



Dear PPTA Members,

It is my pleasure to extend this invitation to you and your fellow workers to attend the PPTA 2015 Bus and Paratransit Rodeo to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 18 & 19 in Seven Springs, PA. This annual event continues the tradition of good competition and recognition for our many fine operators around the state. Our host for this year's event, which promises to be filled with fun and excitement, is PPTA's Operations Committee and CamTran.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Each organization can send a maximum of three (3) contestants to each competition – 3 paratransit and 3 bus operators. An agenda and answers to frequently asked questions are attached.

In order to be eligible, contestants must meet the following requirements:

- a) Must have been a full-time or part-time operator for the previous calendar year
- b) Should not have had a preventable accident within the previous calendar year
- c) Should have a good attendance record and otherwise be in good standing
- d) Agency/company must be a member in good standing with PPTA

**◆ A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) DRIVERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR EACH COMPETITION OR THE EVENT WILL NOT BE HELD ◆**

Prizes per Class:	First Place - \$500 Cash; Second Place - \$250 Cash; Third Place - \$125 Cash
Vehicles:	35' 2011 Low Floor Gillig Buses & 25' 2012 Champion - Ford Body on Chassis E450
Accommodations:	Seven Springs Mountain Resort, 777 Waterwheel Drive, Seven Springs, PA. Reservations call 1-800-452-2223. Mention <b>PPTA for group rate</b> of \$129 per room per night. Cut off for special rate is June 17, 2015.
Activity Bracelet:	Seven Springs Activity Bracelet available for purchase \$34 per person per day; Activities include: Alpine Slide   Alpine Tower   Bowling   Disc Golf   Euro Bungy   Hydrobikes   Miniature Golf   Paddle Boats   Rock Wall   Scenic Chairlift Rides: Summer Tubing   Swimming
Rodeo Site:	Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Driver Entry Fee:	Fee is \$135 per driver. Fee includes the following: One (1) Guest and all Rodeo meals. (Saturday Dinner, Sunday Rodeo, Sunday Continental Breakfast & the Rodeo Awards Luncheon)
Additional Guest Fee:	\$80 per Adult and \$40 per child 12 and under (includes Saturday Dinner, Sunday Rodeo, Sunday Continental Breakfast and Awards Luncheon)
Deadline:	Submit registration, payment & operator biography by <b>June 5</b> to PPTA via mail, fax (717) 234-7176 or <b>LGoodley@ppta.net</b>

*If you have questions or need more information, please contact PPTA at (717) 234-7211*

**Carl Pysher,**  
**Chair**  
**PPTA Operations Committee**



***PPTA BUS & PARATRANSIT ROADEO  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES  
JULY 18 & 19, 2015***

**SATURDAY, JULY 18**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Driver & Judges Registration
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Driver Written Testing (Paratransit)
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Driver & Judges Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Wheelchair Securement (Paratransit)
6:00 p.m.	Opening Dinner

**SUNDAY, JULY 19**

7:00 a.m.	Driver Check-In/Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Driver Walk-thru / Bus Judges Check-In
Afternoon	Award Presentation & Luncheon



### **FREQUENTLY ASKED ROADEO QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. Q. Do I have to be on time for the competition?  
A. Yes. Everyone is scheduled for a certain time and the schedule must be maintained. You must report to the starter no later than 15 minutes prior to your start time.
2. Q. Are you going to guide me through the course?  
A. Yes. Before the competition begins, judges will walk you through the course and explain each obstacle. You may ask questions at this time to assure your understanding.
3. Q. How are contestants' numbers and time sequence selected?  
A. By lottery drawing.
4. Q. Will I be driving the same type of bus/van that I drive in my system?  
A. You will be driving the vehicle provided for either 40' bus or cutaway.
5. Q. Can someone ride with me?  
A. No. Only judges are allowed to accompany the driver during competition.
6. Q. Is my manager allowed to walk behind my bus when I am competing?  
A. No. No one outside of Roadeo Officials and judges are allowed on the course while competition is in progress.
7. Q. Do I have to take the safety quiz?  
A. Paratransit participants take the safety quiz.
8. Q. Do I go through the defect bus?  
A. Yes, all participants go through the defect bus.
9. Q. Am I inspected on my personal appearance?  
A. Yes. All drivers are rated on personal appearance.
10. Q. Do I have to wear my badge or nameplate?  
A. Only if it's part of your uniform.
11. Q. Can I wear sneakers?  
A. Wear the same shoes you wear when you are operating in passenger service at your system.
12. Q. Can I take off my jacket when I compete?  
A. Yes. Make yourself comfortable
13. Q. Does time on the course count?  
A. Yes. The course time is 7 minutes. If you use more time, points are deducted for every second over seven minutes.
14. Q. Does smoothness of operation count?  
A. Yes. You are rated on your overall handling of the vehicle throughout the course.
15. Q. Does speed count?  
A. Your speed through the diminishing clearance obstacle must be a least 20 mph.

