

RIDE IN KANE RIDERS GUIDE FOR ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP

1. **Frequency of Rides**

Two (2) round trip rides per week for:

- A. Medical, Dental, Therapy or Chiropractic Appointments
- B. Job
- C. Elderday Center
- D. School

2. **Register for Transportation Service**

In order to participate in the Ride in Kane transportation program, you must be a registered rider. To find out how to become a registered rider, and you are a resident of **Unincorporated St Charles Township**, you may contact the township at **630-584-9342** to register.

3. **Schedule a Ride – Call 866-727-6842**

After you become a registered rider, you can schedule a ride. In order to schedule a ride, the following information must be obtained.

- 1. Complete and exact address and phone number of your origin and destination.
- 2. **Appointment times** (*i.e. doctor, dentist, etc.*) or **employment hours** – allow a minimum 15 minute buffer between arrival time and appointment time.
- 3. Physical description of pick-up area including entrance, driveways, signs, and building names, numbers, letters etc.
- 4. Major intersections or cross-streets closest to pick-up location if known.
- 5. If applicable, companion mobility aids.

Have the booking agent confirm the following information.

- 1. Pick-up time
- 2. Appointment time
- 3. Pick-up location – **exact address**
- 4. Drop off location – **exact address**
- 5. Special instructions for the driver
- 6. Return trip information
- 7. Cost of trip (payment is cash only and exact change is required)

4. **Negotiating a pick up time.**

There are instances where a pickup time cannot be booked as requested. The booking agent will then negotiate a pickup time that can be up to 1 hour before and up to 1

hour after the requested time. If the rider does not accept the negotiated pickup time, the trip is considered “denied by the rider”.

5. **Reservations & Travel Times**

Reservation hours are between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. Trips can be reserved up to seven days in advance. **Same day reservations are not guaranteed and require at least four hours advance notice. We encourage scheduling rides at least one-day in advance.** When requesting destination time of arrival (i.e., appointments), allow booking agent to recommend a pick-up time. The busiest travel times are between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Book rides that fall between those times well in advance to ensure availability whenever possible. Plan for longer ride times during these hours.

6. **Appointments and Return Trips**

It is very important to let the booking agent know if you have an appointment time. Allow 15 minutes prior to appointment times. For example, if your work day starts at 8:30 a.m., tell the booking agent your appointment time is 8:15 a.m. For return trips, allow at least 15 minutes after the completion of your appointment. For example, if your work day ends at 6:00 p.m., request a 6:15 or later pickup.

7. **Travel Assistant & Companions**

Ride pick-up is *from origin to destination*. Drivers do not provide assistance in and out of buildings but will make every effort to assist a rider in and out of the vehicle. **When a rider’s needs are beyond the responsibility of the driver, a travel assistant is required.** One travel assistant or companion (i.e., spouse, family member, friend, etc.) may ride at no charge. The mobility needs of the extra rider (assistant or companion) needs to be conveyed to the call center when scheduling the ride to assure adequate space is available.

8. **Group Trips**

Group trips are when 3 or more riders are departing from and returning to the same location. Group riders receive a discounted fare. We strongly encourage scheduling group trips whenever possible. Please contact your sponsor for more information. Prepaid fares are not accepted.

9. **Ride Fares**

Your one-way fare is \$4.00 for the first 10 miles and \$1.50 for every mile thereafter. Your trip cost will be confirmed by the booking agent upon scheduling your ride. Be sure to have the exact fare in cash. Prepaid fares are not accepted.

10. Transportation Hours

Transportation services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year including holidays.

11. Pick-up

The driver has a 15 minute pick-up window. For example, if your scheduled time is 8:30 a.m., the driver has until 8:45 a.m. to pick you up. At 8:46 a.m., the driver is considered "late". **At that point, check the trip status by contacting 866-727-6842.**

The driver is required to wait 5 minutes past the scheduled pick-up time. If you do not show within 5 minutes, the trip is considered a "no show" and **you may be required to pay a \$10.00 fine. A "NO SHOW" MAY RESULT IN ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP SUSPENDING SPONSORSHIP OF RIDES.**

Frequently, more than one rider is scheduled for a pick-up at the same location. Before boarding the vehicle, confirm with the driver for the passenger name.

12. Late Pick-ups

If your ride is more than 15 minutes late, call the call center at 866-727-6842 to check on your ride.

If you experience excessive tardiness from your transportation provider, please contact Pace Quality Assurance representatives at 847-364-7223.

13. Cancel a Ride

If you need to cancel a ride, call 866-727-6842. If you need to cancel a ride, **call as soon as possible**. When cancelling a trip, remember to cancel the return trip as well. **A ride cancelled with less than a 2 hour notice is considered a "late cancel" and the rider may be required to pay a \$10.00 fine. RIDES THAT ARE NOT CANCELLED MAY RESULT IN ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP SUSPENDING SPONSORSHIP OF RIDES.**

14. Changing Pick-up/Drop-off Time or Location

If you would like to change the pick-up or drop-off location or time of your scheduled trip, you must do so 4 hours prior to your pick-up time by contacting the call center at 866-727-6842.

15. Rider Etiquette

Ride in Kane is a public transportation service. A rider may be riding with other individuals at any given time if origin and/or destination locations are within reasonable distances. This means stops may be scheduled during transit to the Rider's destination. Riders are expected to maintain appropriate behavior during

transit. If at any time the driver feels a rider is unsafe to transport, they may stop and call 911. The providers of the transportation and the sponsors reserve the right to revoke registration to the Ride in Kane program at any time.

16. Comments, Complaints, Compliments

Please contact Pace Quality Assurance representatives at 847-364-7223 to submit comments, complaints and/or compliments regarding Ride in Kane. Be prepared to describe the nature of the incident along with the date and approximate time, with as much detail as possible. Contact us immediately following the incident to get the most accurate report and timely response.

Riders may request a copy of the Complaint, Grievance and Appeal Procedures from their respective sponsors. This procedure lists the steps to take to further pursue a complaint should the riders not be satisfied with how an issue has been handled.

Safety, courtesy and on-time performance are expected of all our transportation providers.

Be aware that each sponsor may have additional riding policies that extend beyond the standard Ride in Kane policies. For more information, contact your sponsor, St. Charles Township 630 584-9342.

17. Emergencies

In case of emergency, the driver stops the vehicle and dials 911. The driver does not provide medical assistance.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- To locate sponsors in your area, call 888-480-8549.
- To schedule a ride, call 866-727-6842.
- To cancel a ride, call Ride in Kane at 866-727-6842.
- To check the status of a ride, call Ride in Kane at 866-727-6842.
- To file a comment, complaint or compliment, call Pace Quality Assurance at 847-364-7223.