

Giveaways part of Rideshare Week

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STOCKTON - The benefits of joining a carpool include congestion relief on roads and reduced air pollution, but right now it could also bring carpoolers gift cards and other free stuff.

The drawings for people pledging to carpool, vanpool or ride public transit at least one day next week are part of the kickoff of Rideshare Week, which starts Monday and continues until Oct. 10.

The week's events and themes are being pushed by the San Joaquin Council of Governments, which runs the Commute Connection program that helps carpoolers connect year round.

Everybody who makes the Rideshare pledge will enter into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of Visa gift cards and Jawbone ICON Headsets put on by Commute Connection and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Altamont Commuter Express riders can register at the Robert J. Cabral Station in downtown Stockton.

Commute Connection has worked with employers around San Joaquin County, including the county Office of Education.

To make a pledge or register with Commute Connection, call (800) 527-4273 (52-SHARE) or go to www.commutecconnection.com.