

BUS BARN TOUR

Hi! You've won a trip to drive and conduct a Bus Barn Tour for a group of students. The following is a guideline of things to cover, discuss and maybe demonstrate. Always remember the safety of the students and sponsors is of primary concern during any field trip.

The students are studying SYSTEMS, which are described as "a group of parts that work together to do a job". Please keep this in mind and refer to it frequently as you guide the tour.

1. SCHOOL BUS TOUR (approximately 10 minutes)

Purpose: To show students how different parts of a bus make up a system.

Exterior: In the bus lane at the school, conduct a "pre-trip inspection" of the bus, identifying and discussing the parts that make up the bus system: service door; windows; fuel cap; tires; lights; tailpipe; license plate; mirrors; etc.

Interior: Load the students on the bus and identify and discuss the parts that make up this part of the bus system: seats; seat belts; fire extinguisher; mirrors; first aid kit; body fluids kit; radio; camera; emergency door(s); control panel; lights; etc. Briefly discuss before departure proper safety rules and how they're important.

2. BUS BARN TOUR (approximately 10 minutes)

Purpose: To show students how different parts of the Transportation Department make up a system.

Interior: Take the students into the Transportation Depot. Directionally, this might work well. Bring them in by the timeclocks, turn left and follow the halls around to Dispatch, turn left and go into the Break Room and then proceed down the long hall past the mailboxes and out the door you initially entered though. Point out and discuss: timeclocks; different personnel and their function (introduce them, we're all proud of the work we do); Dispatch Window; Break Room; Mailboxes.

Exterior: Point out Motor Pool from the bus as you enter the parking lot. Identify and discuss: fuel islands; fuel trucks; bus wash; parking areas; radio antenna. Request Dispatch move a Special Needs bus with wheelchair tiedowns to a pre-arranged spot for your tour before the group arrives at the Transportation Depot.

3. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (approximately 20 minutes)

This activity can be incorporated during the actual tour if desired or more appropriate. Discuss this with the Sponsor and decide how you will interact with them during the tour so they can be confident the trip's objectives will be met. Time estimates are flexible so you can be flexible.

Thanks and Enjoy "showing off" what we do for a living!