# Let's Commute Together

- Split costs to save money
- Share the experience
- Enjoy your time on the road

## **Get Started**

If you are interested in joining, let Pace know by creating an account or logging in at <u>PaceRideShare.com/rp2/SignUp</u>. When online, for your start address, enter whichever rideshare stop listed below that you can get to. If you're joining a Pace Vanpool, select "Pools" in the Commute Search. If you plan to join a carpool, select "Commuters" before selecting "Search". Then, request to join the group or reach out for more information.



**PaceRideShare.com** is a free ridesharing service for Northeastern Illinois operated by Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority. Its goal is to improve transportation options for individuals who commute in the region while reducing traffic congestion and pollution.





# WITH PACE RIDESHARE, EVERYONE WINS

Operating for over 30 years, Pace Vanpool is a public transportation program designed to assist workday commuters traveling to and from Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties. Pace Vanpool participants with the same routing and travel times commute together to and from worksites, park-n-rides or transportation stops. The longer the commute, the more benefits participants experience. When Pace Vanpooling becomes a routine, commuters enjoy unexpected benefits—less stress, a pleasant ease into the workday, better use of time, friendships and financial savings—along with the societal benefits of reduced traffic and pollution.

PACE VANPOOLING	
VEHICLES	Pace provides a mini or conversion van that is smoke-free and must be parked off the street.
<b>GROUP SIZE</b>	Minivans seat up to 7 participants while conversion vans are available for larger groups. For best operation, Pace recommends groups consist of one primary driver, one backup driver and 2-3 riders. Having 2 or more back-up drivers is encouraged.
	A carpool might be a good first step towards forming a Pace Vanpool if your group is small. With 4 or more people in your group, you can save money and stress by vanpooling with coworkers or neighbors. To find more commuters, register on PaceRideShare.com.
DRIVERS	Primary driver volunteers, participate at no cost and get personal use of the van for 300 miles per month and may accrue up to 500 miles. Back-up drivers earn a monthly discount of \$25 or \$15 off depending on the level of involvement. All drivers are required to complete a Pace Vanpool Defensive Driving training course, pass a Pace-approved drug & alcohol test and meet other requirements.
RIDERS' COST	Monthly fares are adjusted for the number of workdays and passenger participation. For full-time riders, the average monthly fare (riding 5 days per week round trip) is about \$124. For part-time riders, the average monthly fare (for 3 days or less) is about \$62 or 50% off. If your employer participates in the transit benefit program, you can enjoy a reduction in the fare when paying with pre-tax dollars or an employer subsidy.
DAYS OF OPERATION	A Vanpool may make a daily round trip for a full work week or have flexibility to accommodate hybrid or telework schedules. Arrangements are custom to the group.
INSURANCE	Pace provides automobile liability coverage for authorized drivers.
FUEL, MAINTENANCE, TOLLS, AND WASHES	Pace provides an I-Pass transponder, fuel credit card, maintenance and reimburses for van washes.
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE	Roadside assistance is available through a Pace designated vendor.
ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION	Through the Guaranteed Ride Home program, all Pace Vanpool participants are eligible for reimbursement of up to \$125/year for alternative transportation taken due to a personal emergency. This does not apply to overtime.

#### **DRIVER REQUIREMENTS**

PaceBus.com/vanpool-driver-requirements



### **RIDESHARE GROUP FORMATION TIPS**

PaceRideshare.com/rp2/home/TipsFAQ





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