Benzie Bus offers special activities for Try Transit Week

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Benzie Bus offers free rides and special activities during Try Transit Week, June 3-7. Photo credit: Jacqueline Southby

Public transportation allows for access to food, healthcare, educational opportunities and employment.

Try Transit Week, which runs June 3-7, provides an opportunity for those who have never used Benzie Bus to do just that.

"Navigating public transportation may present challenges, particularly for individuals not accustomed to using this mode of transportation. Try Transit Week provides a valuable opportunity to discover the convenience and reliability of utilizing Benzie Bus," said Sophia Hogarth, mobility coordinator. "Providing education to our community on the simplicity of booking and utilizing our

services is our top priority, as we strive to ensure people know public transit is for everyone."

During Try Transit Week, Benzie Bus is hosting the following activities:

- June 3 Support Benzie Area Christian Neighbors by bringing a non-perishable food item on the bus and ride free.
- June 4 Trolly tour and donuts at Benzonia Family Fare from 9 a.m. to noon with an appearance from the Z93 radio station.
- June 5 All passengers ride free, all day long, on Benzie Bus in Benzie County and BATA in Traverse City.
- June 6 All first-time passengers will be entered into a drawing to win a 31-day Go Pass.
- June 7 Passenger Appreciation Day.

"Try Transit Week is a great time for people to experience the benefits of taking public transportation and also understand how this investment benefits the community. We challenge you to grab your co-workers, friends or family members, and take the bus to grab a bite to eat or to a social event during Try Transit Week," said executive director Jessica Carland.

Buses run Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the Try Transit Week events, visit benziebus.com or facebook.com/benziebus, or speak with a dispatcher at 231-325-3000.

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