**Dear Friend:**

**You are invited to a Second Frac Sand Bus Tour, on Saturday, October 5th**

Our first privately chartered *Frac Sand Bus Tour*on Tuesday, August 6th, was a huge success.  The bus was full with 55 passengers, with 13 people on a waiting list.  This is a real eye-opener!  There is nothing like direct experience with a dozen or more closely located frac sand strip mines to wake a person up to the details of an issue that is so extremely important to the Driftless Area in Iowa, Wisconsin & Minnesota.

Passengers learned about the enormous changes taking place as a result of industrial-size strip mining away scenic landscapes for frac sand; and were very complimentary with an abundance of positive comments for our tour guide and the overall learning experience. Many participants urged us to organize a second bus tour.  We have done that, and have incorporating improvements. Hence, our personal invitation to join a second bus tour to experience the reality of industrial frac sand mining. While the first was scheduled for mid-week, the second tour is scheduled for a weekend, and some distance in the future, to accommodate even the busiest individuals.

**The next exceptional** **Frac Sand Bus Tour** **will take place** **Saturday, October 5th**.  You are invited to reserve one of 55 comfortable seats on our chartered air-conditioned, restroom equipped bus.  Learn the inside story from an expert tour guide who lives in a rural area surrounded by the hill-removing strip mines. He gives eloquent and objective descriptions of how mining got started in his township; how mines actually function; and what industrial strip mining has done to property values, to small communities, to rural roads and bridges, to traffic, to groundwater aquifers, to air quality, and to entire landscapes and qualify of life.

Reservations are to be made with payment of $20 per person to Allamakee County Protectors - Education Campaign, P.O. Box 32, New Albin, Iowa 52160.  Check or cash only please. This is a 501 ( c ) 3, not for profit corporation, and payments made to "*ACP - Education Campaign"* are tax deductible.

Passengers may bring small coolers with snacks and drinks.  The bus company forbids glass bottles.  We will also stop for lunch where 3 fast food options are located side-by-side. We will emphasize on-bus conversations and camaraderie among passengers going to and from the mining areas, and we will have drawings for prizes.  Candies and drinking water will be provided. Cameras of all types are encouraged. Frac sand miners do not allow visitors to actually go into mine areas, but the views will amaze anyone who has not actually seen numerous industrial frac sand mines of several types.

Our private bus leaves the large parking lot at the baseball field in Lansing, Iowa, at 7 AM sharp. Depending on who reserves seats, we may also pick up passengers in New Albin at the City Park on Main Street, and at the Kwik Star station beside the stoplights in La Crescent, MN. If you care about the implications of industrial strip mining eliminating entire landscapes to get frac sand within the scenic and productive blufflands of the Driftless Area, this tour is not to be missed. The tour will take approximately 10 to 11-hours.  Questions, if any, should be emailed to: ACP-EC President,  [Ric.Zarwell@mchsi.com](mailto:Ric.Zarwell@mchsi.com) .

Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.   Names and phone numbers must be provided for each person who wishes to reserve a space on the bus.  You will be notified if a seat is reserved for you.  Refunds will be made until September 30, but not later unless the tour is cancelled.   Your willingness to educate yourself with first-hand, on-site knowledge about this critically important issue is greatly appreciated.

**Thank you.**