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**ValleyRide offers low-cost, three-month summer bus passes for youth**

BOISE – If you’re between the ages of 6 and 18, riding ValleyRide buses this summer could be a cheap way to get around the Treasure Valley.

A “My Ride” three-month summer pass, good for unlimited bus rides during June, July and August, costs \$24 for youth ages 6 to 18. Children less than 6 years old ride the bus for free.

The regular cost of three months worth of youth passes is \$72.

“My Ride is a great value and an inexpensive way for youth to get to work and to such popular summer destinations as city swimming pools, the YMCA, shopping, and movie theatres,” said Mary Barker, marketing coordinator for Valley Regional Transit (VRT). “With rising gas prices, it makes sense to take a look at this summer pass program.”

Under an agreement between Valley Regional Transit (VRT) and Boise State University, BSU students can ride ValleyRide buses for free this summer. In previous years, BSU students could buy a My Ride summer pass for \$36. BSU students also ride ValleyRide buses for free during the academic year.

ValleyRide operates bus routes in Boise, Garden City, Nampa and Caldwell and intercounty service between Caldwell, Nampa, Meridian and Boise. The My Ride pass, which goes on sale beginning Friday, May 25, is good for all ValleyRide services.

The passes can be purchased at many of the regular pass outlets, including area Albertsons and WinCo stores, the M & W Market in Boise, the ACHD Commuteride Office (at the corner of Curtis and Fairview) and at the VRT Meridian office, 830 N. Main St. For more information about the passes and ValleyRide bus routes, you can call the customer service RideLine at 345-RIDE (7433).

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