

Temple Riders Association Policy on Riding on the Sabbath

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It is the policy of the Temple Riders Association to encourage all of its membership to observe the standards of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during all TRA activities, including rides and other events, and also to not neglect church or family responsibilities in favor of participating in TRA activities. As in other church and family activities and events, some TRA activities and rides may occasionally include the Sabbath Day. It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that it is appropriate for such rides and activities to include the Sabbath Day if any riding or activity during that day is in harmony with the Spirit of the Sabbath.

In most instances the individuals involved will know if they are properly observing the Sabbath Day. Therefore, the members of the Executive Committee do not feel it is appropriate for the committee to define specifically what is proper behavior, expecting that each TRA member and sponsor will exercise their own agency and to govern themselves accordingly.

However, we urge every TRA member who sponsors or participates in any TRA ride or activity to be sensitive to the Spirit and to those participating who may have varying feelings about how they individually wish to observe the Sabbath Day. Also, we should be sensitive to the members of the wards or branches whose services we attend and to whether or not we should attend the second hour of their services.

If the ride or activity that we may sponsor or participate in includes the Sabbath Day we urge each of us to conduct ourselves so as to be able to abide by the Spirit of the Sabbath as we travel and to always set a good example.

Joseph Smith said, "We teach them correct principles and they govern themselves."

In summary, we are all encouraged to "govern ourselves" according to the principles of the gospel and follow the promptings of the Spirit while we are planning and/or participating in TRA rides and activities. If we do this, we will become an example to the world and the blessings and benefits will be greater than we can imagine.