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Fort Leonard Wood to begin vanpooling program for commuters

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Fort Leonard Wood is exploring the interest level of commuters to enjoy the environmental and financial savings of vanpooling.

A representative of the Army's Commuter Vanpooling Program will be on post Sept. 10-12, to explain the benefits to Department of Defense personnel and non-federal workers employed on Fort Leonard Wood.

The vanpooling program is part of the Department of the Army's Mass Transportation Benefit Program, which allows groups of five to 15 riders to share the regular ride to work. The program is aimed at reducing traffic congestion and air pollution, and expanding commuting alternatives through mass transportation.

The program provides a monthly tax-free benefit of up to \$245 for qualified Department of Defense personnel in their local commute from their residence to their permanent duty station or work place.

Non-federal workers may participate in the vanpool; however they are not eligible for the mass transportation benefit.

Tenant organization orientations are also being scheduled.

Those who are unable to attend the information sessions and would like to learn more should contact

Alice Lee-Cook at alice.leecook@vride.com.

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Scheduled vanpooling sessions at Fort Leonard Wood include:

Sept. 10

7:30 a.m., General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital Conference Room, Room 156

9:30 a.m., Building 470, Room 2224

12:30 p.m., Building 470, Room 2224

2 p.m., the Motor Pool, Drivers Training Classroom

Sept. 11

9 a.m., the Motor Pool, Driver's Training Classroom

1:30 p.m., GLWACH Conference Room, Room 156

Sept. 12

9 a.m., Building 912

1 p.m., Building 912

3 p.m., Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Commander's Briefing Room

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About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.

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