

Since 2003. Estimated \$975 per Student for 2016-2017 Academic Year (includes 9 round trips)

(Final cost will depend on the actual number of participants. For 2015-2016 actual cost is \$811.)

Depart from TAMS:

McConnell Hall @ 3:00 PM each closed weekend. (3:30 PM on Thanksgiving holiday weekend)
Stop in Madisonville, food or drink break, each way.

Arrive in Houston at: Fridays

West Oaks Mall at 9:00 PM / Meyerland Plaza at 9:30 PM

Return for TAMS at: Sundays

Meyerland Plaza at 1:00 PM, West Oaks Mall at 1:30 PM

Please complete and return attached forms to Parent Coordinator

Jean Cheng 469-441-9749 <u>jcheng8724@gmail.com</u>

Hi, TAMS Parents and Students,

Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 is a nonprofit, volunteer entity managed by TAMS parents serving TAMS students living in Greater Houston Area by providing a bus-pool between TAMS Dorm on UNT campus and Houston on close weekends. TAMS students living in other areas are welcome to participate in the bus-pool as well. The bus-pool is restricted to current TAMS students ONLY. More information on the bus schedule and stops is in the attached flier.

In order to have a bus-pool, we need enough student participants and at least 4 additional parent volunteers. One parent will serve at each of the two bus stops in Houston and the others will be the back-up. Jean Cheng will be the coordinator for the school year 2016~2017. Please fill the sign-up sheet at the bottom of this page and return the contents to me by email asap so I can determine if there is enough interest this year.

The bus-pool has been running since 2003. The cost varies depending on the number of participants and bus contract price. We plan to continue to contract to Cowtown Charters as they have provided satisfactory service with an exemplary safety record. Based on the price negotiated and an estimated headcount, the estimate cost this year will be approximately \$975 per student for 9 round trips. I'll collect \$975 for each student as the first check and refund the difference if it was overestimated or request another check if underestimated based on the final headcount and expense.

Every passenger's parent, after confirming participation, is required to complete the Indemnity Form and Bus Rules & Regulations Form prior to any travel. They should be completed and returned to me to the address below, along with your check made <u>payable to "2016 TAMS Houston Bus-Jean Cheng" for the amount of \$975 by July 31, 2016</u>. If there are any changes to the above, it will be communicated to you by email and phone call.

Welcome Aboard!

Jean Cheng 2016 Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative

All correspondences should be sent to:

Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative c/o Jean Cheng 23434 Whispering Wind. Katy, TX 77494 jcheng8724@gmail.com

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Please fill the following		
Student Name:		
Parent Name(s):		
Parent Cell Number(s):		
Email Address:		
Check your bus stop that `Madisonville Buc-ee's store (West Oaks Mall ()
Circle "YES" if you would	like to be a parent volunteer	YES YES
Parent Signature:		, Date
Student Signature:		Date

Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 Rules & Regulations

- 1. I understand that the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 bus-pool is a nonprofit entity. It is a co-op managed by a group of TAMS parents serving TAMS students living in Greater Houston Area.
- 2. I understand that if there are not enough committed members to contract the bus the co-op will be dissolved.
- 3. Payment for the 9 roundtrips will be paid to the organizer(s) by check, money order or cashier check by **7/31/2016**. No cash can be accepted. I understand that there will be a \$30 service charge for each returned check to cover the cost of bank charges.
- 4. I understand that we are committing to and paying for all of the 2016 / 2017 proposed bus trips and there can be no adjustments or refunds of any money or transfers in the event my child cannot travel for any reason on any or all of the trip(s).
- 5. I understand that it is my responsibility to be at the bus pick-up and drop-off locations before the bus arrival and departure times. The bus leaves on time.
- 6. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 organizer(s) of our correct email addresses, emergency contact phone number and mailing address and to check our emails regularly to get updated information regarding the bus-pool operation.
- 7. I understand that the bus will leave Denton no later than 3:00 pm for normal closed weekends and 3:30 pm for Thanksgiving holidays weekends. It is my responsibility to make sure that my child's class schedule fits the bus schedule.
- 8. I agree to pay the contracted bus charter company for any damage done by my child, if any.
- 9. I agree to cooperate with the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 organizer(s) to achieve a successful completion of every trip.
- 10. I am signing this form to become a **committed member** of the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 Bus Pool and agree to follow all the rules and regulations outlined above and all other rules and regulations as may be amended from time to time by the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 organizer(s).

This form must be completed and returned to:

Jean Cheng

23434 Whispering Wind. Katy, TX 77494			
Student's Name:			, Class of
Parent's Signature:		Date:	
Parent's Name Printed:			
Street Address:			
City:	, TX Zip		
Home Phone No			nergency contact number

Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016

Please complete, sign and return to:

Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 c/o Jean Cheng 23434 Whispering Wind. Katy, TX 77494

INDEMNITY: Your acceptance of the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 Organizers' offer to organize the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 bus trips for the 2016 / 2017 school year, collect monies for fare and enter into bus contracts on you and your child's behalf in no way makes the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 Organizers liable for any damages you may incur as a result and you hereby agree to forever hold harmless and indemnify the Houston TAMS Bus Cooperative 2016 Organizers and their families from any and all liability relating to these bus trips.

Student's Name:		, Class of
Parent's Signature:		Date:
Parent's Name Printed:		_
Street Address:		
City:	, TX Zip	
Home Phone No	Cell No	