

CSPD, CARPOOL prep roads for Chilifest

By Kyle Reid

▷ In preparation for the influx of alcohol consumption at Chilifest 2015, CARPOOL and the College Station Police Department are working to keep Bryan-College Station roadways safe.

CARPOOL, a nonprofit student-run organization that offers free rides to people in Bryan-College Station, will offer free rides home from the Chilifest shuttle station at Post Oak Mall.

"We will not be taking calls during the day Saturday," said Mary Monday, CARPOOL public relations officer. "However we will have a circuit where when people get off the buses from Chilifest, they can come over to our station and get a ride."

CARPOOL rides will be offered from 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. The free shuttle service from the mall to the festival will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

"Chilifest is such a big event and there is a lot of alcohol involved and we want to keep the roads safe by giving people rides home," Monday said.

"We just want to make sure the community is a safer place for everyone in the B-CS community."

Last year CARPOOL gave over 1,000 rides to people in the Bryan-College Station community during Chilifest. This year, Monday said they hope to break that record. Likewise, Monday said CARPOOL could break the 240,000 mark for rides given since its creation.

what
CARPOOL will offer rides from Chilifest.

when
4:30 - 10:30 p.m. Saturday only

"Chilifest is one of our biggest weekends of the entire year," Monday said. "We are really excited to see how many rides we can give and how many lives we can save this weekend."

Monday said all CARPOOL rides are nonjudgemental.

Monday said normal CARPOOL operations will continue after the Chilifest shuttles stop running.

CSPD Lt. Chuck Fleegeer said CSPD and other law enforcement agencies keep a closer eye on roadways surrounding the festival with a volunteer task force designed to ensure the Bryan-College Station roadways are safe from intoxicated drivers.

"With the task force — the enforcement end — we are hoping that it is the last resort," Fleegeer said. "A successful operation would be no DWI arrests because that means that more people made the right decision to not get behind the wheel when they are drunk."

Unlike other arrests, Fleegeer said a DWI arrest is 100 percent preventable by planning ahead. Fleegeer said the department hopes students will be cautious of the dangers of drunk driving.

"We want people to go out and have fun — as long as that person is the legal age to drink — that's first," Fleegeer said.

CHILIFEST CONTINUED

builds," said Zach Douma, vice president of operations for Chilifest and junior finance major. "There is actually a build competition that is decided on Saturday by the Chilifest judges to determine who had the best looking build."

This year, there are 12,558 people registered on teams for Chilifest, said Luxion.

"We have 15 fraternities competing this year, and that is not including other men's organizations like Ol' Ags, Iron Spikes and One Army," Luxion said.

These groups compete against each other in order to see who has the most creative builds, Douma said.

"On Saturday the Chilifest judges come together and determine the top three builds," Douma said. "There are cash prizes for all the winners."

The end result shows how much time and effort each

organization puts into their build, Luxion said.

"I would say some probably spend a full semester building," Luxion said. "Others, maybe a month or three weeks depending on how it's structured."

Collin McCaskill, finance junior and president of the A&M chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said SAE starts its build for Chilifest six weeks in advance, employing 20-30 fraternity members to work on it each weekday night. McCaskill said the actual set-up does not happen until the Friday of Chilifest.

Last year visitors could see builds modeled after the Texas State Fair, NASCAR, and a pirate ship, Douma said.

"As the years go by, we get crazier and crazier questions as to whether we can have running moats in the area or if they can bring in actual boats inside their build," Douma said.

In the past they have had people ask about swimming

pools, animals, a horse and even a camel, Luxion said.

"It is getting crazier and crazier," Douma said. "But it is really cool because at the end of the day on Saturday you can look out and see all these different builds that are all unique in their own way."

Proceeds from Chilifest go toward promoting educational opportunities to low-income children in Brazos Valley.

"There is a connotation that Chilifest is an avenue for drinking and partying, and to have a lawless weekend, but I really like to center the focus on where the proceeds go," Luxion said. "This year we are on track to hit the 2.5 million mark since we first started, and that is really exciting for us to be able to do that as six full-time A&M students."

Chilifest will happen on Friday and Saturday in Snook, Texas. Tickets are available online as well as at the gate of the event.

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