



December 30, 2013

Greetings, Spartan Fans and Friends!! Here is the latest and best information about the **Roses are Green Bus Trip** to the Rose Bowl Game on Wednesday, January 1, 2014. As a Ticketholder, you are assigned to one of the four buses making the trip, so please read this information carefully. Our website www.msuOCspartans.org has much more information, and the Game Day Hotline with Tailgate and Bus location information at the Rose Bowl is **949.385.2228**.

The Rose Bowl Parking is a vast area, and we don't know exactly where we will be parked and where the Tailgate area is until we get there and the staff directs us. When we sort that out, there will be a message on the Hotline 949.395.2228 with exact location information. We have banners and balloons flying to make it easier to spot in all the activity. We are scheduled to park in Parking Lot K but that may change depending on capacity and arrival time.

The demand for this Trip and everything Rose Bowl has been astounding. We have no extra Tickets for the Bus or Tailgate walkins. It's bound to be pretty crazy up there. Please understand that this is not a tour on Princess Cruises ☺, We just want to get OC Spartans to and back from the game safely and comfortably, get some food and drinks into you and have a full day of fun !! We have to take all of everything and there are bound to be some shortages, etc. So let's all work together, and please bring a Price is Right level of enthusiasm for our Spartans !!

1. You are on **Bus Number 1** and your Bus Captains are Ellen MacDonald and Brandon O'Leary. For Emergencies (only) call your **Bus Captain Ellen MacDonald 714.837.7129**.
2. Departure is from the Fairmont Hotel, 4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach just down the street from John Wayne Airport, website www.fairmont.com/newport-beach phone [949.476.2001](tel:949.476.2001)
3. We will begin assembling at 7:00am and **DEPART AT 8:00AM SHARP** on the Roses are Green Bus Trip from the beautiful Fairmont Hotel in Newport Beach. All participants should drive to the Fairmont Newport Beach front door and mention that they are a part of the MSU OC Alumni Club and exhibit some Green and White or their Rose Bowl Tickets. The Fairmont Team will direct them to the location to park as well as where the Buses will be staged nearby. Parking for the day is complimentary, courtesy of our Good Spartan and General Manager of the Fairmont, Karl Kruger. Cars must be gone by midnight or you will be charged regular parking rates. Rooms are available at the Fairmont, reservations 800.441.1414.

Just like air travel checkin, plan on getting there at least 30 minutes early. We are rolling at 8am, people who know me know that we will leave on time, period. If you miss the Bus, drive to the Rose Bowl in all that traffic and pay the \$40 parking, find us and we will get you into the Tailgate. Don't miss the Bus, get there 30 minutes ahead b/c we **DEPART AT 8:00AM SHARP !!**

4. When you arrive, there will be a central table to check in. Remember your bus number, it is very important as we are completely full and all guests have a bus assignment and there is no changing Buses for any reason. Buses these days are just like airlines, an exact number of people per bus, no squeezing. We are sorry if your friends are on another bus but it's only 55 minutes to the Rose Bowl. The Bus Captains have a roster for each Bus and it is as critical as when you travel on airlines for everything to be correct, so get on the Bus you are assigned to.

Just like a Restaurant, get your entire group together to get on the bus all at once. Just like the airplanes, once you board the bus you stay on the bus. There may be a few standbys, and **at 750am anyone not checked in will have their seat given to standbys.**

5. You can bring small coolers, your own beverages, food, whatever you like as long as it fits under the seat. No large items like bicycles or large chairs. We, MSU and the Bus guys are not responsible for anything left on the bus, we will lock it up while we are gone but you never know. Buses are not running while we are there, so there is no air-conditioning in them. There are bathrooms on the Bus. Bring sunscreen, comfortable shoes, etc. They are very strict about what you can bring into the Stadium. No cans, bottles etc and no booze inside, don't try it's not like the old days in MI. Lots of information about the Stadium, game and very important do's and don'ts at <http://rosebowlstadium.s3.amazonaws.com/doc/100th-Rose-Bowl-Game-Day-Guide.pdf>

6. On the way up we will provide coffee, doughnuts, mimosas, champagne, OJ, snax etc. When we arrive, we have a lot of setup to do as we must bring everything with us and organize a spot. You can't reserve a Tailgate spot at the Rose Bowl, only the Corporate bigwigs can do that months in advance, so we have people going up early to stake one out. **Tailgate Party will begin at 11:00** and run until 1:00. We encourage you to walk around the Rose Bowl grounds during setup time and let us work and get ready. Tailgate is a full lunch and open bar with Beer, wine, vodka and rum drinks, soda and water, etc. We have a few Veggie patties and salads for our vegan friends. We have two big grills so if you want to cook something you bring, you can.

7. We'll break down the setup at about 1:00pm and start moving toward the Game. People in the parking area have TV's and those who might not have Game Tickets can watch and wander about, but the buses will be locked tight for several hours. BTW, for the record, Roses are Green Trip tickets **do not** include tickets to the Rose Bowl Game.

8. Bus **departs one hour after the game ends** from the area we park in, and yes we will leave you there !! **You must get on the same bus you are assigned to !!** By game end it will be well past dark, so we have two blinking yellow construction lights that will (probably) be in the front of the bus, maybe on top or on the side, so **look for the blinking yellow lights**. On the way home we will have beer, snacks, leftovers, cookies, etc. Victory Party inside the Fairmont Hotel upon return !!

9. There are a lot of FAQ's on the event website and we add them as people come up with questions. I'm sorry but we cannot answer individual questions, and don't count on calling anyone in the Rose Bowl area including me, the cell reception is bound to be sketchy.

10. We still need a volunteer cook or two, and maybe a bartender to help out the ones we have already. If you want to help for your fellow OC Spartans, please email me bustour@msuOCspartans.org and I'll connect with you.

OK, here we go !! There are more FAQ's on the www.msuOCspartans.org website, and we encourage you to read the Rose Bowl Game Day Guide online, link is above. You might print this sheet and bring it with you. Please read and digest this information and let's all have a terrific time at ***Michigan State's Rose Bowl 2014 !!!***

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Bus Number One