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Dear Contestant Team Members,

We're thrilled you are participating in the 11th annual National Specials Needs Team Safety Road-eo in Little Rock, Arkansas. The roadeo is administered and managed by Edupro Group and the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) and is hosted annually by the National Conference and Exhibition on Transporting Students with Disabilities & Preschoolers. Enclosed are the following materials relating to your participation:

- ❖ Road-eo schedule of the day
- ❖ Written test – **to be turned in at Registration**
- ❖ Student bio's
- ❖ Bus information - Vehicles to be used in the roadeo and are subject to change based on availability.
- ❖ Score sheets available on web-site at www.eduporgroup.com

Both the driver and attendant working together should complete the written test. It is an open book test – we encourage you to refer to training manuals or other materials, the Internet, or consult with experts in your own area if you wish. **The goal is learning.**

To prepare for the emergency event, team members should discuss the students assigned to the bus, their type of disabilities, the available exits on the bus, and how you would respond to various types of bus emergencies. Create Evacuation Plans just as you would on your own route bus. **For those who have created a written evacuation plan please submit a copy of it at registration.**

Your team will be assigned to a group at the Road-eo, with a team leader who will help you with any concerns or questions that arise during the day.

Please arrive early enough on Friday to register (road-eo registration will be held at the Peabody Hotel) There will be training programs to attend Friday afternoon if your flight schedule allows for it. You would want to attend the Sure-Lok Demonstration as it will familiarize you with the equipment you will be using for the roadeo.

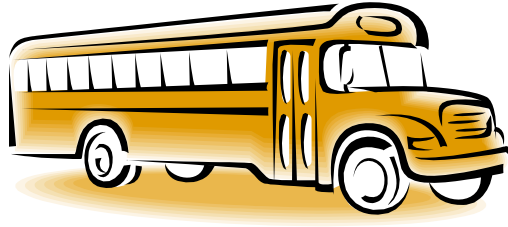
Refreshments, lunch and a banquet dinner are provided for contestants. There is an Awards Banquet for contestants at the Hotel at 6:30 following the roadeo. If you have guest who would like to attend the Awards Banquet they can purchase tickets the day of registration. If they just want to attend the awards ceremony they can join us at 8:00 pm.

Please feel free to contact me at (315)-986-4278 ext. 18, with any questions or concerns you have about the road-eo. Our goal is for you to have a great time meet new friends, and most of all learn at least one new thing.

Sincerely,

Maureen Arnitz

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Road-eo Coordinator



Road-eo Checklist

Please fax back changes or ticket order to 315-986-7391

Check your names. Please print clearly your name as it is to appear on your name tags. Fax this back as an indication you have received your packet.

Driver _____

Attendant _____

You will receive a lunch and banquet ticket as participants. Banquet and Lunch tickets for your guests are available at registration. Please indicate if you want to purchase additional tickets. If paying by check, the total can be made payable to NSNTR. Please bring check with you to registration table to pick up your reserved tickets.

