

TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS

Transportation issues are something that we are constantly having to battle, so it would be appreciated if each church would make ALL of their different modes of transportation available to us for WIRED.

If you are bringing a large bus with you that requires a driver with their CDL license, WIRED asks you to make sure that driver is available to us for the entire day. Drivers can take their buses back to their churches each day after drop-off, but they will need to be open to WIRED all day and be flexible and cooperative with us if we need their assistance to transport students during the day!

Every church-attending WIRED must provide transportation that has an adequate setting for the total number of participants within your group and be made available to us to be used throughout the week to transport participants to a variety of mission sites throughout the Wiregrass. Here are the basic requirements:

1. Churches with a participating group under ten can use two cars, trucks, or SUVs to WIRED. However, if your group is over ten people, we ask that you primarily bring 12-15 passenger vans or buses.
2. There may be a need for WIRED to request that some or all of your chaperones drive their vehicles to ministry sites. Therefore, please ask the adult chaperones participating with you to be comfortable driving their car if necessary.
3. We ask that you bring 12-15 passenger vans if possible. Almost every ministry team will have between 12-15 participants, making it extremely easy to transport them to and from sites. Additionally, it would be greatly appreciated to provide an additional 12-15 passenger vans with drivers for the week. For example, if you are only bringing 14 people to WIRED but have two vans sitting in the parking lot, please find a way to get both with drivers to have an optimal amount of transportation.
4. Suppose you are using multiple adults to fill one of your adult chaperone positions at WIRED 2025, and they are also one of your designated drivers for the week. In that case, WIRED Ministries requires that each adult fill that chaperone spot be the designated driver for the ministry team the entire week.
5. If you are bringing large passenger buses to WIRED, please ensure that you have an adult chaperone who can drive their vehicle to a site for every 15 passengers on your bus. We will have to drop participants off at specific locations without a bus or van, and we need these drivers to be at one of those locations in case of an emergency. Please provide the names, mode of transportation, and the number of available seats per vehicle on your Transportation List submitted by **May 7**.
6. WIRED Ministries requires each participating church to ensure that their transportation list doesn't change after submitting their Transportation List on **May 7**. Suppose there is an emergency or complications with a lease agreement. In that case, the church's responsibility is to replace any vehicle on their transportation list with the same type of vehicle that uses the same driver and has the same number of seats.
7. If you are a church that has a large passenger bus but will not be using it during WIRED because your group is too small or you are just using vans instead, please check to see if your church would allow another church to borrow your large passenger bus for the week of WIRED. We have found that getting the driver insured for that vehicle for the week is straightforward, and it works out for everyone involved. However, if your church should have a person who has their CDL and would like to help transport WIRED participants during the day, please ask them to volunteer for that week and get me their information.
8. If you are a church that uses another church bus, please make sure that you follow the rules outlined in #3 under Transportation Requirements.

Transportation Policy

Groups must provide adequate and appropriate transportation, drivers, and gasoline for students to get to ministry sites each day while attending WIRED.

To ensure adequate transportation, each group must provide enough seating to cover the number of participants the group is bringing. You will be transporting students from your church and other churches, so please make sure your insurance covers all passengers while using WIRED. The vehicles best suited for use at WIRED are mini-vans and SUVs that hold at least 6-8 people, 12-15 passenger vans, and mini-buses.

If 12-15 passenger vans are brought for use by churches, WIRED will use them to maximum capacity since Alabama State law allows us to do so. However, suppose your church's individual auto insurance plan does not allow your church to exceed 11 passengers (including driver). In that case, WIRED will honor your insurance carrier's regulations so that your policy would cover an accident. WIRED would appreciate it if you would notify us of any situations like this that would limit the number of passengers riding in your 12-15 passenger vans by **May 7th**.

Suppose your group is using multiple adults to fill one of your adult chaperone positions at WIRED 2023, and they are also going to be one of your designated drivers for the week. In that case, WIRED Ministries requires that the type of transportation doesn't change and that each adult filling that chaperone spot be the designated driver for the ministry team the entire week. This allows you to change out the chaperone as many times as necessary for you to fill that spot throughout the week but requires anyone to be the driver for that team.

WIRED will make the best possible use of large buses. While we welcome you to bring whatever source of transportation to camp that best suits the needs of your church, we must recognize that the use of large buses poses some significant logistical difficulty. If you bring a large bus to camp, we ask that you make it available for us each day for our ministry teams to go to and from their projects. Please keep in mind that the driver is required to stay on the ministry site in case of an emergency, so you may be required by WIRED to bring additional personal vehicles to camp that goes above and beyond the requirements outlined in this policy should your bus driver not be able to stay at the ministry site all day.

If you are bringing a large bus with you that requires a driver with their CDL license, WIRED asks you to make sure that driver is available to us for the entire day. Drivers can take their buses back to their churches after drop-off as long as your church has adult chaperones that are willing to provide additional personal transportation to cover the ministry site in an emergency. Still, they will need to be available to WIRED all day and be flexible and cooperative with us if we need their assistance to transport students during the day!

The Finalized Transportation List for your group must be submitted to WIRED Ministries by **May 7th**. This list will provide us with the driver's name, mode of transportation, and the total number of people, including the driver, it can hold. WIRED Ministries requires each participating church to ensure that their transportation list doesn't change after submitting their Finalized Transportation List on **May 7th**. Suppose there is an emergency or complications with a lease agreement. In that case, the church's responsibility is to replace any vehicle on their transportation list with the same type of vehicle that uses the same driver and has the same number of seats.

I have read and agree with the WIRED Transportation Policy.

Church Name: _____

Student Minister/Group Leader: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

