

Rocky Mountain High 2008  
**RMH Bussing Policy**

*The Synod of the Heartland will be offering charter buses, on an optional basis, to transport youth groups to and from Rocky Mountain High 2008 for most of the churches in the Synod of the Heartland. If you are interested in using buses offered through the Synod, please read through the following information, policies and procedures.*

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Bussing costs vary depending on the location of departure; the following costs per person have been determined according to location. Simply determine what area you would be departing from and then you'll know the bussing cost per person for you and each person in your youth group.

- **\$110/person - NW Iowa, Central Iowa, SE South Dakota, and Minnesota**
- **\$130/person - North Dakota**
- **Areas not listed should call Bob Cleveringa at the Synod office, 712-737-4959.**

*Due to high costs, we may be unable to provide buses for Texas, Missouri, and Oklahoma; it is quite possible that groups from those states can find less expensive transportation than what we can provide.*

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Bussing Policies and Procedures

- Due to varying distances and locations, different areas/pick-up points will have different charges. Once all bus reservations have been collected, youth groups will be notified of the exact time and location of their pick-up.
- Youth groups are required to pay the full bussing amount when registrations are sent in, in order to reserve seating. All bussing payments are non-refundable.
- Buses must be filled to near capacity in order to be most cost-effective. We will try to keep youth groups together on the same bus, but some groups may have to be split in order to fill the buses to capacity.
  - A) In an attempt to keep bussing costs down and group unity as a value, there will only be **one** pick-up point per bus, requiring some travel for groups to a pick-up location.
  - B) If two or more youth groups ride the same bus, the youth group from the town of the pick-up location is the group that will be split. This decision was made based on the fact that the group(s) that travel have a disadvantage over the group that is being picked up in their hometown.
  - C) We will keep the groups that are split to a minimum, and we will try to avoid it altogether if at all possible, but special situations may require some flexibility and understanding as bussing for RMH is a huge organizational project.
- In the case of higher fuel costs, the RMH leadership reserves the right to pass along extra fuel costs to churches using the Synod buses.
- Buses contracted by the Synod will also be used to transport participants throughout the RMH event to various recreation activities; this cost is not passed onto the youth groups, but is added to the cost of each individual recreation option.