qualified transportation (Commuting) benefits through your employers Mass Transportation Fringe Benefit Program. This is a Department of Defense wide program for federal workers "which is aimed at reducing federal employees' contribution to traffic congestion and air pollution as well as expanding their commuting alternatives."

To determine if you are eligible for this program, please contact your employer's Employee Transportation Coordinator in Human Resources at 422-4223



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Gowen Field Vanpool Participant Information



**ACHD Commuteride
Carpool and Vanpool
Services**

345-POOL (7665)

www.Commuteride.com

History

The Ada County Highway District's Commuteride Division works to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality by promoting alternatives to driving alone. In 2009 Commuteride took 79,476 vehicle trips off the road and saved the Treasure Valley 13,360,856 miles.

The oldest multi-employer vanpool program in the country, Commuteride Vanpools have traveled the valley for more than 30 years helping commuters go to and from work. Commuteride vans have been serving Mountain Home Air Force Base and Gowen Field since March 1996.

What is a Commuteride Vanpool?

A none for profit organization, ACHD Commuteride provides passenger vans for groups of 11-15 commuters with similar commute trips/work schedules. The riders share the cost for vehicle operation by paying a monthly fare. Commuteride oversees the administration, maintenance, insurance and operations of the vanpool fleet.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS...

Van drivers are actually members of their Vanpool. Individuals who wish to drive or serve as a back-up driver need to go through an application and approval process. Please contact Commuteride if your interested in becoming a driver.



Incentives

If you have questions regarding these incentives, please call ACHD Commuteride at 345-7665.

◆ Transportation (Commuting) Benefits

Employer provided mass transportation fare subsidy is offered to eligible Federal and active military employees. This benefit program is available at the Mountain Home Air Force Base.



• It is the responsibility of each rider to turn in all necessary paperwork to their employer and/or division.

Current maximum monthly benefit is \$230.00 per month per rider.

◆ First Month Free

ACHD Commuteride Vanpools offer new riders a free month trial ride. A rider is considered "new" if they have not ridden on any Commuteride Vanpools in over two years.

◆ Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Carpoolers, Vanpoolers, Bus riders, Walkers and Bicyclists are all eligible for a taxi ride home reimbursement. The participant must be registered with the Commuteride Office prior to the taxi ride. Rides are available for emergencies or unscheduled overtime situations. Eligible reimbursement participants must have arrived at work using one of the modes listed above. There is a maximum of six taxi rides or \$300 in fares annually per participant.

◆ Guaranteed Ride Home Program +

Exclusively for Vanpool riders this program covers illness and emergencies during work hours. Boise City Taxi will bill us directly for the fare. You can receive up to six taxi rides or \$300 in fares a year in addition to the Guaranteed Ride Home Program.

◆ Rebates for Vanpoolers

ACHD Commuteride offers a \$10 per month rebate for riders who continue their vanpool ridership from month to month. Rider rebates are paid out quarterly to eligible participants.

Getting Started

Please, follow these simple steps:

1. Let us know your commute location and time.
2. Call 345-7665, and Commuteride will refer you to the vanpool that works best for your particular commute. If the current Vanpools do not work for your commute, go to www.rideshareonline.com this will help you find a carpool partner.
3. Once referred to a Vanpool, call the driver and discover all the particulars;
 - where the van picks up in the AM.
 - where the driver will drop you off.
4. **Start Riding!** If you are new to Commuteride, **your first month is free.** (*Free month consists of 21 consecutive work days*)
5. Commuteride monthly fares are always due the first working day of the month.
6. If eligible for Transportation Benefits **please turn in all paperwork to your employer during the free month.**
7. It is the participants responsibility to hand in the Transportation benefit (commuter Check) and out-of-pocket expense, on time each month. Ensuring the monthly fare is paid to Commuteride each month.

