The Smart Trips Fall Prize Campaign is just around the corner! As an employee at Western, make two or more smart trips September 14th-27th (walk, bike, bus, or carpool) for any occasion, record them in your trip diary, and be entered to win some amazing local prizes. Make sure that you are registered on the Smart Trips website as an employee at Western Washington University. In addition to Smart Trips’ countywide prize giveaway, Western will have its own drawing just for its employees to giveaway gift cards to REI and tickets to the Pickford Film Center. All participants will receive a buy one ticket get the second one half off coupon for rides with Amtrak. Here are just a few of the amazing local prizes you could win:

► An annual membership to Whatcom Family YMCA
► An overnight stay at the Chrysalis Inn including two 60-minute massages and a $100 gift certificate for Keenan’s at the Pier
► Catch three different performances at the WWU Performing Arts Center with a pair of tickets to the productions of “Streamers” and “Piece of My Heart” and Vadym Kholodenko’s concert in the Sanford Hill Piano Series

For a complete list of prizes and more details about the Prize Campaign, visit: www.whatcomsmarttrips.org

Contact Sustainable Transportation at x7960 or transportation@wwu.edu for questions regarding the campaign and help setting up your Smart Trips account.

Employee Bus Passes Now for Sale

Employee bus passes for fall quarter and the 2014-2015 academic year are now for sale. If eligible for payroll deduction, you can submit a Viking Xpress Payroll Deduction Authorization e-sign form on our website, and we will send you your bus pass in campus mail. Alternatively, you can send the e-sign form via campus mail to MS 9197, or you can visit Viking Commons 25 and fill out an application in person. For a list of prices, valid dates, and additional information, visit our website: http://www.wwu.edu/transportation/empbuspass

Bellingham’s Dedication to Pedestrian Safety

This summer has been a busy one for construction projects around WWU. These projects are part of Bellingham’s Pedestrian Master Plan to keep pedestrians safe and are funded by Transportation Benefit District #1. One main project is the implementation of sidewalks along Bill McDonald Parkway and 25th St. allowing pedestrians to travel to WWU and the Samish Urban Village safely. Another key project is the addition of enhanced pedestrian crossings in many key intersections surrounding WWU. Staff and students of WWU greatly benefit from Bellingham’s dedication to pedestrian safety.

Information from www.cob.org
Getaway to Vancouver on Amtrak

Use your Amtrak coupon from participating in the Fall Prize Campaign and take a scenic ride to Vancouver, B.C on the train.

Riding the Amtrak train is convenient and relaxing. Enjoy beautiful views of the water and mountains as you relax in comfortable seats. Connections from the train to many popular destinations are easy to use, economical and have frequent departure times. Ride an Amtrak train from Bellingham to Vancouver BC. Then, right from the train station, walk, bike, use the sky train, public bus or aqua bus to visit popular destination such as downtown shopping, the hockey stadium, the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Plaza of Nations, Science World, Chinatown or the market at Granville Island. With no parking necessary, you can enjoy your destination as soon as you arrive. If you have never ridden the train before, a fall visit to Vancouver B.C is the perfect time to do so, especially if you participate in the Smart Trips Fall Prize Campaign and receive the buy one get one half off Amtrak coupon. For more information and timetables regarding this trip, please visit these websites: http://www.translink.ca/, www.amtrak.com, http://www.skytrain.info/.

*A few things to keep in mind as you travel: purchase your train tickets for your trip early, as tickets can sell out. Ensure that you are carrying appropriate identification to enter and leave the country. Arrive at the station in Vancouver at least one hour prior to departure to ensure enough time to go through security and customs and receive a seat assignment.*

City of Bellingham Bicycle Master Plan

Over the past two years, the City of Bellingham and various other stakeholders in the community have been hard at work creating a comprehensive plan to improve the safety and connectivity of biking in Bellingham. The latest final draft was written in late July. The draft outlines the goals of the master plan and the specific strategies to achieve those goals. The comprehensive plan proposes numerous short term projects, many in areas around WWU. For example, bike lanes, bike boulevards, and shared lane markings are all proposed projects for Chestnut St. There are many long term projects in the works as well to be implemented between 2021 and 2026. All of these projects aim to create a more connected network of bicycle facilities in Bellingham. Visit www.cob.org to take a closer look at the proposed projects near WWU or in your neighborhood. Info from www.cob.org.

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