

2025 Information & Guidelines for Participants and Volunteers

1. Organizations are welcome to bring up to a total of 12 clients and staff. We plan on a minimum of 8 riders. SLRE adds one captain and two mates.
2. A maximum of 3 wheelchairs may remain on the boat. SLRE Volunteers can assist with transfers. Any additional wheelchairs and any walkers will remain on shore during the trip. **Electric wheelchairs are not safe on the water or the dock and are not permitted.**
3. One-to-one facility staff is needed for any clients predicted to be unable to remain seated during the trip. All passengers will be given and are required to wear life jackets.
4. There are no restroom facilities on the boat. Restrooms are available in the Pier B facility within a short walking distance.
5. Here are some distances to help you determine your clients' needs for wheelchair or walker use:
 1. Vehicle drop off point to Pier B restroom: 175 ft. each way
 2. Vehicle drop off point to pontoon boat: 200 ft. each way
 3. On the way to the boat, there is a 34 ft. ramp with a 12.5% slope
 4. The last section of the walk is a floating dock that is safe, but can feel slightly unsteady
6. The Captain will be calling the organization contact the day before or the day of the trip to cover final details and questions. *The confirmation form each scheduled organization receives on the Monday one week prior to their trip is like a ticket to ride. This form is completed and returned before that Friday. It is immediately given to the Captain and this is how he/she is able to connect with you. We all count on these returned forms!*
7. **All organizations need to provide a working cell phone contact number for the day of the trip in the space provided on the confirmation form.**
8. Trips start and finish on time. You will be able to choose a 1 or 1 ½ hour trip when you complete the confirmation form one week prior to your trip.
9. Weather considerations:
 1. If winds are 15 mph or less, the trip will go ahead as scheduled.
 2. If winds are 20 mph or greater, the captain will cancel the trip with a phone call. If there is a storm in the immediate area, the captain will also cancel the trip with a phone call.
 3. If winds are between 15 and 20 mph, a decision will be made between the captain and facility coordinator. Although the Captains are prepared for this scenario, many passengers simply are not comfortable due to cool winds and rough water.
10. When you arrive at the Pier B boat ramp, your bus or van can pull up to the dock as close as possible to the boat. After unloading, parking is available in the Pier B parking lot. *Water and a small treat will be provided to all during the boat ride!*

Let's work together to have a comfortable and safe trip for all our passengers and thank you so much for pontooning with us!