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SHARE THE RIDE AND WIN A PRIZE! OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION HOLDS PRIZE DRAWING, ENCOURAGES COMMUTERS TO "SHARE THE RIDE STATEWIDE"

Commuters in existing carpools or registering to join carpools in the Ozarks Transportation Organization (OTO) Rideshare Program through Oct. 26 will be eligible for prizes including lodging and camping in Missouri state parks, and \$50 gas cards, as the program urges commuters to "Share the Ride." The week of Oct. 22-26 will be "Share the Ride Statewide" week in Missouri, as OTO Rideshare and other rideshare groups in Kansas City, St. Louis and Mid-Missouri hold drawings, visit commuter lots and provide information about the benefits of carpools and vanpools.

The Ozarks Transportation Organization is the federally designated regional transportation planning organization that serves as a forum for cooperative transportation decision making by state and local governments, and regional transportation and planning agencies. In conjunction with the City of Springfield, the rideshare program has been matching carpoolers for nearly thirty years.

To register an existing carpool, volunteer to start a new carpool, or sign up to be matched with carpools in your area contact OTO at (417) 831-RIDE (7433) or log on to the web at www.ozarkstransportation.org/ridesharing. The OTO Rideshare Program serves the counties of Barry, Barton, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Ozark, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, and Wright.

For more information about "Share the Ride Statewide" week, including contest rules for the OTO Rideshare drawing and links to other rideshare groups and activities, visit the statewide Web page at www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/sharetheride.htm.

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