

# **Event Information** 7am Saturday, June 4th to 7am Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Rincon Valley Christian School 4585 Badger Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

24 In Your Car is a live-in-your-car-a-thon developed by Redwood Gospel Mission to bring awareness to the growing population of men, women and children living in their cars. It is an effort to educate the community about the reasons why so many are calling their car "home"; and to impact individuals through an experience that will inspire them to be the voice of change for the "hidden homeless." Make sure to follow 24 In Your Car on Facebook (facebook.com/24inyourcar) and Instagram (Instagram.com/redwoodgospel) to participate in exciting contests and receive updates on the event. Thank you! Space is limited so, if you require additional cars than you initially registered, you must register any additional cars and pay the \$24 parking spot fee for each.

# Pledges

The purpose of 24 In Your Car is not only to create awareness and bring education but to also practically meet the needs of homeless men, women and children. Participants will be asked to collect pledges for the 24 hours they spend living out of their cars. For example, one sponsor giving one dollar an hour for the full 24 hours (\$24) will provide food and shelter for a woman and child for one day so that they don't have to experience those 24 hours in their car or on the street. All money raised goes to Redwood Gospel Mission, a mission that has poured themselves into helping the hungry and afflicted in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County since 1963. Encourage all of your sponsors to follow 24 In Your Car on Facebook and Instagram so that they can see all the updates posted from the event. There will be prizes for the individuals who gather the most sponsorships! **Use the hashtag #24inyourcar when posting to social media**.

## Pledge Books

Pledge books are available in the resource section on our website. For cash or check donations, please completely fill out each receipt for each individual who sponsors you. Give the tear off as a receipt to the sponsor. Keep the top portion, attached to the pledge book inside an envelope along with the sponsor's cash or check. Fill out a line on the outside label of the envelope for each of your sponsors. Bring the envelope with the money and pledge book to the event on June 4th. If you have any questions about pledges, please contact Eric Sangervasi at <u>esangervasi@srmission.org</u> or 707-578-1830. Sponsors can also go online to <u>www.24inyourcar.com</u> to the "Donate" link where they can specify the individual they are sponsoring.

## Location

This event takes place at Rincon Valley Christian School/Santa Rosa Bible Church, 4585 Badger Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95409.

## Food

Your meals will reflect a convenience store style cuisine, which may not leave you entirely satisfied. We will provide dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday morning. Just a reminder, you will be experiencing what it is like to live out of your car and will not be provided with "fine dining." There is not a convenience store close by; we will have a small selection of food that can be purchased at our "mini-convenience store."



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#### Activities

The weekend will include discussion groups, testimonies, music, games, scavenger hunt, challenges, service projects, video diary booth and reflection time. You will receive an activity schedule when you arrive at the event. On Sunday morning, we will have an early morning wrap up session and breakfast. We do encourage everyone to attend their own church to share with those in the congregation and the pastor about your experience and where you slept the night before.

#### What to bring

# Please note, participants under the age of 18 will not be allowed entry to the event without your signed registration and released form. Minors must have their form signed by a parent or guardian.

Pack whatever you need to sleep in your car including sleeping bags, blankets and pillows. Port-o-potties with a handwashing station will be available, but there will be no showers or much space to change clothes. You should also bring a folding chair and a flashlight. Please bring pledge books with cash and check pledges.

#### What not to bring

No RV will be allowed. No pets will be allowed at the location with the exception of service animals. Do not bring alcohol, drugs, loud stereo systems, BBQ, motorized bikes, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, knives or weapons.

#### Volunteering

Volunteers are critical to this event and we would love to have you volunteer as well as attend. Please go to <u>www.24inyourcar.com</u> and click the volunteer link for opportunities or contact Alice Lowe at <u>alowe@srmission.org</u> or 707-578-1830.

## Late Night Noise

As part of the experience and to be respectful to Rincon Valley Christian School's neighbors we ask, after 10pm that cars are not running to reduce noise. If you need to get out of your car you do so as quietly as possible. If you were living in your car on a regular basis, you would want to be invisible and not draw attention.

## Chaperones

All minors, under the age of 18, will need to be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or group chaperon. Youth groups will need to have chaperones to monitor their group. Every car must have at least one chaperone if participants under the age of 18 are present. All minor participants also must have their parents sign their registration release form in order to attend the event.



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