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Ronald J. Cink
County Administrator/Budget Director
Baldwin County Administration Department
County Commission Office
312 Courthouse Square, Suite 12
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

Mr. Cink,

On September 29, 2018, Historic Blakeley State Park will host a statewide high school cross country running meet sponsored by the Daphne High Cross Country Team. This is the second time we have held this event here at the park, and it has quickly become one of our larger events. Last year we had over twenty-five teams participate and welcomed over a thousand guests free of charge (we collect a modest rental fee for hosting the race to offset staffing costs). Races take place throughout the morning, and the event concludes at noon.

I am writing to respectfully request the County Commission allow the Park use of one BRATS bus and driver in shuttling guests from the main parking area to the race venue. As the teams are utilizing our Battlefield area for the races, the closest available parking for the large crowd we expect is nearly a half mile away and most will arrive around the same time. We have taken precautions to make that hike as easy and as safe as possible, and fully expect that the great majority of guests will be able to walk to the race course without difficulty. However, we very much need some help in making it easier for some of those attending these races, most of whom are parents and grandparents of the competitors, to make it to the race area in a timely manner. We have a team of staff and volunteers which will be assisting with parking cars and various other logistical details during the day.

If you are able to consider this request, a medium-sized (approximately 22-passenger) bus would be sufficient. We would hope it could be made available from 6:30 AM to Noon that day.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if there is any further information you may need in order to consider this request.

Respectfully,

Mike Bunn
Director
Historic Blakeley State Park