

Carpool Overview
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The Slack Carpool Channel is where carpool information is posted. All carpool riders and their parents should join this channel. Carpool driver and rider forms must be signed by RSS. This is not a one-day process.

Students may not officially drive for the team carpool.

When completing the carpool survey, make sure your seat count is correct.

Carpool meets at the ERG shed and cars can arrive as early as 3:05 and start leaving at 3:10pm. If you approach Robinson from the access road behind the school, you will be able to line up sooner.

Drop off at Sandy Run is in parking lot C, directly to the left as you pass through the gate.

Pick up in the evening - water practice should be finished around 6:30. Pick up is in Lot C. Just park there and wait for your rowers. Please note that there is limited cell service at Sandy Run so you may not be able to communicate with rowers from the parking lot. Try to announce your vehicle descriptions in the pod Slack channels in advance so the rowers know what to look for.

Assigning Pods:

Pods are assigned by the carpool coordinator at the beginning of the season and are based on each participating family's location.

Managing pods:

Each pod has its own Slack channel with a main channel for outliers (days someone can't drive/needs a ride/etc). Families in each pod will coordinate their availability and rides for the rowers. Should a parent not be able to drive. Please confirm what your vehicle looks like each time you are scheduled to drive so rowers know which vehicle to get into.

Participation expectation:

Ideally, each family participating in carpool would be responsible for 2-3 trips per week total.

Carpool is considered a school function. Appropriate behavior is expected of all participating. Rowers are expected to listen to and to respect the drivers.

Q: What happens when a driver pulls up for their carpool shift?

A: Rowers in your pod should already know who is picking them up and which vehicle. They will get in and go!

Q: I'm signed up to drive but an urgent situation has come up and I am unavailable. What do I do?

A: First, reach out to your pod to see if you can swap days. If that is not possible, post your need in the main Carpool Slack Channel. The coordinator will monitor that channel and make sure to fill the need.

Q: I have extra seats in my vehicle. Should I try to fill those seats?

A: Yes! Please post this in the main Slack Channel so we can manage any changes or emergency situations.

Q: I'm a rower who doesn't need carpool today. What do I do?

A: Post this in your pod Slack channel so the driver(s) for that day know they don't have to panic when you aren't at carpool.

Please post any additional carpool questions in Slack and we will answer them.