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MCTS IS YOUR RIDE TO SUMMERFEST

Milwaukee, WI - - - It is time to take the Milwaukee County Transit System or the Ozaukee County Express to Summerfest. The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) offers several choices for those wanting an easy and convenient route to Summerfest, Thursday, June 26th to Sunday, July 6th. Riders can drive or take a bus to the downtown area and take a Shuttle to the Summerfest North Gate. Those farther out can park at one of 11 park-ride lots and take a Freeway Flyer to the Summerfest Mid-Gate while those traveling from north of Milwaukee can take the Ozaukee County Express.

Downtown Shuttle Service

The Shuttle operates along Wisconsin Avenue from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. every day during Summerfest and provides service to the North Gate. Stops will be made every 5 to 10 minutes at bus stops with the Summerfest smile logo beginning at Wells St. and 8th St., then traveling along Wisconsin Ave., between James Lovell St. and N. Jackson St. inbound to Summerfest. Leaving Summerfest, stops will be made along Wisconsin Ave. between Cass St. and 10th St.

Those parking away from Summerfest, will have easy access to the freeway with less traffic when they leave downtown. Individuals going north, south or west, can enter I-43 from 6th and McKinley.

Round trip adult fare is \$3.00 while children, seniors and disabled persons with ID pay \$1.50 round trip. Pay when boarding to Summerfest. Riders can still use a valid transfer or weekly pass as fare. Also, more than 10 regular MCTS routes travel to the downtown area from which riders can connect to a Shuttle.

Freeway Flyer

Freeway Flyers operate from 11 park-ride lots to Summerfest's Main Gate. Flyers provide service on weekdays, every half hour on the hour and on the half hour from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and every 15 minutes from 5:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, service is every 15-20 minutes. The following is a list of park-ride lots from which the Flyers operate:

Timmerman - (Route 39) Timmerman Field at Appleton and N. 94th St.

Green Bay Rd. - (Route 49) Green Bay Rd., just north of Brown Deer Rd.

Brown Deer East - (Route 49) Brown Deer Rd., west of I-43

Holt - (Route 47) Holt Ave. at I-94.

College - (Route 40) College Ave. at I-94.

Loomis - (Route 47) Loomis Rd. at 894.

Southridge - (Route 46) Edgerton & S. 72nd St., Southridge parking lot

Whitnall/Hales Corners - (Route 43) Hwy. 100 at I-43.

State Fair Park - (Route 44) State Fair Park on S. 76th Street & W. Kearney St.

Watertown Plank - (Route 45) Watertown Plank Rd. at US Hwy. 45

Ryan Road - (Route 41) Ryan Road & I-94

Round trip adult fare is \$6.00 while children, seniors and disabled persons with ID pay \$3.00 round trip. Also, on both the Shuttle and Freeway Flyer, U-PASS and Commuter Value Pass are accepted as full fare.

Ozaukee County Express

Route 143 (Ozaukee County Express) will operate from the Wal-Mart (Hwy 33/Green Bay Ave.) in Saukville and Target/Home Depot (Hwy 60) in Grafton along I-43 for Summerfest. Buses will run every half hour from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. each day of the festival starting at the Saukville Wal-Mart. On weekdays, between 5:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., service is increased to every 15 minutes.

The bus will depart 13 minutes later from Target/Home Depot in Grafton. The Ozaukee County Express will have increased Summerfest service. Fare is \$7.00 round-trip for adults and \$3.50 round-trip for children (6-11), seniors (65 and older) and disabled persons with ID.

For additional route, schedule or fare information, call the MCTS BusLine at 414-344-6711. Automated recorded information is available 24 hours a day while information agents are available weekdays from 6 am to 7 pm and weekends from 8 am until 4:30 pm. Or visit RideMCTS.com.

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