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SCAT Summer Youth Passes are back by popular demand

The popular Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) Summer Youth Pass is now on sale. The \$10 pass allows youths up to age 19 unlimited ridership on SCAT buses from June 1-Sept. 1.

On Feb. 25, SCAT began operating seven days a week and currently offers extended hours and late-night service on several routes. SCAT provides service to beaches, major shopping areas, all county libraries and the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport, among many local destinations. SCAT also connects to the 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.

The Summer Youth Passes are available at the SCAT office, 5303 Pinkney Ave., Sarasota, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; the Downtown Transfer Station ticket booth, 1565 First St., Sarasota, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Proof of age is required for purchase, and accepted forms of payment are cash or check (cash only at the Downtown Transfer Station). Credit cards are not accepted. 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.

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

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