Please reserve ____ Lunch

Please reserve ____ Banquet

Students Aboard Driving Course Bus



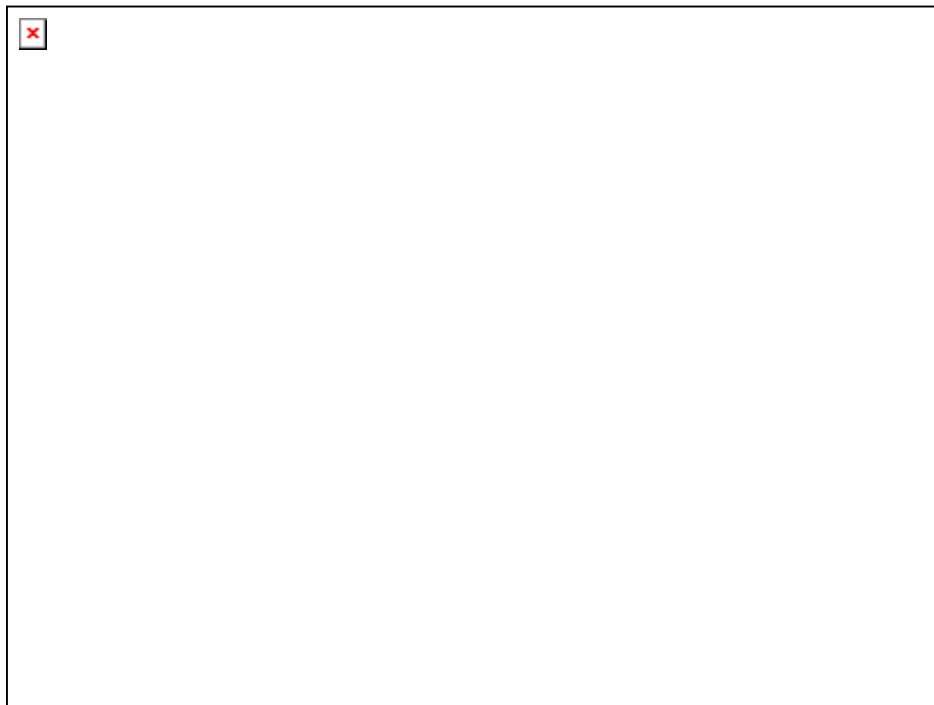
Leslie – She is a 17 year old senior who is transported to an out-of-district school. Leslie has been diagnosed with “**posttraumatic stress disorder.**” She is currently living with her aunt and uncle and that places her in this school district. Four months ago her father stabbed her mother in her presence and she has had issues related to that event since. She wants to move back in with her mom but it will not happen anytime in the near future. Leslie can be withdrawn at times yet other times she can be aggressive and angry. The bus ride for her is uneventful unless she is irritated by others.

Patti – She is a 15 year old freshman and attends an out-of-district school. She has been diagnosed with “**paranoid personality disorder.**” Patti trusts no one. She is always on guard and sees the world as a threatening place. On the bus ride she is defensive and antagonistic. Patti tends to believe that when the attendant communicates with her she is being hostile or contemptuous not friendly.

Bus for Rodeo

**** Please keep in mind that these buses are subject to change pending availability. You will have an opportunity to see the rodeo buses on Friday evening following the contestant meeting.

2006 Blue Bird 42 passenger
Body-Model # SB-CV-2311S
189 Wheel base



**11th Annual
National Special Needs Team Safety Rodeo
Fri. March 7th, & Sat. March 9th, 2008
North Little Rock, Arkansas**



Friday March 7th, 2008

(All meetings held at the Peabody Hotel Downtown)

Rodeo Contestant Registration	1:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Contestant Meeting	5:45 – 6:30 p.m.
Judges Meeting	6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Judges Group Meetings	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday March 8th, 2008

**Shuttle Buses Begin	7:30 a.m.
Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
Judges & Contestants Need to Arrive	8:15 a.m.
Judges at AM Stations	8:30 a.m.

Evacuation

Pre-Trip Event	9:00 (running all day) 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Car Seat Securement Event	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Driving Course Walk Through	11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Lunch	11:15 – 12:30 p.m.
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Judges at PM Stations	12:30 p.m.
Loading and Securement	12:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Driving Course Event	12:45 – 3:00 p.m.

De-Briefing	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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Recognition Banquet (at the Hotel)	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
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** **Shuttle Buses** will be running to and from the hotel beginning at 8:00 am (for observers) to the rodeo site throughout the day every ½ hour until 1:00pm. After 1:00 pm the buses will only run from the rodeo site to the hotel.

Sunday March 9th, 2008

3 R's for Drivers and Attendants (Pre-Registration is required)	9:00 am – Noon
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**National Special Needs
Team Safety Road-ee**
(Please bring with you to Registration)

Contestant name: _____

Where employed: _____

Position (driver or attendant): _____

How many years have you been involved in student transportation? _____

What expectations you have for this road-ee event?

What is the most rewarding part of your job? _____

If you have participated in the road-ee in the past, what one thing did you learned that most helped you on your job?

What one word best describes your team? _____

Thank you for participating and remember: You are all WINNERS!
Please fill out one of these forms for each, the driver and attendant.

The rodeo score sheets are found on the web-site.

If you have any questions or concerns please e-mail me or call.