

# 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 [PaceCommuterRideshare.com](https://PaceCommuterRideshare.com). 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.

## ABOUT ME

### I am: (check one)

- A Pace Vanpool Driver
- A Carpool Driver
- Looking to form a new group

### Group Number: (if known)

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### Looking for a: (check all the apply)

- Riders
- Pace Vanpool rider who could use a backup driver  
 for [insert details, dates, etc.]
- Pace Vanpool Primary Driver
- Carpool Driver

### Our group:

What's the overall nature of the group? How many people are in the group? How long have you been doing this? Are you or your employer offering any perks to join such as priority parking, a transit benefit/subsidy or a gift card offer?

## COMMUTE DETAILS

### We rideshare on:

Weekdays/M-W-F/Any day

### We commute from:

[Origin city to destination city]

### Our commute involves:

Do you take turns driving? How do you get to a pickup stop? Do you travel an alternate route? What does it cost? Is parking free? Which parking garage is used? What train/bus are you connected to?

Stop Locations	Into Work	From Work	Notes
Stop 1	00:00 AM	00:00 PM	[Insert any notes] [...]
Stop 2	00:00 AM	00:00 PM	[Insert any notes] [...]
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### SIGN UP TODAY at

[PaceCommuterRideshare.com](https://PaceCommuterRideshare.com)

and learn about other rideshare groups that might match your commute.

### TEST RIDES

For Pace Vanpools, you can set up **3 FREE RIDES** before joining.

[PaceCommuterRideshare.com](https://PaceCommuterRideshare.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 COMMUTER 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.

**GROUP SIZE** Minivans hold 6-7 participants while conversion vans hold 8 or more. At minimum, each group consists of one primary driver, one backup driver and 3 riders. For best operation, Pace strongly recommends having 2 or more back-up drivers.

A carpool might be a good first step towards forming a Pace Vanpool if your group is small. Private carpooling isn't an official Pace service, but one can still save money and stress by ridesharing with coworkers or neighbors. Once your group reaches a size of 6, contact Pace to start reaping the benefits of the Vanpool program.

**DRIVERS** Primary drivers volunteer, 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 receive a \$10 monthly fare credit. 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** An average monthly fare (riding 5 days per week round trip) is about \$124 per month. Riders can select participation for 3-5 days per week. Riders billed for 3 days per week pay approximately 70% of the full 5-day weekly fare, which can average about \$20-30 per week. 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](https://pacebus.com/vanpool-driver-requirements)



#### RIDESHARE GROUP FORMATION TIPS

[PaceCommuterRideshare.com](https://PaceCommuterRideshare.com)



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