

Cougar Commuter *newsletter*

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The *SPRINTER* is One Year Old!

Come celebrate the *SPRINTER*'s Anniversary on Monday, March 9, 2009

Parking and Commuter Services will have a celebration table with giveaways at the CSUSM *SPRINTER* Station from 7:00 am to 10:00 am



FREE daily campus shuttle

California State University San Marcos Parking and Commuter Services provides a free shuttle between the CSUSM *SPRINTER* Station and the campus. Shuttle service operates from 6:45 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Friday. Please refer to the station schedule for *SPRINTER* arrival and departure times, or go to www.gonctd.com.

The CSUSM *SPRINTER* shuttle stop is located on Barham Drive. The shuttle will do a continuous loop through campus stopping at Craven Circle, Chavez Circle, and back to the *SPRINTER* station. The shuttle will operate on a 20 minute cycle.

During the construction of the parking structure in Lot N there will be slight changes to the normal shuttle route.

Shuttle service will operate in conjunction with the University semester schedule for Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions. The shuttle will not operate during semester breaks or campus closures.

The shuttle driver's priority is to meet the arrival and departure times of the *SPRINTER*, therefore the shuttle may skip over a



Need more study time? Why not study on the way to campus. A free shuttle will pick you up at the station and take you to campus.

shuttle stop if the driver has to meet a scheduled *SPRINTER* stop; this may extend your ride time.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

A lunch time shuttle service from Craven Circle to Ralph's shopping center is available from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.



Bike storage on *SPRINTER*

DRIVER'S BREAK TIMES

The shuttle does not run from 10:30 am to 11:00 am or from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm for the driver's lunch break.

SPRINTER PRICES:

\$5 Daily round trip
\$49 College monthly pass (check website for eligibility)
\$59 General monthly pass
\$17 Senior & Disabled

SHUTTLE PRICES:

Free!

MAP & *SPRINTER* SCHEDULE:

www.gonctd.com

The shuttle is ADA compliant.

For more information on Commuter Services contact:

Parking and Commuter Services
FCB 107
(760) 750-7500
email: parking@csusm.edu
web: www.csusm.edu/parking

SPRINTER Stations

- Oceanside Transit Center
- Coast Hwy
- Crouch St.
- El Camino Real
- Rancho Del Oro
- College Blvd.
- Melrose
- Vista Transit Center
- Escondido Ave.
- Buena Creek
- Palomar College
- San Marcos Civic Center
- CSUSM
- Nordahl Rd.
- Escondido Transit Center



Eco Tips: Idling Your Vehicle

Idling cars pollute and waste huge amounts of gas. Some of the idling seems unavoidable; like waiting to turn left, sitting in stop and go traffic, or while being a Mom.

The California Energy Commission states that engines do not need warming up before driving. 30 seconds is all that is needed to get the engine running, other

wise driving warms up a vehicle better than idling. Idling is not good for an engine. It's better to do frequent restarts. They recommend if you are stopped for more than 30 seconds, turn off the car. Starting up uses about the same gas as 10 seconds of idling.

This doesn't work too well in traffic though. A study at Texas A & M found that in 2005 U.S.

drivers spent an average of 38 hours idling in traffic. That comes to something like 56 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emissions spewing while we sat there.

This points to one of the great advantages of mass transit, vanpools, or carpooling. Those hours could be spent relaxing, reading, conversing, and saving money!

"BIKE TO WORK DAY"

Friday May 15, 2009

Come see us at the campus pit stop located at Chavez Circle

From 6:00 am to 10:00 am

To register for the event go to www.ridelink.org