16. Q. Who is going to adjust my mirrors?  
A. The judge will set both outside mirrors to your specification before you start the course.
17. Q. Do I have to use the horn and turn signals?  
A. Yes. If you do not use your horn and/or turn signals you will lose points from the on-board safety judge.
18. Q. Am I allowed to go outside the line of perimeter cones?  
A. No. You must stay within the course lines. Each course marker or perimeter cone touched will cause penalty.
19. Q. If I touch the base of a cone, does it count against me?  
A. Yes. Hitting or even touching any portion of the cone counts as a hit.
20. Q. If I hit the same cone twice do I lose double points?  
A. No. Once you are charged with hitting a cone, you are not charged with it again.
21. Q. Do I lose points if I back up?  
A. Yes. In all segments of the course except for the first backup in the left and right reverses, you will lose points each time you reverse.
22. Q. If I complete an obstacle in the wrong order am I penalized?  
A. Yes. Points are deducted for each obstacle done in the wrong order. Any obstacle completely missed or not attempted also has its full value deducted.
23. Q. How many prizes are awarded?  
A. First, Second, & Third prizes are awarded in each category.
24. Q. Do you award dual prizes for a tie score?  
A. Yes. We do not hold a tie breaker challenge.
25. Q. Will there be transportation from the hotel to the Rodeo site?  
A. Yes. Buses will make several runs between the rodeo site and the hotel throughout the day. It is your responsibility to arrive at the rodeo site on time. Shuttle service will begin one hour prior to check in.
26. Q. Will there be refreshments/lunch?  
A. Yes. Continental breakfast & lunch are provided. Cold beverages will be available throughout the day.
27. Q. Can I bring my family?  
A. Yes. All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities and competition. Seven Springs Activity bracelets will be available for purchase \$34 per person per day with a special PPTA ticket.



**PPTA 2015 BUS & PARATRANSIT ROADEO REGISTRATION FORM**

Transit System/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size Driver: \_\_\_SM \_\_\_M \_\_\_L \_\_\_XL \_\_\_XXL \_\_\_XXXL

<i>Bus - 35' Low Floor 2011 Gillig</i>	<i>Paratransit - 25' 2012 Champion - Ford Body on Chassis E450</i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
<i>Guests</i>	<i>Guests</i>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Total # Rodeo Contestants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$135 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$80 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL CHILD GUESTS \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please select a method of easy payment:**

VISA   
  MASTERCARD   
  DISCOVER   
  AMEX

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**ENCLOSE PAYMENT, REGISTRATION AND CONTESTANT BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION**

PPTA  
 600 NORTH THIRD STREET, FOURTH FLOOR  
 HARRISBURG, PA 17101  
 (717) 234-7211 or (717) 234-7176 (Fax)

**REGISTRATION DUE BY JUNE 5, 2015**



**PPTA 2015 BUS ROADEO CONTESTANT PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN A BIOGRAPHICAL FORM FOR EACH REGISTERED ROADEO PARTICIPANT**

**Indicate Competition Class: 35' Gillig \_\_\_\_\_ OR Paratransit \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Home City: \_\_\_\_\_

Transit System: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of vehicle do you normally operate? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been an operator? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Roadeos participated in: \_\_\_\_\_

If married, list the name of your spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years you have been married: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children, if any:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Grandchildren, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards/Honors \_\_\_\_\_

**TELL US ABOUT YOU!!**

Please give a brief statement about yourself. Include how you feel about competing in the Roadeos, your most interesting driving experience and lastly your job in general—anything you care to share:

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