



The Big Green Bus

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'Cause It's Just That Easy Being Green

HANOVER- NH: Turning the All-American notion of the great summer road-trip on its head, twelve college students are crisscrossing the country from June through August in order to change the world – one vegetable oil-powered bus at a time. Four years ago, the Big Green Bus began as a rag-tag project between Dartmouth's ultimate Frisbee players and engineering students. In order to transport the players across the country that summer, they designed a school bus powered by waste vegetable oil harvested from greasy spoons. Since then, the bus has evolved from mere transportation into a mobile museum of sustainable living. The project's goal has been to spread the green revolution, educating the public through hands-on demonstrations about ways that all Americans can adjust their lifestyles to minimize their ecological footprints.

With support from Newman's Own, Waste Management, and Changents, the Big Green Bus has grown from its humble beginnings to a group that local and national leaders take seriously. At each stop, the students will engage in discussion with mayors and other city planners to see what cities around our nation are doing to go green. They intend to spread the successful ideas and practices gleaned from their conversations throughout the states.

Hop aboard and you'll realize it's like the magic school bus, brimming with brand new high-tech capabilities. The bus serves as a science fair on wheels—a virtual exhibit for a sustainable future. With its waste vegetable oil powered engine, alternative energy is still the bus' mission. Over the years, it has gained solar panels across the roof, sustainably-harvested wooden floors, and an environmentally-friendly living space. To facilitate their education efforts, this year's crew has added exciting presentational tools such as response cards for instant public polling, and wireless computers, open and ready to send emails to congressmen and other representatives.

The Big Green Bus hits the road on June 9th and will travel 12,000 miles through 40 states from New Hampshire to California and back again, getting their fuel from greasy spoons and fast food restaurants in major cities and small towns along the way. As featured in previous years on Good Morning America, MTV, CNN, Newsweek, NPR, and USA Today and numerous local newspapers, these students are out once again to build upon the legacy of Dartmouth's Big Green Bus.

Sustainability alone isn't the final destination. The students hope to usher Americans across the country onto their bus and into a greener future. Follow their journey at

www.thebiggreenbus.org or watch the weekly videos and check their blogs at www.changents.com/thebiggreenbus.