

COMMUTER PROFILE

Name: **Leisa Vaughn**

Company: Morris & Garritano

Commute Choice: Vanpooling



Leisa and her passengers have logged many miles during the three years she has been in a vanpool and made some long lasting friendships. When she started out riding the vanpool from Paso Robles, 3 years ago, she never envisioned taking over as a driver, but as she states, "I have received much satisfaction in assuring that my new found friends arrive at their destinations, hopefully relaxed, and ready to start their work days." It was easy to get started after being asked to be a driver, and accepting the new role she received a print out from the DMV. Her responsibilities as a driver include keeping the vehicle fueled, completing logs for daily riders and collecting payments for those that do not have payroll deduction. She also tries to find new riders when necessary.

Leisa's vanpool is an information hub. Look no further than vanpool #9 for phone numbers, store hours, new movie reviews, bizarre tidbits and local happenings. In the number of years on the road the vanpool has observed some interesting habits from drivers on the road...brushing teeth, shaving, putting on make-up.

Each year, Leisa saves over 15,000 miles on her vehicle and \$2,500 on gas. Additionally, her employer, Morris & Garritano participates in the Lucky Bucks program providing incentives for people who don't drive alone. She earns Lucky Bucks every trip to be used for movie tickets, stamps, restaurant gift certificates and more.

"Some of the most memorable times I have had with my vanpool friends have been decorating the van for Rideshare Week," Leisa comments. During the holidays they decorated their van which was recognized as "best decorated". "We got a lot of strange looks from other drivers when they saw the Grinch in the front window and a tree hanging out of the rear door."

Additional incentives and prizes have continued throughout the years. "The first year I rode, our van won a drawing during Rideshare Week. We got a limo ride to and from work for a day. It was like queen for a day, we had so much fun."



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