

2025 Valentine's Day Fun Run 02/08/2025

I hope all are looking forward to our fun run drive through Suffolk on back roads up to Bartlett near the James River Bridge. We'll head over the James River Bridge and on up to the Surf Rider in Poquoson. For those who live close to the Surf Rider, or do not wish to participate in the fun run can just meet at the restaurant at 1:45PM and await the arrival of the fun run group. (A link for the drive from Abuelos to the Food Lion is [here](#).)

Schedule:

- 11:00AM – Meet at lot next to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant (address is 1712 Ring Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23320) at Greenbrier Mall – sign NCCC wavier, get raffle ticket.
- 11:15AM – Drivers' meeting.
- 11:20AM – Depart Greenbrier Mall and drive to Food Lion in Suffolk (40 minutes, 28 mi).
- 12:00PM – Arrive Food Lion (address is 2815 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434), convenience stop and meet-up with other Beachcombers, sign NCCC waiver, get raffle ticket.
- 12:15PM – Drivers' meeting.
- 12:20PM – Depart Food Lion – head for intermediate stop at Suffolk Parks & Rec just past the Kings Fork Middle School (school's address is 350 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434). This will have been just discussed at the drivers' meeting. This stop is to collect cars now after all of the traffic lights.
- 12:30PM – Start of "Fun Run" to Bartlett - Depart Suffolk Parks and Recreation (40min, 21mi). See the figure below which shows the fun run route map.
- 1:10PM – We should be passing through Bartlett, Suffolk, VA (from here its 35 minutes to the Surf Rider).
- 1:45PM – Arrive Surf Rider (address is 105 Rens Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662) and begin seating.
- 2:00-4:00PM – Luncheon. Roses and chocolates will be given out. Also remaining guests get a raffle ticket.
- 3:30-4:00PM – Door prizes and any announcements.
- 4:00-4:15PM – Group photos inside and outside.
- 4:15PM – Depart for home. Some may choose to continue the day.

Fun Run – Turn by Turn

After turning right out of the Suffolk Parks and Recreation lot (as discussed at the drivers' meeting), we'll head towards Matoaka Road (less than 1mi). We'll turn right turn on Matoaka Road and head north until it ends after approximately 2.5 miles where we make a right turn on Girl Scout Road. We'll proceed about 1 mile and make a slight left turn onto Milners Road. We'll proceed just less than 1.5 miles and drive past the Albert G Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery. We'll turn right onto Lake Prince Drive. We'll proceed just over 1.0 mile and turn right onto Everets Road. After about 0.7 miles just over the dam, we'll turn left onto Kirk Road which turns into Longview Drive. This stretch of road (both Kirk Rd and Longview Dr) is approximately 6.5 miles. We'll then turn right onto Bowling Green Road. We'll proceed on Bolling Green Road for 0.5 miles then turn right onto Turner Drive. We'll travel about 2 miles going past Smithfield High School and then turn right onto Benns Church Blvd (Route 258). After about 1 mile, we'll turn left onto Brewers Neck Blvd (continue on Route 258), please use both left turn lanes! We'll proceed about 3 miles to Bartlett where we'll meet up with Route 17. Using both left turn lanes, we'll turn left onto Route 17 and proceed towards the James River Bridge ending the fun run portion of our drive.

To the Surf Rider – Turn by Turn

I'll lead the group more slowly on the bridge to allow cars to catch up. Once we pass over the James River Bridge, we continue straight on Mercury Blvd (Route 258) towards I-64. We'll merge onto I-64 westbound towards Williamsburg/Richmond. We'll exit at Route 134 which is Neil Armstrong Pkwy/Magruder Blvd and head north. After approximately 3 miles, right turn on Commander Shepard Blvd, then quickly get left and turn left onto Wythe Creek Rd. After approximately 2.5mi, right turn onto Hudgins Rd. After 0.6mi, right turn on Poquoson Ave, then a quick left (0.1mi) onto Rens Rd, then 0.8mi we'll be at the Surf Rider.

Important Addresses:

Abuelos Mexican Restaurant at Greenbrier Mall – 1712 Ring Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23320

Food Lion in Suffolk - 2815 Godwin Blvd, Suffolk, VA 23434

King's Fork Middle School - 350 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434 (remember we're the lot next to the school which is for Suffolk Parks and Recreation which has no street address)

Surf Rider Restaurant – 105 Rens Rd, Poquoson, VA 23662, Phone#: 757-868-0080.

