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## **Ben Franklin Transit offers express shuttles to 2019 Benton-Franklin Fair & Rodeo, Aug. 20-24**

RICHLAND, WA. – Ben Franklin Transit (BFT) will be providing shuttle service to the Benton-Franklin Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 20-24 in Kennewick. It's easy, a great value, and passengers will be dropped off at a special bus-only Fair entrance.

### **WHERE TO CATCH SHUTTLES**

Riders can catch the shuttle bus from one of six convenient pick-up locations throughout the Tri-Cities for the duration of Fair week:

- **Kennewick:** Kamiakin High School and Lampson Stadium
- **Pasco:** The HAPO Center (formerly TRAC) and 22nd Avenue Transit Center
- **Richland:** Knight Street Transit Center and Tulip Lane Park & Ride.

### **SHUTTLE COST\***

#### **OPTION 1: FAIR/BUS COMBO TICKET**

\$14 Adult | \$7 Kids Age 6-12 | \$7 Senior 65+

Includes round-trip bus ride and Fair admission. Combo tickets are available for purchase at a variety of locations, including Albertson's, Safeway, Yoke's, Ranch & Home, Three Rivers Transit Center, the Fair Office, or online at [bentonfranklinfair.com/p/tickets](http://bentonfranklinfair.com/p/tickets).

#### **OPTION 2: BUS ONLY**

\$1.50 per person or \$4 for a family up to five people, each way. Freedom passes also accepted.

*\*Kids 5 and under are FREE!*

### **HOURS**

Fair hours are Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-11 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-midnight. Buses will depart from pickup locations for the fairgrounds hourly starting around 9 a.m. and will leave every half-hour starting around 4 p.m. The Lampson Stadium shuttle departs every 30 minutes until 4 p.m. then switches to every 15 minutes. The last buses will leave the Fair at midnight.

BFT will have one return shuttle every day from the Fair to West Richland, Benton City, and Prosser that will leave the Fairgrounds at 10:30 p.m. Riders in those areas can take their normal bus routes to Knight Street Transit Center to catch a shuttle to the Fair, and then be returned to their origination points on this once-daily return shuttle. Normal bus fares still apply when using routes to connect to event service.

**NEW DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE LOCATION**

This year, the Dial-A-Ride paratransit service will be using the special bus-only entrance at the back of the Fair for drop-offs and pick-ups. In previous years, Dial-A-Ride used the front entrance. This service will be available to and from the Fair from 9 a.m. to midnight. Regular eligibility, fare, and reservations requirements apply. Eligible riders can make reservations by calling 509-735-0160; reservations must be made at least one day in advance of the requested ride.

**SPONSORED PARKLET LOUNGE**

Back for a second year, Fair attendees can visit BFT's lounge at the Fair next to Old MacDonald's Barn near the Kids' Zone to charge devices, connect to free Wi-Fi, relax, and play games.

**MORE INFO ABOUT FAIR SHUTTLE SERVICE:** [www.bft.org/Fair](http://www.bft.org/Fair).

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