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SCAT Summer Youth Pass provides popular ‘ticket to ride’

The popular Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Summer Youth Pass is now available at five locations around the county. The \$10 pass allows youths up to 19 years old unlimited ridership on SCAT buses from June 1-Aug. 31.

Passes can be purchased at the following locations at the specified times:

- Sarasota County Area Transit Mobility Center, 5303 Pinkney Ave., Sarasota. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Downtown Transfer Station ticket booth, 1565 First St., Sarasota. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, 4000 Tamiami Trail, Venice. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- George Mullen Activity Center, 4956 City Center Blvd., North Port, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Proof of age, including birth certificate or school identification, is required for purchase. Cash or check is accepted at all locations, except the Downtown Transfer Station and the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, which only accept cash. Credit cards are not accepted at any location. The Summer Youth Pass can be used on all SCAT routes, excluding SCAT Plus and the Veterans Bus, and is not transferable. Without the pass, the regular single-ride fare is 75 cents.

SCAT now operates up to 44 fixed-route buses on 24 routes Monday-Saturday, with more limited service on Sunday. Among many local destinations, SCAT provides service to beaches, major shopping areas, county libraries and the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport. SCAT also connects to Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT), and has service to Bradenton and Palmetto. The youth passes are accepted only in Sarasota County; MCAT fares apply in Manatee County.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Web site, www.scgov.net/SCAT.